

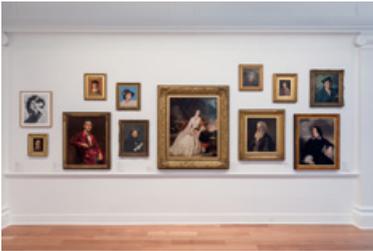


Media release

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Geelong Gallery reopens Monday 22 June

Wednesday 3 June 2020



Geelong Gallery collection
installation view, Geelong Gallery
Photographer: Andrew Curtis

From Monday 22 June, online bookings, member priority access, sanitisation stations, physical distancing and no cloakroom are among the measures the Geelong Gallery is implementing as it reopens to the public.

In line with the conditions outlined by the Victorian Government and health authorities, the Gallery's priority will be to keep staff, volunteers, members and visitors safe during COVID-19.

Geelong Gallery Director & CEO, **Jason Smith** said 'Gallery and museum capacities increase to 50 people on Monday 22 June so it seems the right time to reopen and welcome our members and visitors back to the Gallery. We will not be offering tours or group bookings at this stage however we look forward to sharing our current suite of exhibitions and permanent collections with the people of Geelong and beyond again.'

'We understand our audiences are keen to engage more closely with our works of art and although we will continue to offer a broad range of programs online for those who still cannot physically visit the Gallery, we know the best way to engage with our art is up close and in person.'

Geelong Gallery will continue to offer our public, learn and access programs online until further notice for the safety of our visitors and staff. Volunteers will not return to the Gallery for at least a month after opening.

The Gallery's priority is to keep visitors and staff safe and we will introduce a number of new measures to keep the community safe detailed in our updated [Conditions of Entry \(click through to read\)](#). Smith said, 'We hope these measures give the community confidence that we have carefully considered the timing of our reopening to ensure the Gallery spaces are safe and ready for visitors and prepared in line with museum standards and COVID-19 best practice regulations.'

Visitors to Geelong Gallery can enjoy *Collection leads: Kate Beynon—kindred spirits, Jacky Redgate—HOLD ON, Going public—portraits from the Colin Holden Collection and Resonance+Reflection—design ideas for an expanded Geelong Gallery* and the Gallery's permanent collection.

The Gallery opens daily from 10am to 5pm. There will be no tours or public programs.

Book your visit online today:
geelonggallery.org.au/covid-19

Bookings for Learn groups are being taken for Term 3 and Term 4. For further information please contact: info@geelonggallery.org.au.

Geelong Gallery will continue to monitor and be guided by the Victorian Government's health guidelines.

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