




As the new Education Coordinator at MRAG I would like to welcome you to our new quarterly newsletter. The aim of the newsletter is to keep you up to date with our current and future exhibitions as well as to keep you in the loop about upcoming initiatives and opportunities in arts and education. MRAG has a constantly changing range of activities for children and young people. Please have a look at our website <www.mrag.org.au> for our new programming and duty of care policies. MRAG welcomes schools to 'drop in' to MRAG for FREE at any time. MRAG also offers half and full-day interactives, where students work with professional artists in a series of activities linked to the current exhibition.

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When visiting 'View of Maitland from the River Bank' take your students for a walk along the river and see if you can discover where the artists painted from OR after viewing the exhibition take students to the riverbank to draw their own versions of Maitland from the river. 



Got an idea for a project/workshop/event? LET US KNOW. MRAG education wants to work you and your school.

current and upcoming exhibitions

30 June—20 August



'View of Maitland from the River Bank (with apologies to Jan Vermeer and *View of Delft*)
In 2005 MRAG commissioned twelve artists (of national and international standing) to paint the City of Maitland from the river bank, with Jan Vermeer's painting *View of Delft* in their minds eye. MRAG's cultural director Joseph Eisenberg was interested in the renewed public interest in Vermeer's work and the apparent similarities between the *View of Delft* and the 'view of Maitland City' from the river.

'Glimpses of River Life' Victoria Lobregat
Lobregat's work links various colourful, sunlight images of Maitland with decorative motifs in order to convey a sense of place.

Operation Art
Operation Art is an exhibition of fifty paintings by school children in NSW for children in hospitals

25 August—15 October

Ranamok Glass Prize 2005
The Ranamok Glass Prize celebrates and promotes Australian and New Zealand Glass. Originating in 1995 it is recognised as an award for excellence and innovation in the field of contemporary studio glass.



'Half a World' Simryn Gill
Simryn Gill's *Half a World* presents a glimpse of three remote towns: Maitland Australia; Lofoten, Norway; Port Dickson, Malaysia. Her work will comprise three 5 metre photographic scrolls, each offering a response to the different towns.

MRAG Collection
Black and White works on paper

20 October—3 December

'Shot in Maitland' Michel Brouet
MRAG commissioned photographer Michel Brouet to produce a photographic essay showing the buildings and natural sites of Maitland. Brouet is known for his simple yet direct images of life on the move. Also exhibiting at the same time will be the work of ten year 11 students from various Maitland High schools. The students are creating and curating an exhibition of their own works on canvas which portray their reflections on Maitland.

Large Works from the MRAG Collection

on the national front

National Child Protection Week Sept 3—9 'ASK KIDS'. During National Child Protection Week MCC, MRAG and local youth providers will be holding a FREE 'kids day out' on Saturday 2nd September at East Maitland Library 9-1pm. Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Camel & Pony Rides, Magicians and much, much, more. Call Kristen for more information on (02) 4934 9753.

AUSTRALIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS For information on national initiatives and research in arts and education go to www.ozco.gov.au and follow the links to 'Education'.

ConnectEd Arts is a joint initiative of Arts NSW and the NSW Department of Education and Training and features a range of programs dedicated to enhancing access to quality arts experiences for school-age students.

