

Skywhales Across Australia
Sun 9 Aug

Wake before dawn and experience something truly extraordinary as Patricia Piccinini's monumental Skywhale and Skywhalepapa rise above the Riverland skyline for a magical sunrise event in Loxton.

Join the community at The Precinct, Loxton Oval on Sunday 9 August, inflating from 5.30am as the beloved hot air balloon sculptures slowly inflate and, weather permitting, take flight across the morning sky. Presented by the National Gallery of Australia, Skywhales Across Australia invites communities to pause, look up and share a moment of wonder, imagination and connection.

Whether soaring freely above the Riverland or tethered on-site, the skywhales promise a breathtaking visual spectacle unlike anything seen before in the region. Audiences will be immersed in the excitement of the early morning launch as the giant sculptures come to life against the sunrise backdrop.

The free community event will feature a Welcome to Country, a special performance of the Skywhales Song by local school choirs, coffee and refreshments available from Little Miss Daisy, and interactive experiences linking visitors to the wider festivities taking place throughout Loxton.

For those wanting to elevate the experience, guests can also enjoy a VIP Breakfast at The Precinct. Overlooking the launch site from exclusive balcony seating, the breakfast includes front-row viewing of the balloon spectacle, a delicious breakfast buffet, tea and coffee, and a relaxed atmosphere to soak in the magic of the morning.

Following the launch, visitors are encouraged to continue the celebration throughout Loxton, with creative activities, arts experiences and community activations unfolding on East Terrace as part of the Arts on Terrace festivities.

Please note: balloon activity is weather dependent. In the event of unsuitable conditions, the launch may be tethered or postponed.

Head to <https://www.exhibitingloxtonwaikerie.com/> or scan the QR code below to register your attendance for free, stay in the loop with weather updates or event changes, and purchase tickets to the VIP Breakfast.

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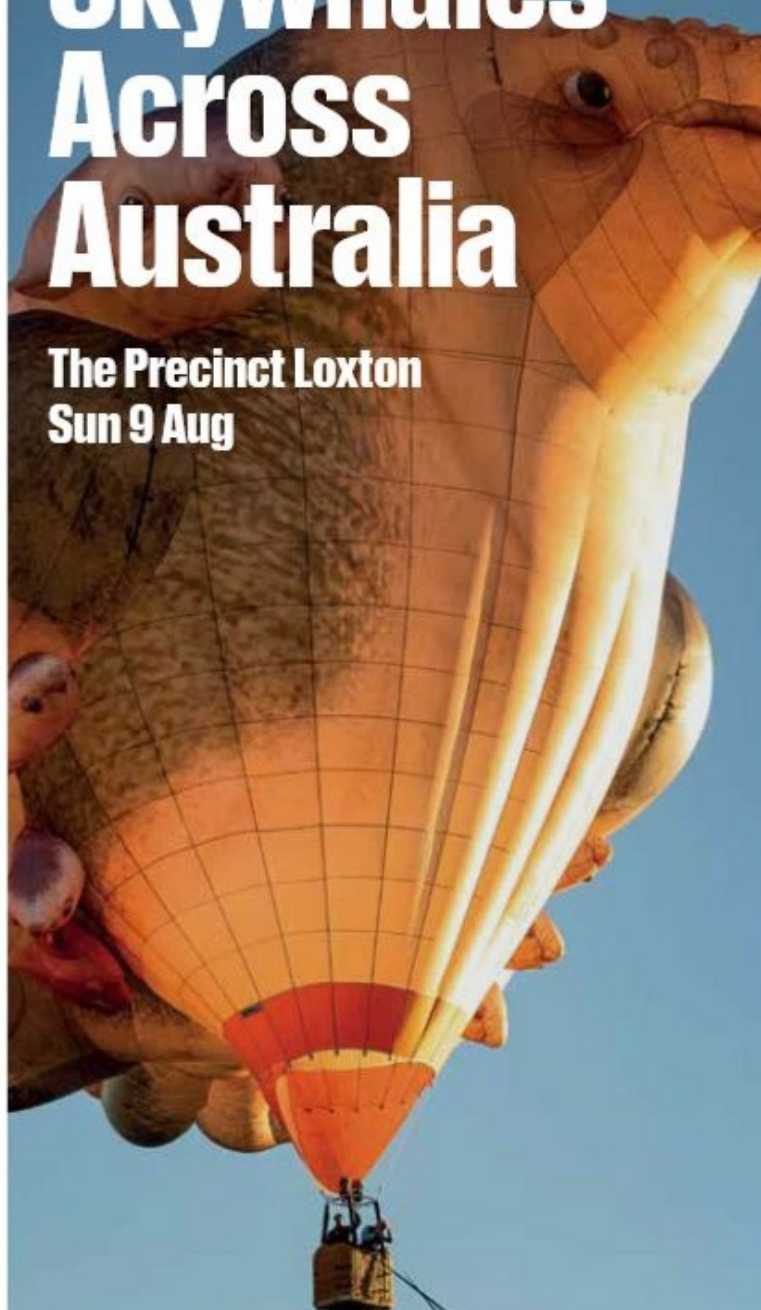


Patricia Piccinini, Skywhale, 2013, National Gallery of Australia, Kamberrt/Canberra,
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NATIONAL GALLERY ON TOUR

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The Precinct Loxton
Sun 9 Aug



The Sky's the Limit!

