

2023 Contemporary Textiles Exhibitions in Australia and New Zealand.

A list of exhibitions compiled for the World Crafts Council Australia Craft Cooe online discussion on 17 October 2023. Not a definitive list but an indication of the number and diversity of textile and fibre art exhibition on during 2023.

Galleries that exhibit textiles on a regular basis and or have textile collections.

- Australian Tapestry Workshop, 262 – 266 Park Street, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205.

www.austapestry.com.au

- Timeless Textiles, 90 Hunter St, Newcastle East, NSW.

<https://timelesstextiles.com.au>

- Ararat Gallery TAMA (Textile Art Museum Australia), 82 Vincent Street, Ararat, Victoria 3377, Australia

<https://araratgallerytama.com.au>

- Wangaratta Art Gallery, 56 Ovens Street, Wangaratta, Victoria 3677.

<https://www.wangarattaartgallery.com.au/Home>

- Tamworth Regional Gallery, 466 Peel Street, Tamworth, NSW. 2340

<https://tamworthregionalgallery.com.au/Tamworth-Textile-Triennial>

- **Tactile Arts Studios and Gallery**, 19 Conacher Street, The Gardens, Darwin, NT 0820, Australia

<https://tactilearts.org.au>

- Barometer Gallery, Paddington, NSW, 2021.

<https://barometer.net.au>

New South Wales

Residue + Response: connecting histories and cultures

Tamworth Textile Triennale 5 curated by Dr Carol McGregor. 9 September 2023 to 11 February 2024 and touring nationally to 2026.

Artists: Amy Hammond, Anne Graham, Blake Griffiths, Casselle Mountford, Dana Harris, Daphne Banyawarra, Fiona Gavino, Hannah Quinlivan, Joan Ross, Jumaadi, Kait James, Kate Harding, Kate Just, Kyra Mancktelow, Leanne Zilka & Jenny Underwood, Liz Williamson, Lucy Irvine, Maggie Hensel-Brown, Makeda Duong, Mandy Quadrio & Jan Oliver, Norton Fredericks, Paula do Prado & Tamara Burlando, Rachel Wellish, Sophie Honess, Sybil Orr.

<https://tamworthregionalgallery.com.au/residue-response-2023-tamworth-textile-triennial>

Transform: shirts reimagined

Sturt Gallery, Mittagong. 23 July to 10 September 2023.

Barometer Gallery, 13 Gurner Street, Paddington 6 to 22 October 2023.

Artists: Vita Cochran, Michele Elliott, Liz Gemmell, Cecilia Heffer, Christina Newberry, Emma Peters, Barbara Rogers, Jane Theau, Liz Williamson and Melinda Young.

<https://barometer.net.au/exhibitions/transform-shirts-reimagined/>

Pliable planes: extended textiles and fibre practices

Curated by Karen Hall and Catherine Woolley, UNSW Galleries currently touring regional galleries in Australia - just closed at Western Plain Cultural Centre, Dubbo, NSW; next venue Fremantle Arts Centre, WA. 3 November 2023 – 28 January 2024

Artists: Akira Akira, Sarah Contos, Lucia Dohrmann, Mikala Dwyer, Janet Fieldhouse, Teelah George, Paul Knight, Anne-Marie May, John Nixon, Kate Scardifield, Jacqueline Stojanović, Katie West

<https://artdesign.unsw.edu.au/unsw-galleries/pliable-planes-tour>

Weaving Eucalypts Project

Liz Williamson's collaborative project touring regional gallery in Victoria and NSW - just closed at Tamworth Regional Gallery; next venues are Performance Arts Cultural Centre, Cessnock, 15 December 2023 to 4 February 2024 and Wangaratta Art Gallery, 23 February to 31 March 2024.

<https://www.artdesign.unsw.edu.au/unsw-galleries/liz-williamson-weaving-eucalypts-project-1>

Mutukaku Ngura: Motorcar Country

Tjanpi Desert Weavers, Australian Design Centre, Darlinghurst. 30 March to 7 June 2023

Artists: Bridget Baker, Kathy Dodd, Kim Dodd, Fiona Dodd, Ngilan (Margaret) Dodd, Kayla Gayla, Collette Stewart, Pinuka (Margaret) Yai Yai and Amy Yilpi.

