



Modern Art Projects (MAP) is a social and cultural engagement program designed to explore the nexus of art and architecture via a broad inter disciplinary field.

MAP was set up by a group of mainly Blue Mountains based contemporary artists and continues to be run by artists and people interested in and dedicated to the promotion of and advocacy for the arts.

MAP co-ordinates programs in a broad range of cultural activities including a multiplicity of contemporary artistic practices, writings on art and culture and the archiving of local histories.

MAP has curated a series of public and private event-based curation of contemporary art placed in unique domestic architecture and grounds. These one-day only, "Art & Architecture" open house projects are made possible by owners generously opening private spaces for public engagement.

MAP is a not for profit incorporated association, established in 2013 by a small group of contemporary artists and curators and has rapidly grown into the premiere contemporary arts organisation in the Blue Mountains. MAP has partnered with other organisations both locally and internationally.

The Blue Mountains City of the Arts Trust Cultural Partnerships Program 2014/15/16 provides support to MAP matched by the generosity of the arts community in the spectacular region of the Blue Mountains.

MAP will proudly receive funding in 2017 from Arts NSW.



MAP has partnered with other organisations to present various exhibitions including Blue Mountains Cultural Centre - MAPSPACE and Varuna the Writers House - MAP: Wantanganura/Skyworld

MAP has exhibited a number international artists and has associations with Raygun Galley Toowoomba and NORTH gallery in North Sydney.

MAP has exhibited works by over 250 different artists from the Blue Mountains, Central West NSW, Western Sydney, Sydney, interstate and Internationally.

MAP Art + Architecture events held in private homes regularly attract over 200 visitors to each event. 8 of these events events have been held to date. The MAPSPACE exhibition attracted record numbers to the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre. Over 4000 individuals. The other projects in Varuna House, Woodford Academy and the Morman temple in Leura each were attended by over 200 people.

The West gallery space events averaged over 150 people on opening night with more than 100 people through on the open weekends.

Visitors have been of all ages, families and young people. At least 20% of the audiences would be people under the age of 18. A large proportion of people have come from other areas such as Sydney to view the exhibitions.



Late 2013

The first “unofficial” MAP event

Held at MAP founders Dr Billy Gruner and Sarah Keighery's Mid Century home in Faulconbridge, they announced the opening of their latest art initiative here in the Blue Mountains – Modern Art Projects (**MAP**).

Artists Susan Andrews (Sydney), Riki Mijling (Nederlands), Arpad Forgo (Hungary)

2nd Feb 2014

MAP Launch Kia Sulc House Open Day + Interregnum

Interregnum (meaning period between two governances).

Modern Art Projects (MAP) officially launched the open house and exhibition program, which explores the curation of contemporary art in unique domestic architecture and gardens. This was supported by the Blue Mountains City of the Arts Trust Cultural Partnerships Program 2014.

Guest Curator Lizzy Marshall (Blue Mountains based curator)

Artists Leahlani Johnson, Naomi Oliver, Honi Ryan, Nikki Walkerden.

Welcome to Country and traditional smoking ceremony was given by local Aboriginal artist Graham Davis King.



6th April 2014

MORTON HOUSE 'OPEN HOUSE' DAY + ECO SPIRIT, Woodford Blue Mountains

MAP presented a unique program of events that explored the curation of contemporary art in unique domestic architecture and gardens.

