



## Arts Project Australia announces next exhibition *PLANT/LIFE* curated by Kirsty Grant

Opening 25 June 2022 at Arts Project Australia's Collingwood Yards gallery

**Plants are essential to life.**

**We respond to plants with all our senses.**

**We use them to symbolise our emotions, to mark significant occasions, as signifiers of place, strength and age.**

**We bring plants inside, transforming our domestic spaces into natural oases.**

**While plants are specific to particular geographic locations, they are also universal.**

A profusion of flowers, plants and trees, greenery and brilliant colour, *PLANT/LIFE* will bring together a group of eleven contemporary artists, including Arts Project Australia (APA) studio artists, who are inspired by the beauty and diversity of the natural world. From over-scaled sunflowers to soft-sculpture succulents, along with drawings, paintings and ceramics, this exhibition will present a celebration of the plant life that surrounds us.

**"In the context of our fast-paced and increasingly screen-based lives, the natural world provides something of an antidote, offering an environment that simultaneously provides calm and solace, as well as stimulating our senses", says curator Kirsty Grant.**

Exhibiting APA artists are Anthony Romagnano, Brigid Hanrahan, Chris O'Brien, Georgia Szmerling, Lygin Ang, Philip Truett, Robert Brown and Rosie O'Brien who will be joined by Emily Ferretti, Yvonne Kendall and Christopher Langton.

*PLANT/LIFE* will also feature a specially commissioned immersive wall painting by Georgia Szmerling, coupled with paintings by Emily Ferretti on the windows of APA's Collingwood Yards gallery. Gallery visitors will be able to view both works being created live on-site with pre-exhibition events taking place between 15-18 June 2022.

An opening celebration will be held Saturday 25 June, 2-4 pm with curator Kirsty Grant delivering an exhibition floor talk. This event will be fully accessible and Auslan interpreted.

**Previews and live painting:** 15 - 18 June 2022

**Opening celebration:** 2-4 pm Saturday 25 June 2022

**Exhibition dates:** 25 June - 14 August 2022

**Location:** Arts Project Australia, Level 1, Perry Street building  
Collingwood Yards, Johnson Street, Vic 3066

*Kirsty Grant is an independent Art Curator & Writer, having previously been Director of Heide Museum of Modern Art, and Senior Curator of Australian Art at the National Gallery of Victoria.*

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