

EVENT PROGRAM











WELCOME TO THE 2024 GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL UN[CONTAINED] ARTS FESTIVAL

Georges River Council acknowledges the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation as the traditional custodians of the land, water, and sky in the Georges River area. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

The Un[contained] Arts Festival will transform the streets of Kogarah into a vibrant canvas for a three-day festival celebrating light, art, performance, and technology.

Discover dazzling pop-up installations, watch art come alive before your eyes, explore interactive activities, and be captivated by bold live performances. The Un[contained] Arts Festival invites everyone to unleash their creativity and join the party.

Kogarah Town Square will be transformed into an open-air feast zone, featuring mouth-watering delights from around the world served up by our food trucks. Grab a bite, enjoy front-row seats to the awesome entertainment, and visit the bar for refreshing drinks.

Georges River Council is thrilled to present this one-of-a-kind event that celebrates arts and culture, brings our community together, supports local businesses, and lights up our city after dark. Special thanks to our event sponsors the VJB Group and Sydney Water.

Come join us for WINTER NIGHTS → BRIGHT LIGHTS ****** BOLD IDEAS

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

- Accessible toilets and a baby change space (located inside the Clive James Library)
- Accessible parking on Belgrave Street
- Seating distributed throughout the Festival
- Wheelchair accessible.
- Water bowls are available for service animals
- Quiet space located at Clive James Library and Service Centre

Click on the links below for more information and to view our accessibility map

Accessibility Map

Accessibility Information - Word Document
Accessibility Information - PDF Document

Please note: Some installations will have flashing lights, smoke and music.







INSTALLATIONS



AMANDA PAREK
// FANTASTIC PLANET

<u>@amandaparer</u> #amandaparerart #fantasticplanet

The giant humanoid of Fantastic Planet has landed from afar and are quietly and gently exploring our 'fantastic planet'.

Inspiration for this artwork has been taken from the 1973 Czech/ French film Fantastic Planet (French: La Planète Sauvage).

This stop-motion science fiction film directed by René Laloux, depicts a story set in an unimaginably distant future in a world inhabited with gargantuan humanoids where human beings exist but are considered feral, to be contained and kept for the amusement of the giants.

Image: Fantastic Planet, What's That by Amanda Parer.

Photo by Amanda Parer.

GEORGE BUCHANAN // MAMMOTH

@george can create it

Step into a world where art meets play in a mesmerizing display of light and motion.

The giant, glowing Emperor Gum Moth, is a stunning artwork that comes to life as multiple participants swing on the large attached swing, causing the moth's wings to flap in response. The tactile and immersive enchantment of this installation is found in its magical blend of artistry and human interaction.



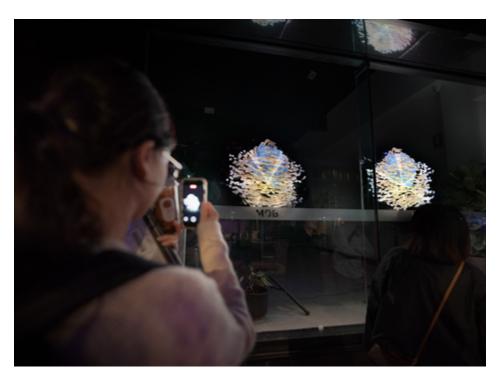
COLLIDE PUBLIC ART // BROKEN LIGHT

@collidepublicart

James Voller and Dr Joel Zika create light-based installations that reveal hidden stories and histories in public space.

Their practice involves digital screenbased media and illusion to showcase images and objects from archives which would otherwise go unnoticed.

Previous works have been displayed at festivals such as Botanica in QLD, Drift in Mornington VIC, and Enlighten in ACT.







In the work, a contemporary dancer (the star child) experiences the life span of a star: as she gains momentum, the colourful imagery of space reflects her increasing energy and builds to a celestial crescendo.





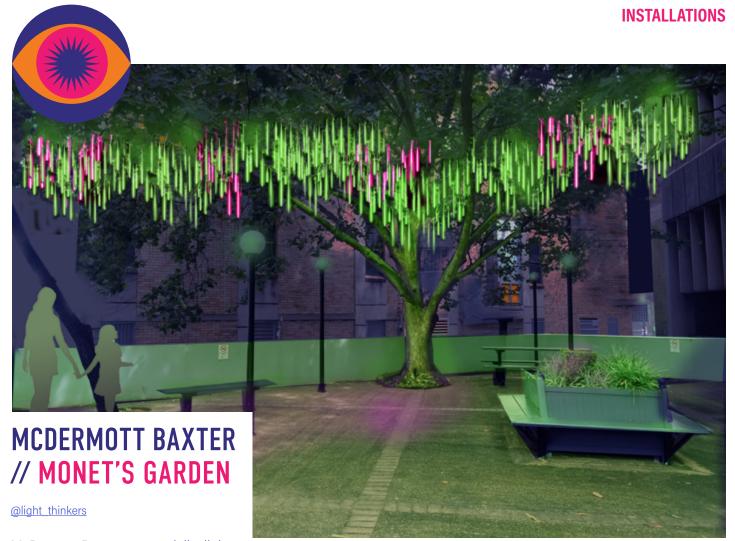
ANNA & RICHARD SAVERY // HARMONY IN HIVE

Harmony in Hive is an immersive art experience at the intersection of nature and technology.

