

the **essence** of **AGWA**



Art is an expression of what it is to be human, a universal language that brings us together. It exists for us to experience wonder, share happiness and sorrow, question ideas and beliefs, capture the essence of life.

We believe that art matters, it is meaningful, and it should be shared so that we can all embrace it with imagination and passion.

We strive to be the heart of the arts in Western Australia, stimulating conversations and providing new ways of looking and thinking about art, remaining one of Australia's most influential arts advocates.

We collect and care for works of art for the State, building a dynamic and continuously evolving collection for the benefit of all Western Australians, now and into the future. We are committed to developing a collection that reflects the history and diversity of WA so we can continue to examine our place in the world.

We live and work on Nyoongar traditional land; we respect and value that our lives are interconnected and that the culture and arts of WA's first people are integral to WA's identity. We are committed to presenting Indigenous stories through the language of visual arts.

We celebrate Australian art and artists by sharing their vision and voice with our audiences. We present Western Australian art alongside that of the rest of the world, staging conversations between the local, national and international.

We embrace the freedom of living at a geographical frontier without being confined by it.

Art is global and our role is to introduce different perspectives, to expand your horizons, to challenge the way you see the world through the collection, the exhibitions and the experiences we create.

We embrace boldness. We are determined to evolve, explore new directions and push beyond the boundaries of the expected. Cultural creativity is cultural capital.

We are here to inspire you – whether you are a Western Australian or a visitor to our wonderful State, a seasoned artistic traveller or an apprentice explorer, adult or child. Our programs will open new ideas and encourage you to reach out, investigate and discover.

We seek you out. We will create partnerships that invite collaboration and experimentation across art forms.

Everything we do begins and ends with our knowledge and experience and our wish to bring enjoyment, challenge and excitement grounded in artistic freedom, curatorial integrity and commitment to represent artistic visions.

This is our vision for AGWA, our artistic mantra. Our role is always evolving, but the purpose remains the same – to encourage you to become passionate about culture and the arts, inspire your own creativity, expand how you see the world, build a collection that you love and care for as much as we do. And together weave a stronger cultural fabric for all of WA.