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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Subject:** **JAM-PACKED JULY: MURRAY BRIDGE AWASH WITH ARTS**  
Murray Bridge Regional Gallery

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July is jam-packed at Murray Bridge Regional Gallery, with surprising experiences and fun activities for everyone!

### **FREE EXHIBITIONS OPEN LATE:**

Murray Bridge Regional Gallery will be open late to 9pm every Friday and Saturday for two weeks only, from 15 to 31 July.

**LACUNAE** is an interactive projection and sound artwork not to be missed! Tasmanian tech-art collective Soma Lumia's vibrant video projection draws imagery from local surrounds, with music tracks composed by local sound artist Jesse Budel.

Gallery Director, Fulvia Mantelli, said that the installation will connect people in real-time via live-feed across Murray Bridge Regional Gallery, SA Museum in Adelaide and Walkway Gallery in Bordertown.

"We are thrilled to make Murray Bridge a part of the amazing Illuminate Adelaide's *City Lights* program" she said. "This multi-sensory installation will virtually bring together audiences in three distant locations, to share their silhouettes while their dance moves trigger changes in the images and music. It's going to be great fun!"

**Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year 2021** is showing at the same time in the centre gallery. Ms Mantelli said: "This South Australian Museum exhibition presents stunning highlights from the natural worlds of Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica and New Guinea, by photographers from all over the globe."

### **PUBLIC INSTALLATION**

A canopy of colourful umbrellas are gently swaying overhead in front of Murray Bridge Regional Gallery, to coincide with the open access live music *Umbrella Festival* currently in full swing in Adelaide.

Popping up occasionally all over the country and the globe, suspended umbrella installations are always a treat to come across! This one is up all through July and was made possible with support from Music SA.

## WORKSHOPS:

**ART + PLACE** on Saturday 23 July is the first in a series of three workshops for regional creatives working across a range of mediums.

This rare professional development opportunity will be led by seasoned artists. Paul Gazzola is also Director of Open Space Contemporary Art (OSCA), and Tom Borgas is well known nationally for his striking public art.

Murray Bridge Public Art Officer, Tegan Hale, said that participants will be invited to be part of a temporary public art outcome at *Sixth Street MAKERS MARKET* in November 2022.

"Try just one or do them all! These workshops will be a great opportunity to explore meaningful ways to create art for everyday places", she said.

Kids will love Zinia King's **Watercolour Monster Mash** school holidays workshop on Tuesday 19 July, where they will learn the basics of watercolours, while they stretch their creative muscles!

Taking elements from many different animals and 'mashing' them together, kids will invent their very own crazy creatures. This is a super fun workshop, great for inspiring creativity and expanding the imagination!

**For more information about any of these events, or to book a workshop**, visit the gallery's website: [www.murraybridgegallery.com.au](http://www.murraybridgegallery.com.au) or contact Arts Officer Michelle Dohnt on 08 8539 1421 or [m.dohnt@murraybridge.sa.gov.au](mailto:m.dohnt@murraybridge.sa.gov.au)

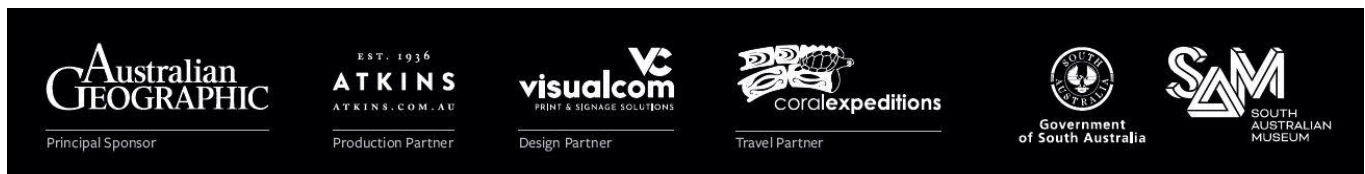
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**LACUNAE** is presented by the South Australian Museum, Adelaide, together with Murray Bridge Regional Gallery and the Walkway Gallery, Bordertown, and supported by Inspiring South Australia and the Tasmanian Government. Soma Lumia is assisted through Arts Tasmania.



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The **Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year** competition is produced by the South Australian Museum.



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**ART + PLACE** is co-presented by Rural City of Murray Bridge and Open Space Contemporary Arts (OSCA), and supported by Arts South Australia.