This interactive installation invites participants into a technology-driven beehive, where robotics, projected visuals, and spatial audio animate a multisensory world.

Guests wield sensor-equipped flowers to influence virtual bees, crafting a captivating dance of shadows, light, and sound that reflects the beauty and complexity of pollination. It's a journey that explores art and environmental awareness, drawing attendees into a thoughtful dialogue on the role of technology in natural ecosystems.

Engage with this unique installation and experience the harmony between creativity and innovation.



McDermott Baxter are specialist light artists who provide independent, innovative, and creative light art for a wide range of projects. They were inspired by the beautiful shape and foliage of the large tree on the upper plaza and the way the tree's sweeping foliage creates an almost intimate sense of place with seated areas and planters. The effect reminded them of their visit to the garden of Monet's garden at Giverny in France.

McDermott Baxter aim to create a feeling of wonder for the viewer and to enhance the experience of the space and the adjacent laneway – inviting the viewers to enjoy being bathed in the colour and light of the famous impressionist painter.



LAURA JADE & LESLIE MARSH // AI TAROT READER

@laurajadeartist

Al Tarot Reader invites you to experience an interactive tarot reading with Mremlyn, a young Al forging her path as a fortune-teller. Harnessing the power of her deep neural networks, Mremlyn weaves your live heart rate data together with ancient folklore to bring you answers to life's burning questions.

Created by artists Laura Jade and Leslie Marsh, this immersive artwork playfully explores the fascinating bond between humanity and technology, blending AI innovation with the mystique of divination.



ART THINKING // SHADOWGRAM

@artthinkingaustralia

Inspired by 19th century photogenic drawings, Shadowgram brings this unique image making process to the digital age.

Audiences generate their own shadowgram portraits and display them with an associated statement.

Shadowgram asks audiences to respond to a provocation through image and text igniting ideas, discussion and new enquiry.

Ars Electronica Shadowgram powered by Art Thinking.

SAM ABSURD // CREATIVITY UNCONTAINED

@samabsurd

Imaginative characters and vibrant patterns burst forth in this colourful, illustrative mural.

Designed for interactive photography, it invites viewers to stand before it, creating the illusion of their minds unleashing creative energy.

This dynamic artwork captures the essence of imagination, celebrating the boundless potential within each individual - uncontained creativity.



PERFORMANCE





winter night.



LED Ring Dress robots, which will light up the night with their dynamic colours and robotic movements.

A highlight of this year's spectacle is the unveiling of the brand new large inflatable light-up seahorses on stilts, a whimsical addition sure to capture the imagination of all who attend.

These larger-than-life creations promise to transport attendees into a realm where fantasy meets reality.

PERFORMANCE TIMES:

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 4.30PM - 9.30PM



ONE ROUND ENTERTAINMENT // DJ YIANNI MOUTOPOULOS

DJ Yianni Moutopoulos will bring the ultimate music experience to the event with expert mixing skills and an extensive collection of tracks across all genres. He is a master of creating an immersive experience, using his passion for music and community to add to the incredible vibe of the Festival.

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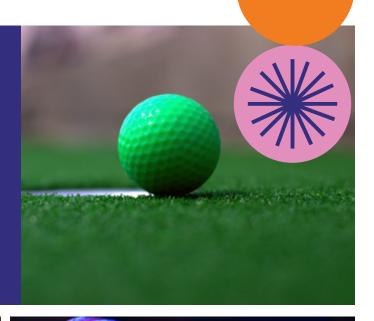
ACTIVITIES

NEON MINI GOLF // SYDNEY WATER

Step into a world of adventure with Neon Mini Golf, sponsored by Sydney Water.

Enjoy vibrant colors and intricate designs as you play through five unique holes. Perfect for all ages and skill levels, this experience combines fun and challenge.

Learn about water conservation through educational information provided around the course.





JOHN POOLE // REVISITED

Revisit locales around the world with paintings by local artist John Poole. Poole has drawn on memories, sketches, and photos to create an exhibition of paintings recollecting places he'd like to visit again.

