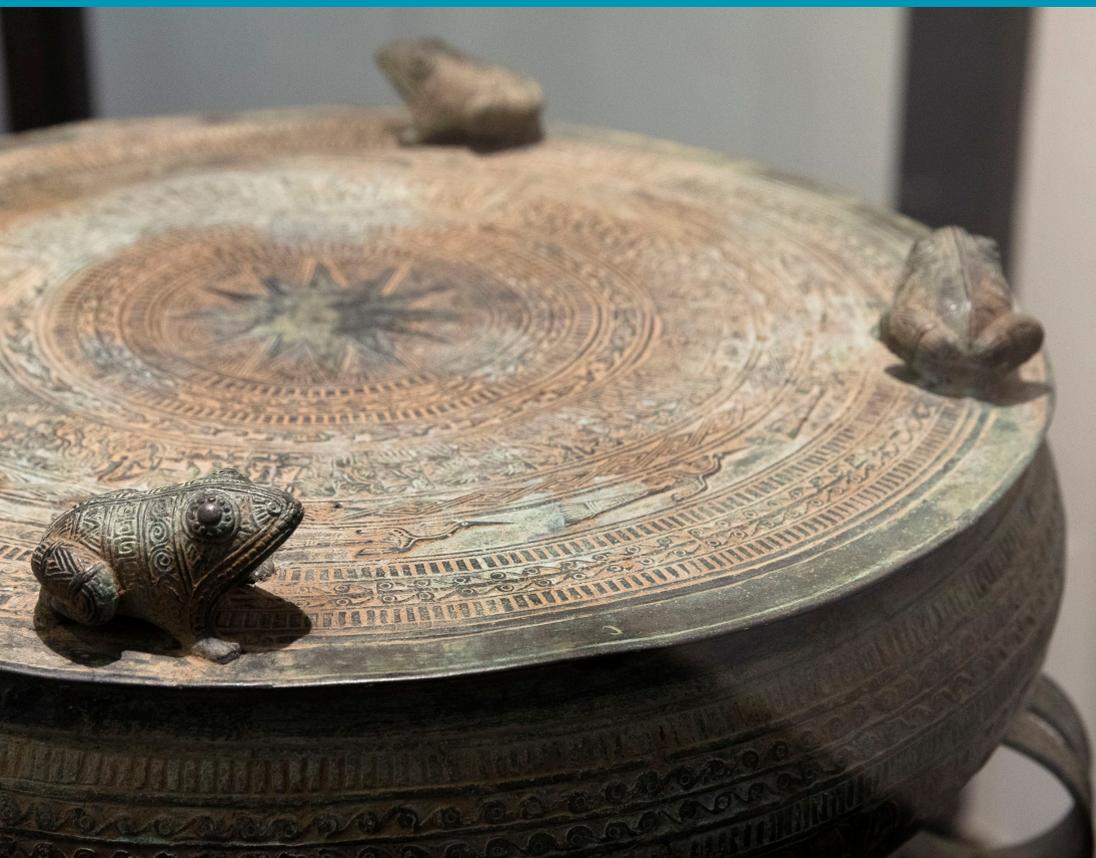


FAIRFIELD CITY MUSEUM & GALLERY

# FCMG

# What's On



**JULY – DECEMBER 2023**

# WELCOME

This edition of the Fairfield City Museum & Gallery's program focuses on the role that memory and resilience play in art. The exhibitions *MINH*, *Aftertaste* and *A Whisper Echoes Loudest* respectively explore memory and lived experiences. They explore how we see, understand, and interpret the past as a vehicle to connecting to one another.

Even though on the surface they seem disconnected to each other, all three exhibitions present fragmented stories that deal with dispossession, cultural identity, the complexity of the diaspora experience and survival strategies of marginalised people. All amazing considering, respectively they are about third generation Chinese Vietnamese people, memory, and food, and lastly about personal and intergenerational trauma.

