

MAY NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Solving Cryptic Puzzles

Ever wanted to understand the intricacies and mysteries of solving cryptic puzzles?

Here's your chance – with an interactive session on Saturday May 31st with writer, dictionary expert, crossword creator and radio host David Astle.

David will host a 75-minute session explaining the eight basic formulas of cryptic clues and helping participants solve a puzzle. There will be plenty of opportunities for participants to ask questions.

Details

Saturday 31st May

From 3pm

Free for members and non-members

Book [here](#).



Thanks to our Volunteers

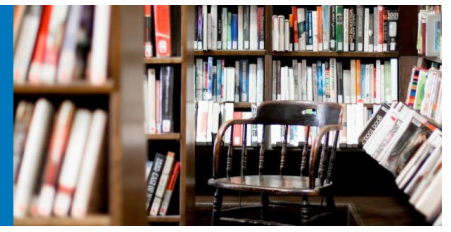
In the month when we celebrate National Volunteer Week we thank our tireless group of volunteers who help keep the library running smoothly – Perry Anderson, Lea Beranek, Sam Booth, Sarah Brown, Heather Cook, Rhonda Crandle, Norma Gates, Lynne Johnston, Pat Miller, Susan Munro, Dallas Semmens and Elizabeth van Herk.

We are immensely grateful for their dedication to the library and our members.

We also thank long-time library member Alexis Hughes who is volunteering in the archives.

Pictured are some of our wonderful volunteers: Lea, Lynne, Norma and Pat.





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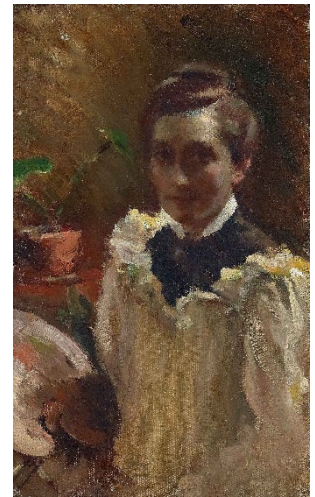
Pioneering Artist's Athenaeum Links

A new website on artist Josephine Muntz Adams explores her pioneering career and her links with the Melbourne Athenaeum Art Gallery.

Initially trained at the National Gallery Art School in Melbourne and then travelling to Europe to further her art training, Josephine Muntz Adams held a major retrospective exhibition at the Athenaeum in 1943.

The website, *Josephine Muntz Adams, the Art and Legacy of an Australian Pioneer 1862-1949*, was produced by the artist's great-great-nephew and can be found [here](#).

The website celebrates her significant contribution to Australian art and includes a blog dedicated to her exhibition of more than 90 works at the Athenaeum Art Gallery.



The pictured painting is: Josephine Muntz Adams, Self Portrait, c. 1896, oil on canvas, 31 x 24cm, image courtesy of www.josephinemuntzadams.art

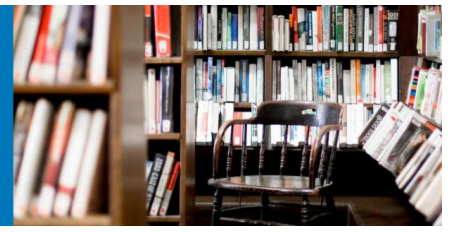
NGV Acquires Marco Luccio Works

Congratulations to international, award-winning artist Marco Luccio (pictured), who worked from the library throughout 2024.

Two of Marco's works, *Spencer Street Station* and *Notions of time and space*, have recently been acquired by the National Gallery of Victoria.

Marco has held 50 solo exhibitions and his work is represented in 42 public and corporate collections, including the New York Public Library, the National Gallery of Australia and the Museum of the City of New York. He has had a studio in New York's Chrysler building for over 10 years and regularly returns to Manhattan to create new work and exhibit.





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Upcoming Events

More details will follow in our upcoming eNews bulletins but some dates to add to your diaries are:

- Friday 20th June, Sally Ford and the Idiomatics
- Friday 27th June, Tanya-Lee Davies
- Friday 4th July, Gryphon Baryton Trio (pictured)
- Monday 28th July – Thursday 31st July – numerous Rare Book Week events
- Friday 1st August, Xani Kolac (contemporary music).



The Melbourne Writers Festival will run from May 8 to 11 with events across Melbourne (including at the Athenæum Theatre). For the full program visit the MWF [website](#).



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