### NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY



Childrens'



29 November 2014 - 22 February 2015

Welcome to the exhibition:

# LIKE US

## PATRICIA PICCININI

This exhibition introduces us to an extraordinary and exciting world. It is a world that at first, began in someone's imagination.

That someone, is this person - she is the *artist*, and her name is *Patricia Piccinini*.



Patricia in her studio

Patricia knows that the first thing people will see in her exhibition is only how different her creatures are to us. But she wants us to think about how these creatures are more 'like us' than not

If you look, you will see *love* and *fondness* in this exhibition. You will see *kindness* and *care*.

Patricia uses her works of art to explore what it means to be alive in the present day. She thinks about things like animal extinction, or how technology might change us, or why society sometimes has very strong ideas about what we consider natural, and what we consider artificial.

She also draws on her experiences as a mother.

While you are visiting the exhibition, please remember that we must not touch the works of art - as much as we might want to! Patricia has made a sculpture about a young boy peering down and looking at you from very high up. Can you find the sculpture?

The title here: How many chairs you can count in the work?

the emotions that best describe how the two creatures feel for each other.

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The Lovers 2011

 $\& \hat{\mathbb{Q}} \hat{\mathbb{Q}}$  at this sculpture Bottom Feeder 2009.

Patricia has described this *Bottom Feeder* as 'beautiful'. What do you think?



About to forage for food! Act out the action.

🚰 📢 the work The Welcome Guest 2011.

The title of this work refers to greeting a visitor in a friendly way. Ask an adult how you should greet guests that visit your house.

Same greetings you would give to a welcome guest.

Buzz off!

Come in!

Go away!

Oh no!

Goodbye!

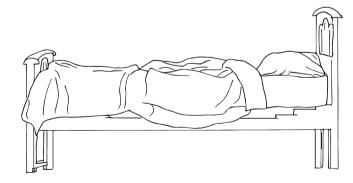
Howdy!

Who is it?



This bed is not meant to be neat and tidy.

DRAW yourself and your favourite animals jumping on the bed below.



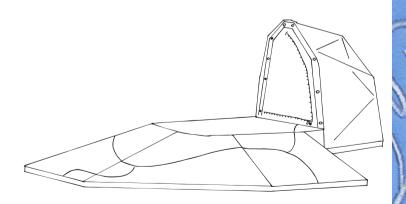
Logi state at this sculpture Nature's Little Helpers -Surrogate (for the Northern Hairy Nosed Wombat) 2004

Patricia has created a custom made tent for *The Surrogate* to raise her family in. It also helps to protect them from the weather and predators.



The Surrogate needs your help with a new design makeover for her family home.

the natural habitat surrounding her home. Then add your own pattern or design to decorate the tent.



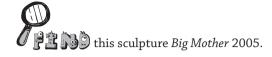




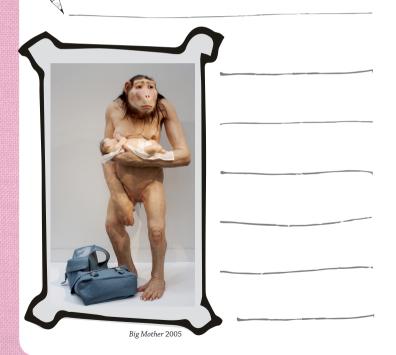


**BMDGB** yourself in this place with these two creatures. The human-like boy and his animal friend the *Bottom Feeder* are looking for something.

The an imaginative story about what you think they have been looking for.



If Big Mother could talk, what do you think she would say to you about being a mother?



The items that  $Big\ Mother$  might have packed in her baby bag.





☐ Wipes









□ Nappy









☐ Hot dog









Logo at this unusual sculpture *The Coup* 2012. What do you think is about to happen next?



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Parrot	Magpie
Emu	Wren

HINT: Read the wall text

the words that you might use to describe how a birds feather would feel.

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soft

silky

rough

smooth

the words that you might use to describe the sounds a bird makes.

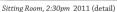
quackwoofchirpboingcuckoohootmooroartweetbaasquawksnap

**L**OO for these works of art in the exhibition; they all are made out of different mediums.



a line to match the correct art making medium.

















Meditations on the continuum of vitality (two chignons) 2014

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Heartbreaker 2002

#### Image credits:

The Observer 2010 silicone, fibreglass, steel, human hair, clothing, chairs 220.0 x 140.0 x 48.0cm

Patricia Piccinini in her Melbourne studio

Photography: Alli Oughtred

The Lovers 2011 fibreglass, automotive paint, leather, scooter parts 202.0 x 205.0 x 130.0 cm Roy and Marjory Edwards Bequest Fund with the assistance of Colin and Robyn Cowan through the Art Gallery of South Australia Foundation 2011. Art Gallery of South Australia collection

Bottom Feeder 2009 silicone, fibreglass, animal fur 54.0 x 42.0 x 40.0 cm Private collection

The Welcome Guest 2011 silicone, fibreglass, human hair, clothing, taxidermied peacocks dimensions variable Private collection Nature's Little Helpers - Surrogate (for the Northern Hairy nosed Wombat) 2004 silicone, fibreglass, leather, plywood, human hair 220.0 x 350.0 x350.0cm Purchased by Newcastle Region Art Gallery Foundation 2006 Newcastle Art Gallery collection

Swarm (Dauber wasp) 2014 britannia metal, felt 80.0 x 80.0 x 5.0cm Private collection

Street, 3.10am 2011 C-Type photograph 100.0cm x 160.0cm Private collection

Big Mother 2005 silicone, fibreglass, leather, human hair 173.0 x 103.0 x 78.0 cm Gift of S. Angelakis, John Ayers, Candy Bennett, Cherise Conrick, James Darling AM and Lesley Forwood, Rick Frolich, Frances Gerard, Patricia Grattan French, Stephanie Grose, Gryphon Partners Advisory, Janet Hayes, Klein Family Foundation, Edwina Lehmann, Ian Little, David and Hugo and Brooke Michell, Jane Michell, Paul Taliangis, Michael and Tracey Whiting and anonymous donors through the Art Gallery of South Australia Contemporary Collectors 2010 Art Gallery of South Australia collection

The Coup 2012 silicone, fibreglass, human hair, clothing, taxidermied parrot 116.0 x 60.0 x 55.0cm

Sitting Room, 2.30pm 2011 C-Type Photograph 100.0cm x 160.0cm Private collection

Heartbreaker 2002 fibreglass and automotive paint 95.0 x 70.0 x 70.0cm Purchased 2002 Newcastle Art Gallery collection

Tender 2014 HD 1080p, stereo Production still from video Artist collection

Meditations on the continuum of vitality (two chignons) 2014 ink and gouache on paper 56.0 x 76.0 cm Artist collection

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