



Planning your group visit to the Counihan Gallery

About the Counihan Gallery

The Counihan Gallery is the public gallery for Merri-bek City Council.

We opened in 1999 and are named after Noel Counihan, an artist and activist who fought for social justice issues and the right to free speech.

Our contemporary exhibition program reflects our commitment to political activation, sustainability and creative expression.

We also champion local artists through our exhibition program and our public Merri-bek Art Collection.

Cost

All exhibitions and education programs at the Counihan Gallery are free.

Expectations

- Groups of students under the age of 18 must be supervised by their education/care provider
- Please do not consume food or drink in the exhibition spaces (food and drink can be consumed in the Brunswick Town Hall foyer)
- Please do not run in the Gallery
- Please be considerate of other visitors while visiting us

Merri-bek Language Link

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Ελληνικά	Greek	9280 1912	Tiếng Việt	Vietnamese	9280 1915
عربي	Arabic	9280 1913	पंजाबी	Nepali	9280 0751

Getting here

Our address

233 Sydney Road Brunswick VIC 3056.

The Counihan Gallery is located inside the Brunswick Town Hall, on the corner of Sydney Road and Dawson Street.

Tram

Route 19 stops outside the Gallery at the Dawson Street and Sydney Road intersection (Stop 21).

Train

Jewell and Brunswick Stations on the Upfield train line are a 5-minute walk.

Bus

Routes 504, 506, 508 and 509 have stops on nearby streets off Sydney Road.

普通话 Chinese (Simplified) 9280 0750

National Relay Service:

13 36 77 or relayservice.com.au

Frequently asked questions

Can we use a visual diary at the Gallery?

We welcome the use of visual diaries at the Counihan Gallery!

However, if using a visual diary, we appreciate students using pencil (grey lead or colour) only.

Can we take photos?

You are welcome to take photos of the exhibitions unless otherwise signed. However, please note:

- If you intend to reproduce images of the exhibition for publication, you must request permission from us in writing. We will seek reproduction permission from the exhibiting artists on your behalf
- You are not required to seek permission to include photographs from the exhibition in school assignments that will not be published
- For copyright reasons, it is preferred that each photograph include multiple artworks

Can we touch the artworks?

Please do not touch the artworks unless encouraged to do so by our staff or signage.

Do you have a cloak room?

We are a small gallery and we do not have cloaking facilities.

For groups under 10, we can keep bags behind the reception counter, however we take no responsibility for loss of possessions.

For groups over 10, we recommend students travel light and only bring their essentials. Students can temporarily leave their bags in the Brunswick Town Hall foyer providing they are not left unattended and do not block egress.

Is there somewhere nearby we can eat our lunch?

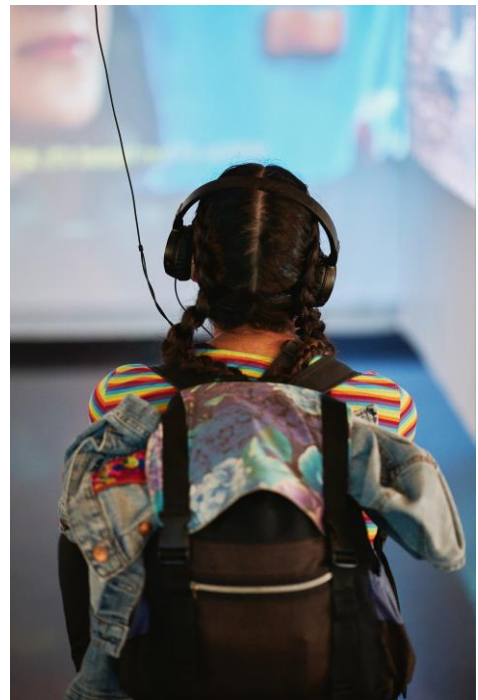
There is a small public park at the rear of the Gallery on Saxon Street, which is suitable for small groups.

In the event of poor weather, small groups can eat in the Brunswick Town Hall foyer, however there is limited seating. Please be considerate of residents, who use this space to speak with Council Customer Service representatives.

We'd like to make the most of our trip – can you recommend any galleries nearby?

Yes! There are several local galleries nearby, listed below. These galleries are free to enter. We recommend you check their websites to see if they are suitable for your group and to note their booking information.

- Beinart Gallery
- TCB Presents
- Correspondences
- Negative Press



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Do you have toilet facilities?

Yes, we have public toilet facilities. Our toilets are within the Brunswick Town Hall. We have male, female and unisex toilets. We also have accessible toilets that include baby change facilities.

We can't find the Gallery – where are you?

Our Gallery can be tricky to find because we are located inside the Brunswick Town Hall.

To find us, head to the corner of Sydney Road and Dawson Street and look for the Town Hall entrance. Once inside the Town Hall, our Gallery entrance is to the left of the Council Customer Service reception area.

Are you accessible?

We are actively working towards removing physical and perceived access barriers.

The Gallery has:

- Wheelchair access in all of its gallery spaces and public toilets
- Accessible and unisex toilets (including baby change facilities)
- Exhibition seating (with more seating available on request)
- Information on our exhibition webpages such as whether an exhibition has:
 - Audio content
 - Moving or flashing images
 - Other sensory components
 - Low level lighting
 - Adult or difficult content

For more information about the accessibility of the Counihan Gallery venue, visit [our Access and Inclusion page on the Merri-bek website](#).

Do you have a Covid-safe plan?

Yes, we have a Covid-safe plan, which is regularly updated in accordance with DHHS regulations.

Photos: Simon Fazio

Contact us

Open hours

We are open Wednesday to Saturday, 11am to 5pm and Sundays, 1pm to 5pm.

We can be open via appointment on other weekdays outside of open hours.

Booking information

- For self-guided visits of groups under 10 people, you do not need to book before visiting the Gallery
- For self-guided visits of groups of 10 people or more, bookings are preferred but not essential
- For all other education programs, including talks or workshops, bookings are required

You can register your free booking with us by filling out [the Counihan Gallery's group booking form on Microsoft Forms](#).

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