

Event List - First Friday of the month - 02 October

On the First Friday of the month, the Renew Newcastle projects in and around the Hunter St Mall area stay up late to launch their latest exhibitions and show off their wares. There'll be food, drinks, music, and some surprises. Your chance to catch all the spaces open at the one time, and help to make the city sparkle at twilight. The First Friday of each month, 5-8pm, Hunter St Mall, Newcastle.

Special First Friday events on Friday 02 October:

Time: 3 - 6pm

Project: Lucas Abela's Vinyl Arcade

Artist: Lucas Abela, with electrical engineering assistance by Frederick Rodrigues

Event: The Vinyl Arcade is a participatory play-set, playing off vinyl fetishism, video arcade mystique and the machismo of motor sports. An immersive sound instrument putting you in the drivers seat of a tiny remote control car with styli attached as it navigates its way through a landscape of disused vinyl records. Please bring any non essential vinyl with you to throw in the pit!



Open Daily 3-6pm Thurs 01 – Sun 04 October

Location: Shop 45, 164-170 Hunter St Mall

About: A short term installation co presented by Electrofringe www.electrofringe.net and Renew Newcastle for this years This Is Not Art festival. www.thisisnotart.org

More: <http://dualplover.com/vinylarcade.html>

Time: 5 – 6pm

Event: Renew Newcastle Walking Tour

With: Marcus Westbury and Marni Jackson

Description: The Hunter St Mall ain't what it used to be ... come see Newcastle's creative community making city revitalization their business. Join us for a guided tour of the 24 spaces which are changing the feel of the city, all local and all unique: galleries, retail, offices and studios – there's even a Tea House.

Location: Renew Newcastle Church Courtyard, 3 Morgan St Newcastle

Contact: www.renewnewcastle.org

Time: 5 – 8pm

Event: Noise to accompany TYRANNOSAURUS REX

Description: Live improvisations and experimental music. Collaborative performances and other surprises in the gallery.

Artists: Peter Hollo (Fourplay String Quartet), Marcus Whale (Scissor Lock), Grant Hunter (Crab Smasher), Mark Groves (Absoluten Calfeutrail), Leith Thomas (Dead Boomers) + more

Location: Level 1 / 111 Hunter St Mall Newcastle (Access via Morgan Street)

About: **ARThive is an** Artist Run Exhibition Space

Gallery Opening Hours: Tues– Sat 12pm – 5pm or by appointment.

Contact ARThive by email subjecthive@gmail.com subjecthive.blogspot.com



Time: 5 - 8pm

Event: Wet Walls, the Movie

Description: Take some time out and view 'Wet Walls, the Movie', from our in house cinema. Free jaffas while they last! Limited places, you may need to queue for this event but it'll be worth it!!

Location: Shop 1, 200 Hunter St Mall

About: **SilkHouseARTProjects** is a series of installations and experimental art projects. The works will vary in material and process. You may find the artist is working in the space during setup and throughout the exhibition.

Gallery Opening Hours: Works viewable 24hrs & open to visit 10-5 each Saturday.

Contact SHARP by email info@silkhouseartprojects.com www.silkhouseartprojects.com

Time: 5 - 8pm

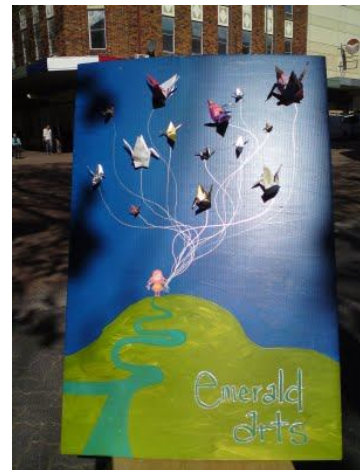
Event: The Art Party

Description: Come celebrate the awesomeness of art and play some party games, including pin the badge on the Widget and Pass the Parcel. There will be drawing competitions and delicious snacks.

About: **Emerald Arts** is Emmeline's working studio. It hosts a variety of art classes for all ages and sells handmade art and craft by local artisans.

Location: Shop 2, 196 Hunter Street, Newcastle

Contact: emerald_arts@hotmail.com <http://emeraldarts.blogspot.com/>



Time: 5 - 8pm

Event: Mad Hatter Grand Opening Party

Description: Long awaited opening celebrations – tea, coffee, wine, soft drinks, finger food and hats! So many beautiful hats!

