

EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
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SKYWHALES COME TO GOULBURN: GOULBURN REGIONAL ART GALLERY HOSTS PATRICIA PICCININI'S 'SKYWHALE' AND 'SKYWHALE PAPA' IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF AUSTRALIA

Goulburn Regional Art Gallery is proud to announce that it will be hosting a **launch of Patricia Piccinini's *Skywhalepapa* and *Skywhale*** – two monumental sculptures in the form of hot air balloons – at **Seiffert Oval, Goulburn on Saturday 30 November 2024**.

As part of a National Gallery touring event *Skywhales Across Australia* will be launched in Goulburn. Join us for this once in a lifetime community event, with gates open to attendees from 4am, the event includes the balloons' momentous inflation, and the launch will occur simultaneously with the rising sun. Concluding at 7am, the balloons will be brought back to the ground, with special hands-on programs for kids and families to follow at the Gallery.

Internationally renowned Australian artist Patricia Piccinini believes *Skywhales Across Australia* is not only two spectacular sculptures but a performance piece:

"I imagine visitors assembling to watch *Skywhalepapa* coming to life, with a single skywhale figure we have a character, but with the two we have a relationship, and a narrative." – Patricia Piccinini, artist

As the Skywhales float across the dawn skies, Piccinini calls on communities to engage with them creatively. Make a morning of it, prepare a picnic, watch in awe, and sing along in wonder as the Skywhale family takes flight.

"This is an incredibly exciting and ambitious event for the Gallery, and a wonderful way to cap off the artistic program for 2024. Patricia Piccinini is one of Australia's best known artists and we are thrilled to host the iconic *Skywhales* in Goulburn". – Yvette Dal Pozzo, Director, Goulburn Regional Art Gallery

Skywhales Across Australia is a National Gallery Touring Event, supported by the Australian Government through [Visions of Australia](#) and the [National Collecting Institutions Touring Outreach Program](#).

Skywhales is the third instalment of [The Balnaves Contemporary Series](#) and is a [Know My Name](#) project.

Free ticket bookings for the event are essential, follow the link to reserve your place [here](#)

Further information will be made available for residents living in proximity to Seiffert Oval in the coming weeks.

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