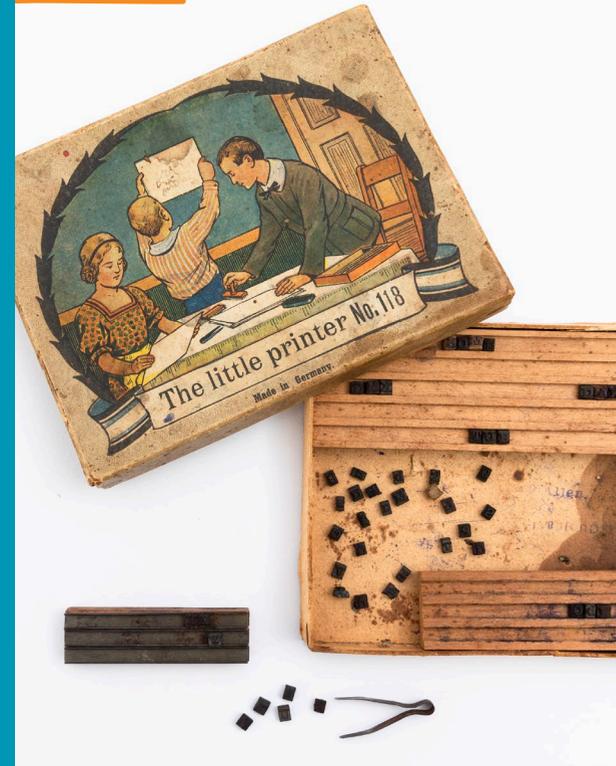
Perfectly and beautifully counterbalancing this is an active public engagement program that speaks to and reflects our local community. The inspiration springs from the theme of our new social history exhibition that explores Fairfield City's cultural community festivals. Join us at the Latin Fest, one of our festivals during the spring-summer season. If you want to know more about your local area sign up for a tour and workshop program in September and if you have little ones in your family, take part in the annual Halloween dress up event.

For whatever reason you are coming to Fairfield City Museum & Gallery, we hope you enjoy the experience.

**Carmel Aiello**  
Coordinator FCMG

Mylyn Nguyen, *43 The Crescent*, Fairfield NSW 2165 and *83 Ware Street*, Fairfield NSW 2165, (2023).  
On loan from the artist. Photography by Silversalt.

## TOURS



## Fairfield City Heritage Collection + Tours

### Online

Immerse yourself in Fairfield City's past with the online Heritage Collection. Designed for local history enthusiasts and professional researchers alike, this website allows you to browse objects from FCMG's collection, historical photographs, oral history recordings and local history resources.

Visit [heritagecollection.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au](https://heritagecollection.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au) and start exploring!

You can also explore the nostalgic Vintage Village and exhibition spaces at your own pace using one of our self-guided tours.

Contact us to book a guided tour, morning tea or memory box tour for seniors.

Children's toy printing set, c. 1920s, paper, cardboard, rubber, metal, wood. Fairfield City Museum & Gallery collection, 1995.4. Photography by Silversalt.



## Term Art Classes

Paint, sculpt, create, and learn some new skills in our art classes for kids and adults!

### Tuesday Kids Class

Kids Clay Club (8 weeks)  
**Term 3** - 25th July - 12th Sept 2023  
**Term 4** - 17th Oct - 5th Dec 2023

### Friday Adult Classes

The Clay Studio & Arts  
Explorers Club (6 weeks)  
**Term 3** - 4th Aug - 8th Sept 2023  
**Term 4** - 27th Oct - 1st Dec 2023

Visit [fcmg.nsw.gov.au](https://fcmg.nsw.gov.au) for more information and bookings.

Image: Joanna Gallo, 2022.



## EXHIBITIONS



### Aftertaste

Until 12 August 2023

Curated by Megan R. Fizell, *Aftertaste* considers how food can act as a link between a person's past, present, and future, activating and containing memories that connect us to a shared experience or place in time. Through contact with food - cooking, eating, and sharing - we maintain cultural ties and access different forms of knowledge.

**The food-related artworks in *Aftertaste* speak about culture, identity, and representation by way of tastes on the tongue.**

**Artists:** Dylan Goh, Elizabeth Willing, James Tylor, Justine Youssef, Lindsay Kelley, Mariam Slewo, Mylyn Nguyen, Reanne Chidiac, and Siying Zhou.

Dylan Goh, *kaikai*. (2019). On loan from the artist. Photography by Silversalt.



### A Whisper Echoes Loudest

26 August 2023 - 27 January 2024

**Launch:** 26 August 2023, 3 - 5pm

Curated by Nikita Holcombe, *A Whisper Echoes Loudest* reflects on individual and collective experiences of colonialism and explores narratives that are often overlooked and concealed from public view and concern. The 8 artists in the exhibition look at these themes through a gentle and resilient lens.

**Artists:** Rosell Flatley, Carmen Glynn-Braun, Dennis Golding, Mehwish Iqbal, Shivanjani Lal, Nadia Refaei, Roberta Joy Rich, Sha Sawari.

Carmen Glynn-Braun, *Skin Deep*, (2021), installation view in 'Make Yourself At Home' exhibition, Cement Fondu. Photography by Jessica Maurer.