Guest curator and exhibiting artist Jacqueline Drinkall

Artists Alex Wisser, Ben Denham, Beata Geyer/James Culkin, Bim Morton, Fiona Davis, Georgie Pollard, Gianni Wise, John A Douglas, Locust Jones, Paul Greedy/Tom Ellard, Sarah-Jane Norma, Sarah Keighery, Vicky Browne

22nd June 2014

HAINES/HINTERDING – BLACK MODULAR (first edition) Lawson Blue Mountains

Modern Art Projects (MAP) presents BLACKMODULAR (first edition) in the house of artists David Haines and Joyce Hinterding
Curators David Haines and Joyce Hinterding

Artists A Constructed World, Claire Conroy, Ben Denham, Scott Donovan, Cherine Fahd, Richard Grayson, Stephen Jones, Martin Kirkwood, Maddie Leach, Clare Milledge, Michael Morley, Michael Myers, Kusum Normoyle, Raquel Ormella, Louise Palmer, Michael Petchkovsky, Julie Rrap, Kate Scardifield, Nathan Thompson, Suzanne Treister, Torben Tilly, Nikki Walkerden



6th July 2014

BEACHCOMBER OPEN DAY - HIDE & SEEK EXHIBITION

Curator Rilka Oakley

Artists Cigdem Aydemir, Cath Barcan, James Culkin & Beata Geyer, Anne Graham, Billy Gruner, Daniel Kojta, David Sudmalis.

Grand Opening of WEST Project Space Hazelbrook + KISS ME SWISS exhibition

WEST was a new artist run project space opened by MAP in a temporary space in Hazelbrook.

Curators Billy Gruner and Kyle Jenkins. Artists Daniel Göttin (Switzerland) - Wall work

BREAKING CONTROL media art exhibition.

Curator Nikki Walkerden

Artists Nina Ross, Jill Scott and Bryden Williams.

Guest curator Beata Geyer presenting A PRIVATE COLLECTION.

Artists Daniel Argyle, James Culkin, Sarah Breen Lovett, Lynne Eastaway, Jasper van der Graaf, Billy Gruner, Arjan Janssen, Pollyxenia Joannou, Victoria Munro, Jacky Redgate, Karen Schifano, Rolande Souliere, Nicola Staeglich, Masato Takasaka, Mark Titmarsh and Louise Tuckwell.



25th January 2015

JOALAH Rodd House, Mt Tomah + THE LOST HOUSE

Curator Anthony Bond OAM

Artists Yves Klein, Marina Abramovic, Julie Rrap, Derek Kreckler, Sarah Miller, Mike Parr, Jon Rose, Adrian Gaha, Alan Schacher, Claire Healy, Sean Cordeiro.

7th Feb - 1st March 2015

MOUNTAIN FOLK – A GEOMETRIC VIEW Everglades House and Garden Leura

Curator Billy Gruner

Artists theWOWsignal, Roger Foley-Fogg, Claire Healy & Sean Cordeiro, Vicky Browne, Locust Jones, Kyle Jenkins, Beata Geyer, Dan Kojta, Billy Gruner, Sarah Keighery, Tanja Bruckner, Nikki Walkerden, Sarah Breen Lovett.

21st February 2015

SOUND BITES # 19 SOUND BITES BODY WEST Project Space Hazelbrook

Curator WeiZen + Alan Schacher.

Artists Margaret Bradley (flute, percussion), Ryuichi Fujimura (dance), WeiZen Ho (sound-body-objects), Sawung Jabo (guitar, implements), Phillip Mills (movement), Alan Schacher (body, props), Clayton Thomas (double bass)



1st March 2015

ARTISTS IN DISCUSSION - WEST Project Space Hazelbrook

Discussion Fiona Davies (artist in residence at WEST project space) with Artist/Curator Beata Geyer and Artists Margret Roberts and Sue Callanan

FIONA DAVIES RESIDENCY

Fiona Davies in Residence at the WEST project space

This residency at West allowed Fiona Davies both to trial and to resolve the work Blood on Silk: Price taker, price maker, a work included in Cementa -15, Kandos NSW.

