

**HAMILTON GALLERY HOSTS ARTIST-LED LIFE DRAWING IN HISTORIC BLUESTONE
HOMESTEADS ACROSS SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS**

Life drawing at the base of a dormant volcano accompanied by Baroque strings and local wine or sketching by the mountains with live acoustic music whilst enjoying local produce. Take your pick!

Victoria's Western District is known for heritage-listed homesteads and stunning landscapes, from the Grampians National Park (Gariwerd) to fascinating volcanic plains. It's also an ideal getaway if you're into regional produce, fine wine and art.

Hamilton Gallery is fusing these elements together in a series of life drawing classes in historic homesteads across the Western District, nestled amongst some of Victoria's most compelling scenery.

The Gallery has already hosted a sold-out event at Arrandoovong Homestead in Branhholme, and on Saturday June 17 budding artists can join Life Drawing at Chateau Kolor, an exquisite 1868 bluestone homestead nestled on a working Angus cattle farm in Peshurst. This country town is a gem at the foot of the dormant volcano, Mt Rouse around 3 hours from Melbourne in the Southern Grampians. The property boasts stunning Heritage-listed gardens, original stables and sweeping views of Gunditjmarra Country across to the Grampians and local farmlands.

The following weekend on Saturday June 24 the Gallery takes over the iconic Mount Sturgeon Homestead, a beautiful 1800's colonial residence and working farm managed by the esteemed Royal Mail Hotel. Graced with arguably the most breathtaking panoramic view of Wurgarri (Mount Sturgeon), the property also has an abundant vegetable garden and enchanting orchard attendees can roam to fuel their creativity.

Life models will adopt poses amidst enchanting interiors for aspiring or seasoned artists to capture on paper guided by artist, Gareth Colliton.

Gallery Director, Joshua White said, "Participants will gain a rare glimpse into these regional retreats in what are the first life drawing sessions hosted in these atmospheric spaces. By combining creative learning guided by a talented artist with iconic landscapes, live music and tastes of the region, we're offering unique experiences that we hope are life-changing for participants."

These events are part of Hamilton Gallery's current "Art Outside The Walls" program, taking place in venues across the Southern Grampians until the end of June.

Free kids and teens workshops and a pop-up exhibition are being hosted whilst the Gallery undergoes infrastructure upgrades, reopening to celebrate 50 Years of the Friends of Hamilton Gallery in July.

See hamiltongallery.org for the full program of what's on and to book tickets to upcoming events.

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IMAGE LINK - Historic Homesteads



Images via Chateau Kolor, Penshurst (top) and via Royal Mail Hotel of Mount Sturgeon Homestead, Dunkeld (bottom)

ABOUT HAMILTON GALLERY:

**Currently taking Art Outside The Walls whilst the Gallery is closed for climate control and lighting upgrades, see hamiltongallery.org for what's on!"*

Hamilton Gallery has been the heart of visual arts in the Southern Grampians for over 60 years. Visitors can discover touring exhibitions, curated highlights from the permanent collection and engaging public programs and events that stimulate understanding, awareness and enjoyment of visual arts. Hamilton Gallery's internationally significant 9000+ object collection boasts unique strengths in decorative arts, European, Australian and Asian Art. Alongside regular opportunities for all ages to create and learn, the Gallery also has a shop stocking goods by local and national artisans.

For more information see hamiltongallery.org, [@hamiltongalleryvic](https://www.instagram.com/hamiltongalleryvic) on social media or [join the mailing list](#).

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