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ON TERRACE

Art comes alive in Loxton this August. Explore our month-long Art Trail where local businesses become a progressive gallery of talented local artists. Then join us for Arts on Terrace, a special day celebrating creativity, imagination and community.

- Creative Workshops
- Fun and Free activities
- Self-guided Art Trail
- Live performances and more!

Sunday
9th August 2026
8am - 1pm

Shops Open for
Sunday Trading!

Scan here for full event
details and all bookings!



CREATIVE WORKSHOPS - Sunday 9th August from 9am

Spaces Limited - Bookings Essential (No art experience necessary. All materials provided.)



Discover creativity in unexpected places as local businesses in Loxton transform into a progressive gallery. Follow the self-guided Art Trail and explore the work of talented local artists while enjoying the unique shops, cafés and businesses that make our town so special.

No. on East Tce	Business Name	Artist
1	Riverland Motor Group	Jarrod Loxton
2a	It Feels Like Home	Toni Schwarz
7	Loxton Pizza Bar	Ruby Altschwager
8	(formerly) Frankie & Dandelion	Lissa Selga, One Small Giraffe
12	Loxton Newsagency	Montanah Monychol
13	Vaughans Shoe & Sewing	Karl Raams
18	Country Proud Clothing	Yvette Frahn
24	Our Fifth Season	Jo Greathead
25	GIA Insurance Brokers	Elly Gregoric
26	East Tce Trading	Kate Simes
29	Loxton Library & Visitor Centre	Loxton High School
31	The Collective Loxton	Michelle Gray
32	The Country Bakehouse	Katherine Demchenko
34	Scarfe's Electronics	Rhonda Smith
36	Good Day Studio	Caper
37	GLOW Hair & Makeup by Rochelle	Young Artists of Tuesday Art Club
42	Heirloom Loxton	Sherrin Koch
45	Loxton Hotel	Lyn Anstey
50A	Studio Gracie	Julie Noble

ALSO ON THE ART TRAIL...
 Loxton Business Hub, on the roundabout - Kerry Servin Exhibition: The Third Chapter... My Season of Dragonflies
 Loxton Parish Hall Gallery, 11 Edward Street - Various Local Artists

Creatures of the Sky with Kerry Servin

Let your imagination take full flight in this fun, hands-on workshop creating sky creatures, floating worlds or colourful hot air balloon scenes using multimedia collage on cardboard.

Perfect for kids, families & all creative minds.
 Venue: Loxton Business Hub, on the roundabout
 Time: 2 sessions: 9am – 11am and 11am – 1pm
 Cost: \$20 per person
 Bookings preferred.
 Drop-ins welcome, based on availability.



The Sky's the Limit - Kite Decorating

Decorate your own kite in this colourful, hands-on workshop celebrating imagination, movement and the timeless joy of flying a kite. Drop in between 9am-1pm and stay as long as needed to complete your kite.

Venue: Marquee behind the 'Loxton' sign, East Tce median strip.
 Time: 9am – 1pm
 Cost: \$10 per person
 Bookings preferred.
 Drop-ins welcome, based on availability.



Skywhales on Canvas with Lyn Anstey

Bring a Skywhale artwork to life on canvas in this relaxed, guided acrylic painting workshop. Suitable for all skill levels, create a masterpiece to take home.

Venue: Loxton Hotel, 45 East Tce
 Time: 2 sessions: 9am – 11am & 11.30am – 1.30pm
 Cost: \$55 per person
 Age: 16+
 Bookings essential.



Up, Up and Create – Hot Air Balloons

Design your own hot air balloon by transforming a paper lantern into a unique floating creation, inspired by Skywhales. A creative workshop for makers of all ages.

Venue: Vaughans Shoe & Sewing Centre, 13 East Terrace
 Time: 9am – 1pm
 Cost: FREE
 No bookings required.



Clay Creations with Erin Harrald

Explore texture, shape and creativity in this clay sculpture workshop. Create a unique sculpture using imprinted patterns and painted finishes, to take home your own special piece.

Venue: 42 East Terrace (formerly Toyrific Toyz)
 Time: 2 sessions: 9am – 11am and 11am – 1pm
 Cost: \$20 per person
 Age: 12+
 Bookings essential.



World of Creatures with Ramble Arts

Help create a collaborative world of creatures, characters and monsters! Design your own curious creation and add it to a large evolving mural where all creatures interact together. Suitable for kids, families and all quirky creatives.

Venue: 8 East Terrace (formerly Frankie & Dandelion)
 Time: 9am – 1pm
 Cost: FREE
 No bookings required.

Full details and bookings



SPECIAL EXPERIENCE

Thank you to our sponsors who have made this event possible:

Whale Trail

After the Skywhales take to the skies, the adventure continues on the ground! Join the Whale Trail for a fun, interactive journey from the oval to East Terrace. Put on silent disco headsets and follow along with music, movement and guided activities through Loxton.

Venue: Loxton Oval, The Precinct to East Terrace
 Time: 7.30am – 8am
 Cost: FREE
 Bookings required.