7th March 2015

UNFOLDED MAGENTA WORLD WEST Project Space Hazelbrook

INTERNATIONAL STUDIO RESIDENCY Wall work and object from Unfolded Painting-series by Peter Holm (DK),

EVER SINCE THE WORLD BEGAN

Curators and Artists Zeb Olsen and Nick Strike



MAGENTA

Curator Beata Geyer

Artists Louise Blyton, Sue Callanan, Adrian Clement, Fiona Davies, Beata Geyer, Shavaurn Hanson, Joel Lambeth, Tom Loveday, Ian Milliss, Tobias Richardson, Margaret Roberts, Hayley West, Caroline Wilde, Kayo Yokoyama

27 March 2015

WELCOME TO KANDOS WEST Project Space Hazelbrook

Documentary about Cementa13, Fran Tinley + Justin Hewitson. Q&A session with Alex Wisser

CONVICTION

Kandos born siblings The Williamsons: singer song-writer Matt Williamson and vocalist Miriam Williamson perform ballads from Matt's upcoming album Conviction.

18th April 2015

REFLEX SHADOW SCREEN - WEST Project Space Hazelbrook

REFLEX PROJECT

Artists Kyle Jenkins - Wall Painting #380 (Lies, Lies, All Lies)' 2015
David Brazil, EST ET NON, Greg Shapley, John Prendergast, Systaime



SHADOW WEAVE 2

Artists Jacqueline Spedding, Kayo Yokoyama, Ona Janzen, Sarah Breen Lovett.

HOME SCREEN/SCREEN HOME

Artists David Brazil, EST ET NON, Greg Shapley, John Prendergast, Systaime

25th April 2015

PORTAL TO K-TOWN at Copper Beech House Katoomba

Guest curators Claire Healy & Sean Cordeiro

Artists Damian Dillon, Mark Gerada, Claire Healy & Sean Cordeiro, Martin Kirkwood, Tobias Richardson, Joan Ross, Suzann Victor, Hayley West.

2nd May 2015

SOUNDBITES # 20 " SOUND BITES BODY 2 " WEST Project Space Hazelbrook

Curated by WeiZen Ho

Artists Ash Baker (deep industrial sound waves), Mayu Kanamori / Terumi Narushima (AWASE MISO performance) , WeiZen Ho (sound-body-objects), Linda Luke (dance), Zeb Olsen (electric guitar), Alan Schacher (body, props), Gary Warner (harmonograph)



30th May 2015

INTO COLOUR & LINE - WEST Project Space Hazelbrook

INTERNATIONAL RESIDENCY PROJECT - Abi Tariq (PK/FR)

MOUNTAIN TO MOUNTAIN EXCHANGE with RAYGUN GALLERY Towoomba

Colour & Line Are Not Lies

Artists Chris Packer (AUS), Dana Oldfather (US), Douglas Melini (US), Gilbert Hsiao (US), Jessica Snow (US), Justin Andrews (AUS), Kyle Jenkins (AUS), Matthew Deleget (US), Michael Zahn (US), Michelle Grabner (US), Simon Morris (NZ), Stephen Little (AUS), Tarn McLean (AUS), Thorger Steen Hansen (DK), Tiffany Shafran (AUS), Tilman (GER/US/FRA/ITA), Victoria Munro (NZ/US)

REFLEX WALL WORK - Matthew Deleget (US)

25th May – 24th August 2015

REDUCTIVE RESPONSE - COORAH Contemporary Art Gallery Wentworth Falls

Curates Billy Gruner and Beata Geyer

Artists Brad Allen-Waters, Vicky Brown, Fiona Davies, Jacqueline Drinkall, Roger Foley Fogg, Beata Geyer, Anne Graham, Billy Gruner, Peter Holm, Locust Jones, Sarah Keighery, Daniel Kojta, Fleur MacDonald, Georgina Pollard, Margaret Roberts, Abi Tariq, Miriam Williamson, Alex Wisser



11th July 2015

GOLD TO SPIN - WEST Project Space Hazelbrook
Reflex Collaboration Project

Artists Tarn Mclean, Graham Davis King, Sean O'keeffe And Talulah Vane, Kevin j wolfox Sheehan
Perfromance by Graham Davis King and Eric Avery

