

Deaf community invited to explore the art and history of the Tweed *Free Auslan-interpreted Tour at Tweed Regional Museum and Tweed Regional Gallery*

Tweed Regional Museum and Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre in Murwillumbah are holding a free Auslan-interpreted tour for our Deaf and hearing-impaired community.

The event is on Saturday 14 September, ahead of the National Week of Deaf People (21-27 September).

The tour will introduce local history and collection highlights at the Museum in the morning and then meet again in the afternoon to tour the Gallery to gain insight into the Margaret Olley Art Centre and the Gallery's current exhibitions.

It's just one way that Tweed Shire Council is ensuring equal opportunities for people with a disability by making sure they have fair access to Council and community programs, services and resources.

Museum Director Judy Kean said the new exhibition *Sea Stories* has just opened at the Museum.

"It showcases a selection of objects from the Museum's collection which tell a wide variety of stories about human relationships with the ocean through themes as varied as discovery, survival, adventure and fun," Ms Kean said.

"It also features some rare items loaned by the community such as the bell from the *Alberta*, which sunk off the Tweed Coast in 1890, and sawfish rostrums, alongside vintage film footage."

Gallery Education Officer Jodi Ferrari said the upcoming Auslan-interpreted tour would focus on new exhibitions on display.

"Visitors can gain insights into exhibitions by artists Tamsin Ainslie, Leora Sibony, Kate Rohde and Marian Drew, as well as the prestigious selection for this year's Olive Cotton Award for Photographic Portraiture," Ms Ferrari said.

"This is also a chance to explore the wonderful story of art and friendship behind the exhibition *A Shared Obsession: Margaret Olley & Fred Jessup*.

"Our deaf and hearing-impaired visitors can also experience an exciting new contemporary art exhibition simply titled *Love* that is guaranteed to generate some discussion following the tour."

The tour will be held on Saturday 14 September 2019 and will kick off at Tweed Regional Museum from 10am to 11am and continue on at the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

The tours are free and bookings are recommended. To book, contact call or text (02) 6670 2493 or visit auslantour.eventbrite.com.au

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