<https://australiandesigncentre.com/past-exhibitions-and-events/mutukaku-ngura-motorcar-country/>

Weaving matter: materials and context

Australian Design Centre, Darlinghurst. 30 March to 7 June 2023.

Artists: Christine Appleby, Sally Blake, Mary Burgess, Hannah Cooper, Blake Griffiths, Amanda Ho, Lise Hobcroft, Kelly Leonard Jennifer Robertson, Nien Schwarz, Jacqueline Stojanović, Jane Théau, Ilka White, Monique van Nieuwland

<https://australiandesigncentre.com/past-exhibitions-and-events/weaving-matter-materials-and-context/>

Soft power

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, Goulburn. 31 March to 10 June 2023.

Artists: Karla Dickens, Julia Gutman, Nadia Hernández, Mehwish Iqbal, Kate Just and Raquel Ormella.

<https://goulburnregionalartgallery.com.au/exhibitions/soft-power-3>

Unravelling Queerly

Australian Design Centre, Darlinghurst during World Pride, 4 February to 22 March 2023

All artists worked in textiles & fashion.

Artists: Nicole Barakat, Samuel Luke Beatty, Andrew Chan, Luke George, Nadia Hernández, Kate Just, Raisa Kabir, Blake Lawrence, Arone Raymond Meeks, Ahilapalapa Rands

<https://australiandesigncentre.com/past-exhibitions-and-events/unravelling-queerly/>

Nevertheless She Persisted: Riverina Studio Textiles

Narrandera Arts Centre : March - June, 2023. Curated by Dr Julie Montgarrett.

Artists: Annette Brown, Mary Coughlan and Julie Montgarrett.

The Lost City

Anne Graham's solo exhibition Kronenberg Mais Wright gallery, Darling. A fine artist working with felted and dyed textiles for installations.

The Plant Sensibilia Machine

Rebecca Mayo with Aunty Deidre Martin and Jacob Morris, Bundanon. 27 November 2022 to 26 February 2023.

<https://www.bundanon.com.au/whats-on/the-plant-sensibilia-machine/>

gii mara-bula: heart, hand

Juanita McLauchlan's solo exhibition, Wagga Art Gallery, May-August, 2023. Works made as recipient of the 2023 Windmill Trust Award. Curated by Julie Ewington; essay by Dr Julie Montgarrett.

<https://waggaartgallery.com.au>

WOVEN

Liz Williamson's solo exhibition, Barometer Gallery, Paddington. 1 to 30 September 2023.

<https://barometer.net.au/exhibitions/woven/>

Small Expressions

Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild, Brush Farm House, Eastwood.

1 to 30 November, every Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday from 10.30 am - 4 pm.

Circular Striations: movements in life's journey.

Solo exhibition by Sara Prince, Gallery 76, Embroiderers Guild of NSW, Concord West, NSW.
5 October to 6 November 2023.

<https://www.embroiderersguildnsw.org.au/Gallery76>

Ouroboros

Broadhurst Gallery, Hazelhurst Arts Centre, Gympie. 1 to 12 December 2023.

Researchers and designers: Joanna Fowles, Alia Parker, Emma Peters, and Wajiha Pervez - all who working at the intersection of textiles, material ecologies and craft gather in one space to generate a critical exchange of ideas and practice.

<https://www.circulartextileslab.com/>

Head in the sky, feet on the ground

Julia Gutman, winner, Archibald Portrait Prize, AGNSW; oil, found textiles and embroidery on canvas, 198 x 213.6 cm, 2023.

<https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/archibald/2023/30531/>

• Untethered Fibre Artists

'fanciful conceptions of the experienced and imagined' exhibition at Gallery Lane Cove, Lane Cove, NSW. 11 October to 4 November 2023.

<https://untetheredfibreartists.com>

Victoria

8th Wangaratta Contemporary Textile Award Exhibition

A Kyamba Foundation Project, Wangaratta Art Gallery. 10 June to 20 August 2023

Artists: Tia Ansell, Julia Boros, Glennys Briggs, Evangeline Cachinero, Carolyn Cardinet, Fiona Currey-Billyard, Mary Dhupalany, Sepideh Farzam, Stevie Fieldsend, Fiona Foley, Agnieszka Golda, Tim Gresham, Blake Griffiths, Treahna Hamm, Amando Ho, Camille Laddawan, Susie Losch, Kyra Mancktelow, Dani Marti, Louise Meuwissen, Jennifer Robertson, Todd Robinson, Britt Salt, Donna Sgro, Emma Shin, Hiromi Tango, Tara Whalley, Yarrabah Arts & Cultural Precinct, Sairi Yoshizawa.

