

GALLERY OFFERS ARTS EXPERIENCES FOR YOUNGEST VISITORS



Babies, toddlers and children are invited for free and \$10 multi-sensory experiences at Hamilton Gallery.

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children to Hamilton Gallery for a series of interactive community events aimed at babies, toddlers and young creatives.

HG Babies is a free sensory play session held monthly for ages 0–2 with the second session on Thursday 22 February. Lil Mates is a multisensory art-meets-performance workshop also held monthly for ages 2-4, with the second session this Saturday 17 February and tickets \$10 per child. For older children, HG Play is held weekly on Wednesdays for ages 4-11, with free creative activities inspired by the current *Emerging From Darkness* exhibition, from tactile paper collages to clay sculptures.

Southern Grampians Shire Council CEO, Tony Doyle shared his joy at seeing the community's smallest residents visit for such events.

'What I love about programs like these is how they bring people into the gallery who might not normally visit. They create unique opportunities for both parents and their little ones make new connections in the community and share engaging experiences together,' said Mr Doyle.

The programs give parents and young children the opportunity to experience the exhibition in ways that cater towards their needs, from the use of soft floor mats and sensory toys to early sessions held before the gallery publicly opens allowing young visitors to make noise.

Activities are designed to develop children's language and communication, social, emotional and multisensory skills, alongside helping to develop a sense of self.

Events take place amidst the ground-floor gallery spaces with tickets inclusive of exhibition entry to allow parents to experience the exhibition whilst their children are absorbed in activities.

The Gallery is also hosting regular opportunities for guided tours of the exhibition and one-off events including an insightful seminar, a creative mixer networking event and an Australian Chamber Choir concert before the exhibition closes on April 14.

Tickets can be booked at hamiltongallery.org or by contacting the gallery.

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ABOUT HAMILTON GALLERY:

Hamilton Gallery is a public art gallery located in the city of Hamilton in South West Victoria. It was opened in 1961, following a generous act of local philanthropy, with a donation of 781 works of art. This gift provided the foundation and inspiration of today's collection, now numbering over 9,000 objects with unique strengths in Decorative Arts, European, Australian, Chinese and Japanese Art. Visitors can discover touring exhibitions, curated highlights from the permanent collection and engaging public programs and events alongside a unique Design Store.

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