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My Geelong—our Gallery

12 November 2016 to 12 February 2017**Opening: Saturday 26 November, 2.00–4.00pm (by invitation)**

This summer **Geelong Gallery** celebrates the fact that the Gallery, and the riches of its collection, belong to all of us.

My Geelong—our Gallery is an intriguing exhibition that reveals what twenty diverse members of our community consider to be their favourite work from the Gallery's collection. Individuals' choices will be hung together throughout the summer, and also form part of a trail through the permanent collection galleries.

We invited a range of participants who live and work in Geelong, or that have a childhood connection to the town. Participants include Senior Coach of Geelong Football Club, **Chris Scott**; singer/songwriter **Mia Dyson**; Vice Chancellor of Deakin University, **Jane den Hollander**; TV personality, **Rebecca Maddern**; actress, **Georgia Chara**; Chilwell Primary School student, **Anthony Friswell**; Newcomb Secondary School student, **Rose Bux**; Luthuania community leader, **Loretta Tigani**; café owner, **David Pelletier**; creative blogger, **Emma Hawkins**; coordinator of Samaritan House, **Josephine Barnes**; practising artists, **Mickey Egan** and **Cricket Saleh**; Head of Community Relations Transport Accident Commission, **Amanda Bavin**; Executive Officer of Northern Futures, **Lou Brazier**; Chief Executive Officer of Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative, **Rod Jackson**; sheep and beef farmer, **Lachie Wilson**; entrepreneur and philanthropist, **Frank Costa AO**; Minister for Water and Minister for Police, **Hon. Lisa Neville**; Chief Executive Officer of City of Greater Geelong, **Kelvin Spiller** and Geelong Gallery Director, **Jason Smith**.

Works chosen by the participants are diverse from collection treasures such as Eugene von Guérard's *View of Geelong* and Fredrick McCubbin's *Bush Burial* to less seen works including Jenny Watson's *House* and Peter Ellis's *The sofa*.

Director Jason Smith, who has also chosen one of his favourites, says '*the development of this exhibition has extended people's access to the collection, enabling new reflections on the value of art to their own life, and revealed personal stories about the impact of a specific work of art on the heart and mind. It has been a wonderful, fun, and eye-opening process of community engagement with what the Gallery can offer.*'

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Mia Dyson
Image supplied by the artist



Chris Scott
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