<https://www.wangarattaartgallery.com.au/WCTA>

Fabric Paintings

Jacqueline Stojanović solo exhibition. 26 May to 24 June 2023

<https://haydens.gallery/Fabric-Paintings>

Cloak

Living Arts Space, Bendigo. 17 June 17 to 3 September 2023

Artists: Ilka White, Catherine O'Leary, Roz Effenberg, Pam Barnes, Amy Conley, Trina Dalton-Oogjes

<https://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/whatson/cloak-at-the-living-art-space>

Materiality in Dialogue

Divisions Gallery, Pentridge Arts curated by Varuni Kanagasundaram. 14 July to 13 August 2023. Artists: Elizabeth Burden, Vicki Couzens, Vittoria Di Stefano, Karla Garcia, Varuni Kanagasundaram, Sara Lindsay, Carmel Wallace, Bronwyn Razem, Becky Cahill.

<https://pentridgecoburg.com.au/whats-on/materiality-in-dialogue>

Constellation: forming the flag

Eureka Centre, Ballarat curated by Sara Lindsay. 1 April to 20 August 2023.

Artists: Donna Blackall, Amanda Ho, Sara Lindsay, David Pearce and Gosia Wlodarczak in response to the formal and material qualities of the Flag of the Southern Cross, also known as the Eureka Flag.

<https://www.eurekacentreballarat.com.au/constellation-forming-flag>

WOVEN

Criteria C. Gallery, 66 Gwynne Street, Cremorne. 26 October 2023 to 25 January 2024

Artists: Emma Fitts, Jennifer Robertson, Tia Ansell and Finn Ferrier

This body is experiencing pleasure, Hannah Gartside sole exhibition, Tolarno Galleries, Melbourne. 14 October to 11 November,

INTERNATIONAL ART TEXTILE BIENNALE 2023, Touring Australia during 2023 – 2024. See link for venues and dates.

<https://www.fibrearts.net.au/biennale.html>

South Australia

New Exuberance: contemporary Australian textile design

Jam Factory, Adelaide curated by Meryl Ryan. February to 23 April 2023; Jam Factory at Seppeltsfield from 13 May - 2 July, followed by a national tour to 2026.

<https://www.jamfactory.com.au/marmalade/https://www.jamfactory.com.au/marmalade/newexuberance>

Sera Waters: future traditions

Art Gallery of South Australia. Sera Waters imagines a new future for us all – one where ancient textile traditions can craft hope in the face of climate change. 26 November to 16 April.

<https://www.agsa.sa.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/sera-waters-future-traditions/>

Tarnanthi, Colours of Country

Injalak Arts and Crafts, Art Gallery of South Australia, 20 October to 21 January 2024

<https://www.agsa.sa.gov.au/whats-on/tarnanthi/tarnanthi-2023/tarnanthi-at-agsa/>

I am Uncomfortable

Makedo Duong's solo exhibition, Murray Bridge Regional Gallery, Murray Bridge, SA. 2 September to 12 November.

<https://www.murraybridgegallery.com.au/current-exhibitions/2023/9/2/makeda-duong>

ACT

Plant Stories: Woven tapestry narratives

Visitor's Centre, Australian National Botanic Gardens, 20 September to 29 October.
Artists: Joy Smith, Sara Lindsay, Cresside Collette, Kay Lawrence, Diana Wood Conroy, Dimity Kidston, Brenda Goggs, Shunyam Smith, Kirsty Darlaston, Suzanne Knight, Patsy Payne, Jennifer Sharpe, Australian Tapestry Workshop, Valerie Kirk, Cheryl Thornton.

<https://parksaustralia.gov.au/botanic-gardens/do/whats-on/plant-stories-woven-tapestry-narratives/>

N'ZASSA: MAKING THINGS WORK

Peter McCarthy's solo exhibition, Craft ACT, 8 September to 21 October 2023.

<https://craftanddesigncanberra.org/blogs/current-exhibitions/nzassa-making-things-work>

Networks Australia: Artists at work

ANCA Gallery, Dickson, Canberra. 13 September to 1 October 2023.

