

Powerful plastics

A school holiday workshop program

The Gallery in collaboration with Council's Waste Department
inspire a new life for your plastic waste



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'Plastic in the
house'.

Meet our Gallery 2 artists, Kim Williams and Lucas Ihlein

Kim Williams and Lucas Ihlein are artists from the Wollongong/Illawarra region who sometimes make art together. Their exhibition in Gallery 2 is a continuation of a project commissioned for the plastic-free Sydney Biennale in 2020. Their work is all about navigating the useful and dangerous aspects of plastic. They have four works on display in Gallery 2:

- 'Plastic in the house' 3 min video of a playful song about plastics found in the home written by Kim Williams and performed by Kim, Lucas Ihlein and a bunch of great kids.
- 'Household plastic inventory' a list of a whole lot of common plastic items...it's a long one!
- 'By accident, by design', text based lithograph (print) that considers key moments in plastic history with some cool red illustrations.
- Wall based sculptural installation in a square format made of a multitude of common plastic bits and pieces.



Single use plastics and why it all matters...

Meet Hannah Cotton

Hannah is Waste Education & Projects Officer for Goulburn Mulwaree Council. With a passion for the environment and all things sustainability, her goal is to make recycling and reducing waste as fun and simple as possible for the Goulburn community and beyond. With extensive experience working on environmental projects with schools and community groups, Hannah leads our next generation in advocating for our environment by making small (and sometimes big) changes to our everyday lives.



Hannah says...

Single-use plastics are items which are made from plastic and designed to be used once and then thrown away.

When we're done with these items, some of them, like plastic water bottles, are able to be recycled by putting them into your yellow bin. Recycling is a great way to give these items a second chance at life.

Soft, scrunchy plastics like plastic bags, are not able to go in the yellow bin. They often end up in the red bin which goes to landfill and end up polluting our environment.

A single plastic bag can fall apart into millions of tiny plastic pieces, so small that you can't even see them. These microplastics are very harmful to us and our environment.

The best thing that we can all do is to avoid these items as much as possible. Reusable shopping bags and a refillable water bottle are better choices. Something else that you can do is repurpose the items you have and turn them into something new, like an artwork.

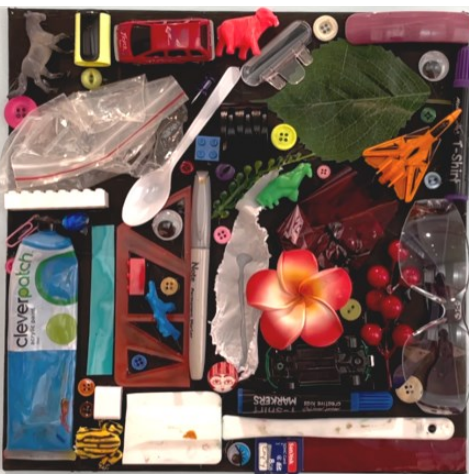


Make a difference and create...

Let's create!

Take a look around your home for some plastic items. You may also need:

Paint	Tape
Markers	Board
Glue	Varnish
Scissors	Primer



Convert your plastics into art

Spend some time with each of your plastic items and consider its shape, size, colour and intended use in exploring its potential as an art object. Here are some ideas we used in transforming plastic items into art:

1. Inspired by the work of our Gallery 2 artists, glue a bunch of brightly coloured plastic items onto a canvas board or like.
2. Create a sculpture of an animal using scissors, tape and coloured permanent markers. The see-through plastics were great for butterfly wings!
3. Transform a yoghurt container into a pen holder or planter. We primed ours before painting but you could try mixing PVA glue into your paint. Seal with a varnish for a longer life.



Well done on your finished masterpiece!

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