22nd August 2015

LIGHTNING SNAKES & PAINTING TOWN - WEST Project Space Hazelbrook

Artists Billy Gruner, Luba Bosch, Mark Titmarsh
Performances Lightning's Girl + Allen The Snake Man

14 - 31st October 2015

NORTH - WEST North Gallery North Sydney

Curator Billy Grunner

Artists Nick Strike, Mark Titmarsh, Billy Gruner, Sarah Keighery, Georgie Pollard, Alex Wissner, Tom Loveday, Fiona Davies , Andrew Leslie, Susie Idiens, Will Cooke, Miriam Williamson & Brad Allen-Waters, Kyle Jenkins, Dan Kojta, Ian Milliss, Vicky Brown, Eleanor McDonald, Caroline Wilde, Oliver Watts, Margaret Roberts, Jacqueline Spedding, Hayley West, Tobias Richardson, Locust Jones, Anne Graham, Fleur MacDonald, Claire Healy & Sean Cordiero, Kayo Yokohama, Keith Rowe, Roger Foley Fogg, Luba Bosch, Talulah Vane, Zeb Olsen, Gary Warner, Ingrid Van der Aa, Alex Thorby



21st November 2015

TRANSIT OF VENUS Woodford Academy

Presented with The Woodford Academy, commissioned by Modern Art Projects
Artists theWOWsignal - John Prendergast, Martin Palmer, Jerel Mani and Clint Avery.

14th February 2016

UPPER MOUNTAINS MODERN - 'Booroolong' House and 'Pinter' House

Featuring live performance avant guard experimental sound art group Espadrille (John Encarnacao, Joshua Isaac, Ryszard Dabek and Brendan Smyly)
Artists Locust Jones, Will Cooke, Sean O'Keeffe, Peter Holm (DK), Sydney Ball, John Nixon

12th March – 24th April 2016

MAPSPACE Blue Moutains Cultural Centre

Curator Billy Gruner

Artists Vicky Browne, Sean Cordeiro & Claire Healy, Roger Foley-FOGG, Beata Geyer, Anne Graham, Billy Gruner, Sarah Keighery, Daniel Kojta, Ian Milliss, Sean O'Keeffe, Kevin J Wolfox Sheehan, Alex Wisser and a curated video show reel of works by Sarah Breen Lovett, John A Douglas, Jacqueline Drinkall, EST ET NON, Sean O'Keeffe, Zeb Olsen, Jon Rose, Joan Ross, Jill Scott, Olga Solar, Nick Strike, Systaime, Abi Tariq, Mark Titmarsh, Talulah Vane, Nikki Walkerden, Bryden Williams & Gianni Wise. With performances by Alan Schacher and WeiZen Ho, Kevin J Wolfox Sheehan and the final Collective Monochrome by Billy Gruner.



30th April 2016

TEMPLE OF LIGHT – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Leura

A sound art performance presented by MAP featuring David Haines & Joyce Hinterding.

7th May 2016

REANIMATE - Wave Form Wave Function The Slab Hazelbrook

A local showing of new media works produced at SCA Rozelle by Michael Petchkovsky.

15th May 2016

MAP: Wantanganura/Skyworld VARUNA The National Writers House
Presented by MAP (Modern Art Projects) Blue Mountains and VARUNA as part of The Sydney Writers Festival 2016.

Curated by Wiradjuri and Ngilyampaa artist and activist Graham Davis King

Artists Thomas Brown, Aedenn Rowan



28th May 2016

A Futurist Dinner Dance Wentworth Falls

Producer: Miriam Williamson

Contributing artists

David Haines, Joyce Hinterding, Claire Healy, Sean Cordeiro, Nigel Helyer, Cecelia Cmielewski, Jason Gee, David Sudmalis, Alan Schacher, Solange Kershaw, Damian Castaldi, Brad Allen-Waters, Ian Andrews, John Prendergast, Fleur MacDonald, Anne Graham, Jon Drummond, Jaqueline Drinkall, Sarah Keighery & Billy Gruner