

From the Manager

Summer saw lots of visitors through the Gallery as people began travelling again. We have an exciting line up of exhibitions planned for 2022 that will provide something for young and old. We will be branching out into animation and comics, as well as our much-loved cartoons, and will soon be installing a new historical display of the Bunker and its transformation to what the Cartoon Gallery is today... one of the Coffs Coast best cultural destinations.



This year will be a year of growth and we welcome everyone to come and experience the Gallery. Bring your friends and visitors to see what's here as they won't leave disappointed. There's nothing like it anywhere in the world and we are very lucky to have the National Cartoon Gallery here in Coffs Harbour.

Volunteers

Our volunteers are our public face and, in each Newsletter, we want to share some of their stories with you.

Sally is a hobby artist and a musician and has lived in Coffs since 1995. It took her a few years to finally say "I must go in there [the Cartoon Gallery] and check it out". Since then Sally's association with the Gallery has grown. She put an entry into the annual Rotary Cartoon Awards and was amazed when it was accepted and displayed, she played her harp at the opening of the new building, and she now works as a volunteer 2 days a week.



"Every day is different at the Gallery; you never know who is going to walk in the door. Last week we had the Ginger Meggs actor, politician John Barilaro and a VIP from the Japanese Embassy. "We're just waiting for Russel Crowe or Jimmy Barnes to rock up!"

Volunteering at the Gallery has encouraged Sally's love of art. She enjoys looking at the artworks on the walls, "they inspire my painting and drawing of the local landscape, flora and fauna".

Adam has been volunteering at the Gallery for about a decade and has seen at least three changes of management.



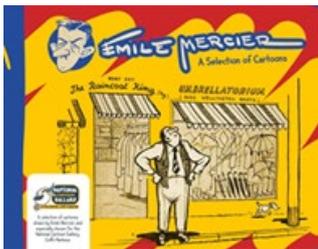
He loves being able to see the artwork of various grades, topics and themes, as he goes through the usual routine of low-level but important tasks of bin-emptying into wheelie-bins, paper-shredding, colouring-page refills and pencil-sharpening. And once in a long while, he gets to "hobnob with fellow artists"! Adam likes the Gallery's library which he says, "is also a useful resource of reference books, for cartooning purposes".

Adam has many hobbies, one of which is cartooning, which he mostly does on the computer –he occasionally still doodles on paper with a pen - that was how he was persuaded to volunteer at the Gallery. Now, Adam's learning to use Procreate on his iPad Pro - tooning up his strips, in some subtle ways. He also doodles stories, mostly with a science-fiction flavour and then there's the electron-pushing electronics hobby, which has merged somewhat with the programming of microcontrollers - he has several desktop robots in various states of completeness.

What's coming up

April School Holiday Animation Art Camp

We are very excited to have animator and cartoonist Danny Stanley, run a 4-day workshop for young adults in Coffs Harbour. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for upcoming details. This will be a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in animation to learn this fascinating and growing craft.



Emile Mercier Kickstarter Campaign

We are very happy to let you know that thanks to our many supporters we made it over the line with the Kickstarter campaign. Nat Karmichael has the book at the printers, and we can't wait for the Emile Mercier exhibition later in the year.

Café News

You may have already been to the new café at the Gallery, The Precinct. We are delighted to have Chris, Kerrie, Aaron and their team on board and they look forward to you stopping by for a coffee, cake or lunch. It's such an amazing venue with arguably the best views of any café in Coffs and the coffee is excellent.

The Precinct is open from 10am to 2pm Tuesday to Sunday and they can cater to groups and individuals. If you want to have a business or community meeting talk to the staff at the Gallery and we can arrange a meeting room with catering to suit your needs.



If you are wanting to host an after-hours event, a private party, conference or a corporate function The Precinct has partnered with French Connect Food to provide a full bar and catering service. Speak to the Gallery staff about your next event and we can look after all your requirements.

Visit Us with a voucher

Did you know that you can use your recent Services NSW vouchers at the Gallery? You can use your voucher to pay for gallery admission, book into a workshop or an exhibition opening and use your Dine voucher to have morning tea or lunch in The Precinct Café. We are also signing up to accept Creative Kids vouchers which means the kids can enjoy a full day workshop without it costing you anything.