About: Mad Hatter Millinery is a hat making workshop and retail space, run by 4 local women.

Location: Shop 18/19 Market Square Terrace, Hunter St Mall

Contact: madhattermillinery@yahoo.com

Time: 5 – 8pm

Event: Totoro's Opening Night Party!!

Description: Tea and cakes and the philosophy of disco; Indy-Breaky Heart, Bicarb and Vinegar, Zine launch, WonderChamber – an exhibition of curios and whimsy.

About: Totoro's Teahouse is a tea house and Gallery

Location: Shop 1, 111 Hunter St Mall

5.30 – 6.30pm: You Can't Stop The Musing – The philosophy of disco with Craig Schuftan

White pants, mirroballs, dancing while pointing at the floor – everybody knows Disco is fun. But is it good for you? For many, in the seventies, Disco represented the last word in mass-produced trash – moronic music made by robots for robots. For others, it was a solitary ray of humanist hope in a world that was rapidly going to the dogs. Now that Disco is back (trust us, it is), the time has come to determine, once and for all, whether it's part of the problem or part of the solution. Triple j's Craig Schuftan – author of The Culture Club and Hey! Nietzsche! Leave them Kids Alone – presents the

case for and against in You Can't Stop the Musing – the world's first Disco-lecture. Expect to hear from The Silver convention, The Chic Organisation and the Frankfurt School, and don't be surprised if you start doing that which both Theodor Adorno and the adherents of the Disco Sucks movement considered an impossibility – thinking and dancing.

6.45 – 7.15pm: Maddy Phelan plays Indie-Breaky Heart

7.30 – 8.00pm: Bicarb & Vinegar

Also... **Wonder Chamber:** a collection of the curious, wondrous, and whimsical, featuring: 7U?, Textaqueen, Emily Hasselhoof, Leigh Rigozzi, Helen Nehill, Neil Tomkins, Ace Wagstaff, Chris Tamm, Kake Geck, and Licky the Cream... (until Nov 6th)

zine launch: 'This is the [second] stupidest tea party I've ever been to in all my life'

Time: 6pm

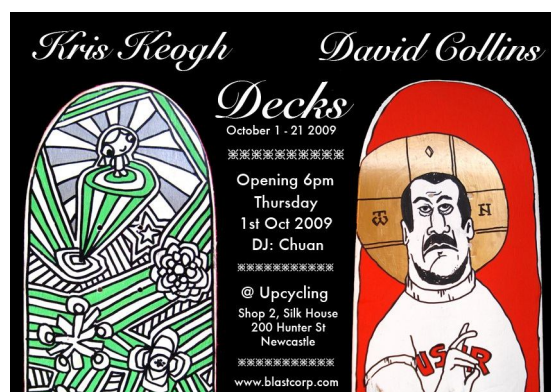
Event: Exhibition Opening Night - The Garden of Forking Paths

Artist/s: Laurie Anderson (USA) with Hsin-Chien Huang (Taiwan), Tale of Tales (Belgium), Jaron Lanier (USA), Michael Nyman (UK), Nina Pope and Karen Guthrie (UK), Anita Fontaine (Australia) and Mike Pelletier (Canada), Andy Deck (USA) **Curator:** Neil Jenkins

Description: An exhibition of historic and contemporary artists' computer games, pushing the bounds of the genre and breaking the orthodox set of rules.



About: **Loop Space** is a sound and digital media art space. Location: 109 Hunter St Mall
Contact www.loopoz.com



Time: 6pm
Event: Exhibition Opening Night - Decks

Artist/s: Kris Keogh and David Collins **Curator:** Nick Nelson

Description: Kris and David have been friends for years. They both skated in the day, and have taken their beloved Posca pens to abandoned skateboards for their work in this show.

About: **Upcycling Gallery** is a place to showcase art and design made with recycled material in imaginative ways. Location: Shop 2, Silk House, 200 Hunter St Mall Contact: Nick Nelson: nick@upcycling.com.au

Time: 7pm

Exhibition Opening Night: Male

Artist/s: various, local contributors. Curator: Mark St. Clair

Description: Celebrating the male in all his forms, coinciding with the men's health conference.

About: **Gallery Raw, House of Photography** is Newcastle's only art photography gallery

Location: 147 Hunter St Mall Newcastle

Gallery Opening Hours: Thurs – Sat 10am – 4pm or by appointment 0413 348 528.

Contact Gallery Raw by email admin@galleryraw.com. www.galleryraw.com