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## 'ALL A BOARD' FOR A GREAT SUMMER



At LMCAG we are kicking off our summer program with three exhibitions (and an epic day of activities) that celebrate our outdoor, sun-drenched, enviable beach culture.

## BOARD

**Lake Macquarie: Living Cultures** 

At the Beach

In **BOARD**, surf and skate cultures meet contemporary art with a powerful line-up of national and local artists including Vernon Ah Kee, Gerry Bobsien, Shaun Gladwell, Nancy Kilgour, Brett McMahon, Tracey Moffatt, Nell, John Turier (& emerging artists from Hunter St TAFE), Gerry Wedd, Jud Wimhurst, John Witzig and Anne Zahalka. A gallery project curated by Meryl Ryan. This exhibition is supported by the Dobell Exhibition Grant, funded by the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation and managed by Museums & Galleries of NSW.

**Living Cultures** is the second in an ongoing series where history, memory and culture intersect. The focus for this exhibition is surf lifesaving. Archival photographs and historical objects have been sourced from Redhead, Catherine Hill Bay, Swansea Belmont and Caves Beach SLS Clubs and local historical societies. In addition, Hunter-based artist Gavin Vitullo has responded with a contemporary artwork. A gallery project coordinated by Debbie Abraham and Joanna O'Toole with local surf clubs and historical societies.

Joining in the celebration, students from Five Islands School have created work based on ideas invoked by the theme **At the Beach**. Located on Lake Macquarie, this NSW government school is designed to cater to the needs of students with a moderate or severe intellectual disability and has a strong arts program.

Exhibition Dates: 9 December 2017 – 4 February 2018

## ALL A BOARD: Sunday 10 December 10am – 4.30pm

Join us for the Opening Celebration of our summer exhibition program. This epic full day program includes **music**, free stand-up **paddle boarding** on the lake, a skateboard demo by pro-skater **Poppy Starr Olsen**, makers **markets** and **art making** activities for the whole family. If that was not enough we will also have a **skateboard half-pipe** in our sculpture park featuring an **amateur skate competition** and specialty surf and skate **graphics workshop**. For specific times, please see attached schedule of events.

Related Events: BOARD Competition 10 December 2017 – 21 January 2018 Enter your artwork for a chance to win a custom surfboard or skateboard featuring your own graphic design! Open to ages 12 to 25. See our website <a href="mailto:artgallery.lakemac.com.au">artgallery.lakemac.com.au</a> for full terms and conditions.

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Image: from BOARD Shaun Gladwell Skateboarders vs Minimalism (still) 2016, single-channel HD video, 16:9, colour, sound, duration 53mins 28secs, courtesy the artist and Anna Schwartz Gallery © the artist