CLIVE JAMES LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE



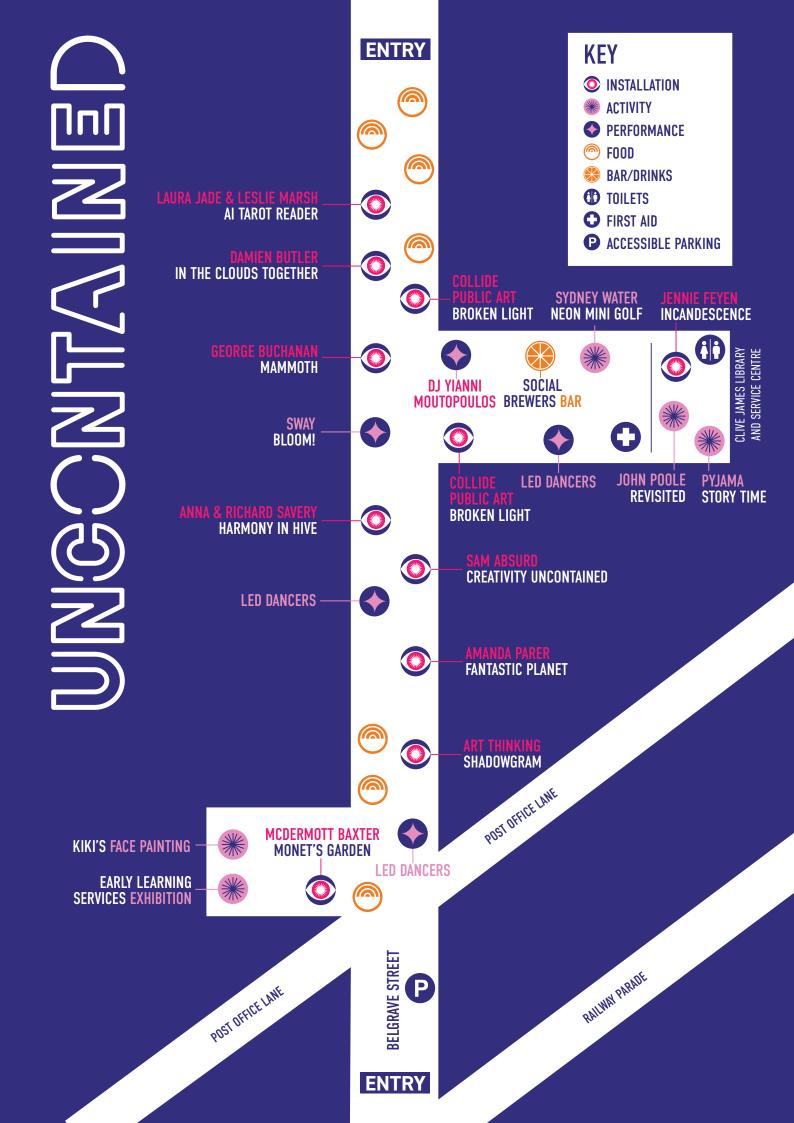


PYJAMA STORY TIME

The whole family are invited to the library for a special story time as part of the first night of the Un[contained] Arts Festival.

Put on your pyjamas, find your favourite fluffy toy, and snuggle up for stories, songs, and craft, and see what happens at the library once the sun goes down!

FRIDAY ONLY
5.30PM - 6.30PM
CLIVE JAMES LIBRARY AND SERVICE CENTRE



FOOD & DRINKS



LA BUFALA PIZZA

100% handmade, stretched and cooked authentic Neapolitan woodfire pizza made with the freshest ingredients. Pizza just like Nonna would make them.





BURGER HEAD

Burger Head is the story of a couple 20 something year old fine dining trained chefs coming together and using their skills to create the ultimate burger experience.



SKEWER BOYS

The Skewer Boys mission is to bring people together through the delicious experiece of skewered delights.

Enjoy a wide range of flavoured treats on the go.



THE PASTA MAN

With fresh pasta being the cornerstone of an Italian menu, The Pasta Man prioritise sourcing fresh and local produce to create authentic Italian pastas, focaccia and sauces.





Indulge in an array of gourmet creations by Crazy Potato - a taste sensation that will redefine your love for potatoes.





CHRUBY'S DUTCH PANCAKES

Experience the irresistible flavours of Chruby's Dutch Pancakes! From the sizzling griddle to your plate, experience the irresistible aroma and taste of freshly made pancakes, crafted with passion and expertise.



FRENCH SWEET CREPES

From classic Nutella and banana to strawberry with a dollop of whipped cream. Each delicate crepe is a delicous masterpiece, crafted with care and served with a smile.



SOCIAL BREWERS

The Social Brewers is dedicated to bringing the community together with exceptional, hyper-local beer. Focused on community, The Social Brewers provides a welcoming space where locals can gather, share a beer, and get to know each other. Experience the spirit of community and craft beer at The Social Brewers' pop-up bar during the Un[contained] Arts Festival.

WINTER NIGHTS BRIGHT LIGHTS







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