

# SPECIAL EDUCATION EVENT: *Our Hunter River*

NEWCASTLE  
ART GALLERY



Friday 4 November 2016

## LET'S BUILD OUR HUNTER RIVER!

This summer, Newcastle Art Gallery will present a major exhibition, *JOHN OLSEN: The City's Son*. To celebrate we invite students to participate in a unique art experience and recreate the Hunter River as a temporary art installation in Civic Park.

The Port of Newcastle is proudly supporting this unique event in celebration of our iconic Hunter River.

### ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

The Australian artist, John Olsen, OBE, AO, was born in Newcastle in 1928. Olsen considers himself a Novocastrian and in 2016 he returns home to curate an exhibition that captures the essence of his birthplace. *JOHN OLSEN: The City's Son*, features works personally chosen by the artist that reflect his affection

for Newcastle and the Hunter region's waterways; the beaches, harbour, lake, river and wetlands.

In Civic Park, students will recreate the Hunter River as a temporary art installation using a mixture of materials. A colourful, vibrant, immersive installation will be developed throughout the day.



John Olsen *Life Burst* 1964 acrylic on plaster on hardboard overall 146.4 x 641.0cm Gift of the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation 1976 Newcastle Art Gallery collection Courtesy the artist

### OUR HUNTER RIVER EVENT

Friday 4 November 2016 | 10.00am - 2.00pm  
Participants must attend the whole day.

**10.00am** Welcome                      **12.00pm** Lunch break  
**10.45am** Installation Activity      **1.00pm** Installation Activity

Cost: Free event. Book ASAP to secure your place.  
Lunch not included.

### BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Places are strictly limited to one class group per school. Submit your expression of interest form to secure a place or call 4974 5112 for more information. We are looking for class groups across a variety of primary and secondary schools in the Hunter and Newcastle region.

### WHAT WILL STUDENTS CREATE?

Class groups will build a temporary art installation of the Hunter River in Civic Park. The students will work in their class groups to create sections of the river from a mixture of art and found materials such as pebbles, paint, sand, cardboard and fabric.

### WHAT WILL STUDENTS NEED TO BRING?

All art equipment and aprons will be supplied. Students need to bring their Visual Art Diary, lunch, a bottle of water and snacks. We recommend hats, sunscreen and appropriate sun protection. Toilet facilities are located in Civic Park, accessible toilets are located inside the Gallery.

The *Our Hunter River* event will be facilitated by Gallery staff, volunteers and local artists who have experience running specialised art workshops for young people.

*JOHN OLSEN: The City's Son* is made possible by:



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# LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HUNTER RIVER

The evolution of the Hunter River stretches back millions of years.

Originally called Coal River by European explorers, the Hunter River winds through the lands of the Wonnarua, feeding into the home of the Awabakal clan of Muloobinba (Newcastle) who lived around the harbour and foreshores.

The Port of Newcastle, which runs from Kooragang and Carrington to Nobbys headland and Stockton has a rich 217 year history of commercial shipping. Coal remains its biggest cargo, alongside 24 other cargo types, including wheat, fertiliser, fuels and cruise ships.



## FUN FACTS ABOUT THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE

- 217 years of commercial shipping
- 2,167 ship visits in 2015
- 20 operational berths
- Main channel depth of 15.2 metres
- World's largest coal export port
- Awabakal people lived in the area and referred to Newcastle as Muloobinba (place of edible sea fern)
- Largest ship to enter the harbour was the *Celebrity Solstice* cruise ship at 317 metres in length!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE



Like many Novocastrians, I have a strong sense of connection to our working harbour and have a special interest in its continued development and growth.

An early memory that I have of visiting the Port as a kid is visiting Harrison's local fish & chip shop in Pacific Street Newcastle with friends after a day at Newcastle Beach,

wandering down to the Port to watch the ferry go back and forth to Stockton before catching the bus home.

Port of Newcastle is proud to partner with Newcastle Art Gallery as part of the *JOHN OLSEN: The City's Son* event. In presenting the *Our Hunter River* art experience for students, Port of Newcastle looks forward to engaging students in a celebration of our iconic Hunter River and its role in shaping the growth and prosperity of our region.

Geoff Crowe,  
CEO, **Port of Newcastle**  
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Port of Newcastle is developing an interactive education resource for teachers to access via the Port of Newcastle website. The Smart Board responsive tool will support teachers in explaining the features of the Port to their students, from the cargo handled at the shipping berths to interesting facts about the Port's operations. An email will be sent out to teachers when the Education site is live.

# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

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Teacher to complete form details.

As the teacher, I give permission for the students from \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the *OUR HUNTER RIVER* activity.

(Full name of School)

I understand that the event is free but participants must attend the all-day activity. I understand that an email will be sent to the teacher contact asap to confirm the class group has been selected to participate in the event. I understand that Gallery staff will be taking video & photos of the activity. Please contact the Gallery if you have any concerns.

Teacher signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City or Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

#### TEACHER CONTACT DETAILS

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (mobile preferred): \_\_\_\_\_

#### CLASS DETAILS

Number of students in class: (Class groups between 10-30 students only): \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Supervising adults: \_\_\_\_\_

(Suggested adult to school student ratio 1:5 Primary, 1:15 Secondary)

#### VISIT DETAILS

Do any of the participants have a disability or mobility access requirements? If yes, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

Special needs / comments / requirements (Please specify):

\_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the *OUR HUNTER RIVER* activity?

\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and return this form ASAP to ensure your class group is selected to participate in this event.

Mail to: Newcastle Art Gallery, PO Box 489, 1 Laman Street, Cooks Hill NSW 2300

Scan and email: [artgallerybookings@ncc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artgallerybookings@ncc.nsw.gov.au)

Questions? Call the Gallery Audience Team on 4974 5112