### MÌNH

Until 14 October 2023

MÌNH is an everyday word which refers to our bodies and selves, but it also means us; about who we are as individuals as well as how we exist together. With artists and writers, MÌNH explores Vietnamese and Chinese diasporic life in Australia today, and questions what it means to be who we are now.

**Curated by** Sheila Ngọc Phạm in collaboration with FCMG.

**Contributors:** Dacchi Dang, Christina Huynh, Matt Huynh, Phương Ngô, Đình Huy Nguyễn, James Nguyen, Lucia Tường Vy Nguyễn, Lynn Nguyễn, Kim Phạm, Victoria Phạm, Vivian Phạm, Hoài Mạnh Tất, My Lệ Thị, Bic Tieu, Huyen Hac Helen Tran, Maria Trần, and Garry Trinh.

Bic Tieu, *Charms of Fairfield*, (2023), close up detail. Commissioned for the MÌNH exhibition by FCMG. Photography by Silversalt.



### Festivals

28 October 2023 - 13 April 2024

Food ceremonies, music, dance performances, and storytelling have been shared through a wide variety of cultural celebrations in the Fairfield region.

**Showcasing ancient cultural festivities through to those of newly arrived migrants, the exhibition traces parts of the ever-changing cultural landscape of one of Australia's most multicultural regions.**

Uruguayan dancers at Fairfield City Festival, 1983. Fairfield City Heritage collection. Photography by The Advance.





### History Week: Smithfield Walking Tour

6 September 2023, 10am  
Smithfield Library

Venture on a walking tour with the Heritage team and discover the history, architecture, and hidden treasures of Smithfield Town centre and beyond including McCarthy Memorial Park, churches, schools and Holland House. The tour will conclude at FCMG’s Vintage Village where you will experience what life used to be like in our township. Registration required.

*Note: A lot of walking is involved in this tour. Proper footwear, sun protection, and sunscreen is recommended. Refreshments/lunch at Holland House are at own expense.*

Holland House, Market Street, Smithfield, 2023. Photography by FCMG.



### Halloween 2023

31 October 2023, 4 - 7pm

Calling all ghouls, goblins, and ghostly creatures!

Halloween is back for another year at FCMG. Dress up in your most scary costumes, and enjoy a night of spooky games, crafts, and trick or treating in our Vintage Village.

Tickets go on sale 1 October 2023!

**This is a free event for kids and families.**

Halloween at FCMG, 2022. Photography by Legacy Studios.

### MINH Community Day

30 September 2023, 3 - 6pm

Join us for a celebration of Vietnamese-Chinese culture with this community open day for our exhibition, MINH.

**Enjoy an afternoon of cultural art and cuisine while also learning about one of the Asian diasporic communities within Fairfield.**

Visitors interacting with MINH exhibition artwork, Phương Ngô, *Article 14.1*, (2019). Courtesy of the artist and This Is No Fantasy. Photography by David Do.



### Latin Festival

25 November 2023, 5 - 9pm

Experience Latin culture through the lens of Sydney’s emerging Latin musicians working in genres from Latin Pop to Reggaeton.

**Bring your dancing shoes for a night filled with music, dancing, and food.**

Event still from Living Cultures Festival at FCMG, 2016. Photography by Michelle Lam.



## Education program + Volunteering

Our dedicated volunteers are very important to us. They enrich our organisation and support our programs by assisting in a variety of roles; including the delivery of **Living the Past**, a primary school-aged immersive education program.

Contact us if you would like to know more about joining our wonderful team of volunteers.

## Thanks to our volunteers

Lionel Fraser, Rougina Haifa, Sheree Tumanik, Sunil Laughlin, Van Phuoc Nguyen, Bob Ward, Jackie Powrie and Grigory Rogojkin

## Our location

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via the QR code below

## Open

Tue - Fri 10am - 4pm, Sat 10am - 3pm

**FREE ADMISSION**

## Accessibility

 Wheelchair access to most buildings and accessible parking available

## Public transport

Buses 812, 813 and 814 from  
Fairfield Station

FCMG acknowledges and pays respect to the Cabrogal of the Darug Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which FCMG operates and extends that respect to Aboriginal Elders past, present and emerging.

FCMG is known for its strong commitment to community engagement. FCMG is an initiative of Fairfield City Council and the largest exhibition space in Fairfield City.

*Program is correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change.*

Cover image: Later-era Đông Sơn bronze drum, traded to Indonesia from Vietnam. 800-3000 years old. Collectively purchased by Re:Sounding. On loan from James Nguyen for the MINH exhibition. Photography by Silversalt.

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