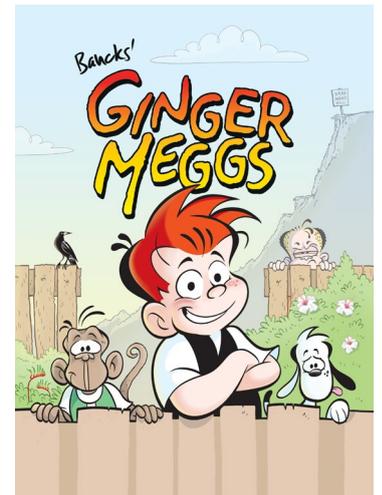
Current Exhibitions

Ginger Meggs – Turns 100!

Exhibition Dates: 10 Dec – 28 Feb 2022

LAST FEW WEEKS!

The feedback from this exhibition has been incredible. So many people have enjoyed it with some new connections being formed between the Gallery and people who knew or were related to Ginger's creator Jimmy Banks and the 51-year-old Paul Daniel who at the age of 11 played Ginger in the movie that is part of the exhibition. It has also been good to see younger audiences engaging with the exhibition as many would never have known who Ginger Meggs was until now. Our Ginger stand-in photo has also been very popular with people taking lots of selfies.



Unfortunately, the current Ginger cartoonist Jason Chatfield was unable to come to Australia to celebrate the exhibition, but we thank Jason for his ongoing contribution to the exhibition and a big thank you to Tristan Banks, great nephew of Jimmy Banks who joined us through a live stream on the opening night. Tristan and Jimmy collaborated on the new Ginger Meggs book that is available to purchase in our shop.



Rotary Cartoon Awards Presentation Night

Exhibition Dates: 12 Nov – 6 Mar 2022

Rotary Awards Night 25 February @ 6pm

The big night is nearly upon us!

The judges have made their decision! Find out who the winners are on **25 February 6pm** at the Rotary Cartoon Awards Presentation Evening. We have a special ticket price for our Friends of the Gallery of \$30 that includes a complimentary drink and delicious finger food from French Connect Food.

Don't miss it! Book your tickets by 21 February at <https://www.trybooking.com/BWWWR>

We will also be announcing the winners of the People's Choice Award, so we hope to see you all there for what will be a fun night. Come in and met the cartoonists, be amazed by their talent, and have a good laugh.

Upcoming Exhibitions

The Morrison Years

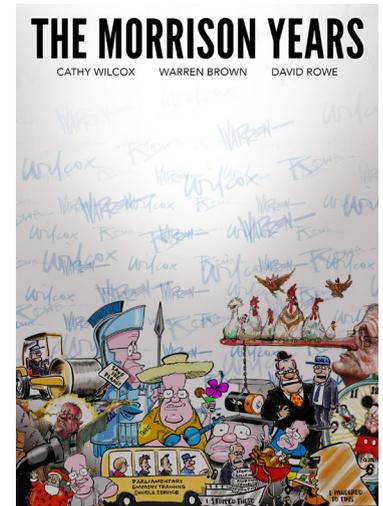
Exhibition Dates – 11 March to 28 May

This blockbuster of a show is not to be missed with an election just around the corner!!

Three of Australia's best known editorial cartoonists, Warren Brown (The Daily Telegraph), David Rowe (The Financial Review) and Cathy Wilcox (Sydney Morning Herald and The Age), have dug through their cartoon archives to bring you an exhibition of works that give their particular/peculiar perspectives, reminding you of what you may have lived through, or maybe of what you missed, in The Morrison Years!

"On the eve of a federal election, after a wild ride through fire, flood, plague and pestilence, now seems as good a time as ever to review the political life of the PM, Scott Morrison, and relive those crazy times. Look back on life with our own hose-averse, Sharks-loving Daggy Dad, be reminded how he got to where he is now and laugh, or maybe cry".

As the election draws nearer the cartoonist will be sending us new works that will be exhibited to reflect the latest political posturing, so keep coming back to view the election promises and campaigning from the cartoonist viewpoint.



The ART of Storytelling

Exhibition Dates: 4 March – 29 May 2022



Storytelling is an art and this 'mash-up' exhibition of Comics, Manga, Animation and Anime will reveal the fascinating process of making ART that tells a story full of characters and action that engage and entertain us.

Have you ever been interested by how artists make these compelling stories? This exhibition will take you on a fascinating journey with the artists as they guide us through the process of making storytelling ART, from the initial idea through to rough sketches, developing a storyboard and then to the final work.

From hand-drawn, traditional cartoon cells, to storyboards by James Matthews and animations from artist Danny Stanley, and other works on from our library, on loan and donated the works will inspire you to create your own visual story.

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* Closed Mondays, Good Friday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day

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