Artists: Angela Coleman, Beverly Moxon, Carol Cooke, Cheryl Jobsz, Christine Appleby, Dotti Le Sage, Fiona Bowering, Gail Nichols, Jenny Manning, Josie Cosgrove, Karyn Fearnside, Keziah Craven, Linda Elliott, Liz Perry, Monique van Nieuwland, Nancy Tingey, Ola Robertson,

Pinal Maniar, Rozalie Sherwood, Sandra Obst, Steve Tomlin, Susan Hey, Valerie Kirk, Wendy Dodd, Yasmin Idriss.

<https://www.anca.net.au/2023-exhibition-program/2023/5/31/jemmy-gibson-ctjwc-dyty8>

Exuberance: An Embroiderer's Perspective

An exhibition and book celebrating hand embroidery by 20 Australian textile artists. Curated by Sharon Peoples and Carol Cooke. Craft & Design, Canberra. 7 July to 26 August.

Artists: Leonie Andrews, Liam Benson, Dijanna Cevaal, Carol Cooke, Cathy Jack Coupland, Makeda Duong, Di Ellis, Aimee Estcourt, Philomena Hali, Belinda Jessup, Amy Jones, Nicole Kemp, Nicole O'Laughlin, Liz Payne, Sharon Peoples, Joy Denise Scott, Wilma Simmons, Carolyn Sullivan, Suzie Vickery, Robby Wright

<https://craftanddesigncanberra.org/blogs/past-exhibitions-2024/exuberance>

Speculation Nation: Making Utopia

Curated by Penny Craswell, Craft + Design Canberra, 18 May - 1 July 2023.

Artists: Bic Tieu, Emma Peters, Kim Johnston, Dennis Golding, Kyoko Hashimoto, Melinda Young, Soraya Abidin

<https://craftanddesigncanberra.org/blogs/past-exhibitions-2024/speculation-nation-making-utopia>

Northern Territory

NATSIAA, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin.

<https://www.magnt.net.au/natsiaa>

Manburrba: Our story of printed cloth from Bábbarra Women's Centre

Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, 5 August to 15 October 2023. Curated by Dr Joanna Barrkman. *Manburrba* exhibition and catalogue celebrates the creative journey undertaken by Maningrida women over the past 37 years, featuring more than 70 striking and colourful hand-printed textiles made by 24 artists, as well as limited edition prints-on-paper, sculptures and basketry.

<https://www.cdu.edu.au/art-collection-gallery/cdu-art-gallery/manburrba-our-story-printed-cloth-bábbarra-women's-centre>

Short Shelf Life,

Suzanne Knight's solo exhibition by, Tactile Arts, Darwin, 22 September to 22 October.

<https://tactilearts.org.au/pages/current-exhibitions>

Western Australia

The Gardener

Sarah Walker's solo exhibition, Petrichor Gallery, Walpole WA. 16 September to 15 October 2023

<http://www.petrichorgallery.com.au/SarahWalker.html>

Slow - making locally

Annette Nykiel's solo exhibition, Rockingham Art Centre. 19 July to 13 August 2023.

<https://annette-nykiel-artist.com/slow-making-locally/>

Underfoot: sTrAtA,

Gallery 52, York, WA. 1 April to 23 May 2023.

Artists: Annette Nykiel, Perdita Phillips and Nien Schwarz,

https://gallery152.com.au/exhibitions/23_underfoot.php

Material and Matter,

Lost Eden Gallery, Dwellingup curated by Martien van Zuilen with 15 artists

<https://losteden.com.au/current-exhibition>

NEW ZEALAND

Vita Cochran solo exhibition. Anna Miles Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand.

<https://annamilesgallery.com/artists/vita-cochran/>

Holding patterns,

Vita Cochran's solo exhibition. Page Galleries, Wellington. 27 July to 19 August 2023.

<https://www.pagegalleries.co.nz/exhibitions/167-vita-cochran-holding-patterns/overview/>

From the highest tree

Sharon People's solo exhibition, Avid Gallery.

14 to 28 October 2023.

<https://www.avidgallery.com/exhibition/from-the-highest-tree>

A net woven from my own hair

Jacqueline Stojanović exhibition curated by Felixe Laing, Te Tuhi, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga. 24 June to 8 July 2023

<https://tetuhi.art/a-net-woven-from-my-own-hair-essay/>

