

EXPERIENCE RIVERSDALE AT NIGHT, UNDER THE STARS, THROUGH CLOSE ENCOUNTERS AND CELESTIAL DIALOGUE

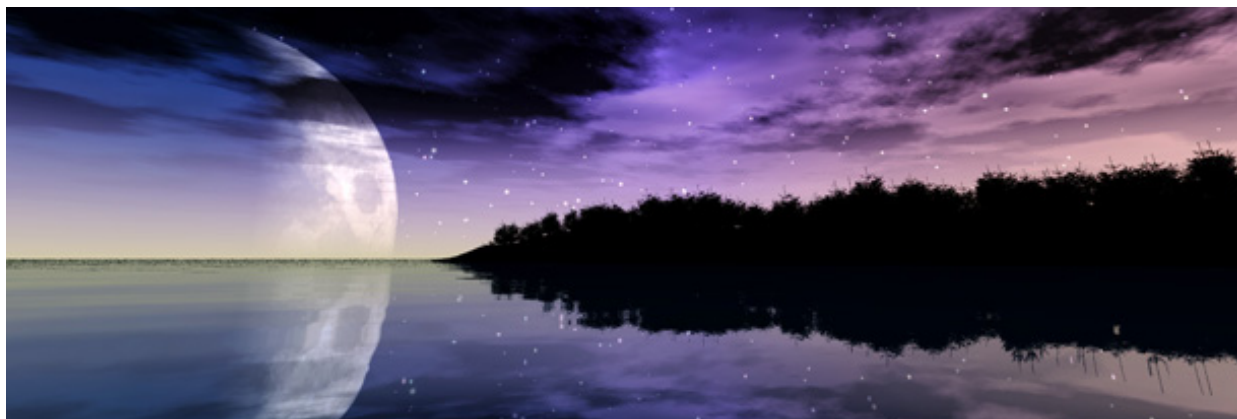
Now in its fifth year, **SITEWORKS** will become **NITEWORKS** as it turns its attention to the evening sky for an all-night celebration of the dark. Think astronomy, star gazing, campfires, moon cycles, nocturnal animals, Indigenous cosmology and UFOs.

Over the next two months we will reveal key elements of the programming to our Siteworks Associates and Bundanon e-news insiders. For this first edition we will be focusing on some of the artists commissions. As in previous years, SITEWORKS presents artists with the opportunity to create site-specific artworks- this year with the additional challenge of being created especially to be appreciated at night. There are some spectacular and interactive things planned to bring the Riversdale property to life.

Astronomy

Australia is one of the best places in the world to watch the night sky.

Lounge on the banks of the Shoalhaven River and explore the Milky Way – the galaxy we are part of – which spreads overhead like a another river, white, twinkling against an inky void. Scientists from the Anglo Australian Observatory will take you on an informed journey to space, explaining the stars and celestial objects above and answering your questions. More detailed sessions will engage with emerging galaxies, planets and phenomenon.



Star Gazing

Local nightsky specialists The Shoalhaven Astronomers will bring along their telescopes to provide opportunities to see planets and deep sky objects normally too difficult to see from our brightly lit cities.

On the 12 October we have some great star gazing conditions with the sun setting at 7.06pm and a quarter moon!

SITEWORKS brings artists, scientists and scholars to respond to the Bundanon property through the lens of their specific discipline and share their findings with the community.



Artists David Haines and Joyce Hinterding will present an experimental live set focused on “natural” VLF transmissions which allows us to listen to the sun and the background noise of the Milky Way.



University of Wollongong's Ben Gallen and Leah Gibbs will bring into conversation our everyday experiences of day and night to explore the discord or disjuncture of day-time and night-time sounds, and experiences in urban and rural spaces.



Nancy Mauro-Flude and Linda Dement offer the proposition that the light we see in the night sky connects the recent deaths of musicians Ari Up of The Slits (October 2010), Poly Styrene of X-Ray Specs (April 2011) and Chrissy Amphlett of the Divinyls (April 2013) and offers us the opportunity to ‘connect’ with them on the night.



Celestial Radio, a yacht covered with 60,000 mirrored tiles will sparkle from the Shoalhaven River and broadcast a soundscape by British artists Zoe Walker and Neil Bromwich.

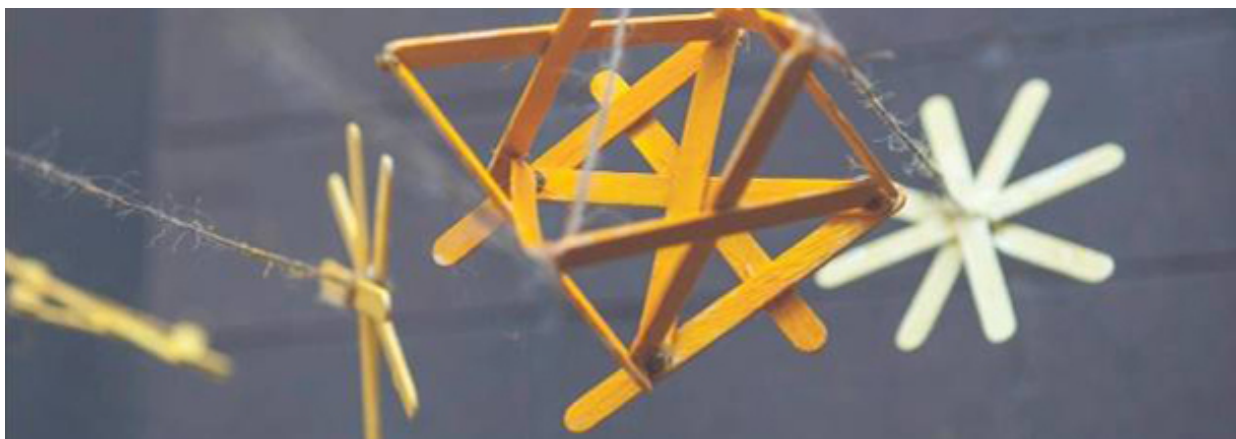


Jacqueline Drinkall's large-scale sculptural work Weatherman UFOlogy. A close encounter at Riversdale.



Artist Diego Bonetto and performer Caterina Mocchiola will be leading a Moonwalking experience. This journey through the Riversdale landscape will explore the influence of the moon in our lives through interactive performance and dance.

For big and little kids



Gaze at the stars, make a lantern, create your own sculptural masterpiece, meet an astronomer, meet nocturnal animals, hear stories about the night sky or experience a close encounter of the third kind!

Event Details

Accommodation - sleep under the stars!

Extend your celestial experience by camping onsite at Riversdale. This first-time public camping opportunity will create a fantastic festival-like atmosphere.

SITWORKS Associates and Bundanon e-news insiders will be given first option on the limited camping sites. Get in early and [click here](#) to book your site at \$25 per tent. NITWORKS participants will also need to book but are entitled to free camping. Please note that showering facilities will not be available and cooking is prohibited onsite (imagine you are an astronaut!). The

views however will be spectacular and the atmosphere very special with some surprises for those that stay up late!

Food

The South Coast's famous regional produce will again feature with delicious food served throughout the evening delivered by local outlets. Breakfast will also be available for those staying over.

Program Updates

Please check in with the **SITEWORKS mini-site** for program updates. Next month's e-news will profile the Scientists and Scholars that will be presenting at NITEWORKS on **12 October 2013**.

Call for Volunteer Space Cadets

The Bundanon Trust needs volunteers to assist with NITEWORKS 2013. If you are interested in assisting with staging and tech set-up, artwork installation and visitor experience please contact the Arts Program team on 4222 2100 or programs@bundanon.com.au



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