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## **Geelong's big scale cultural events calendar for 2018-19**

Geelong will play host to an outstanding line up of cultural events in 2018-19, cementing its emergence as a leading cultural tourism destination.

The 2018 *Archibald Prize* will again be held at the Geelong Gallery, White Night is set to roll out along the cultural spine of Gheringhap Street and laneways, while Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly paintings will be shown in 2019.

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition has again been confirmed for 2019, Geelong after Dark will return in May 2019 and the Bellarine Arts Trail will be held across Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff over the Melbourne Cup weekend in November.

### ***Archibald Prize, Geelong Gallery***

First awarded in 1921, the [Archibald Prize](#) is Australia's favourite art award, and one of its most prestigious. Awarded to the best portrait painting, it's a who's who of Australian culture, with subjects often including politicians, celebrities, sporting heroes, authors and artists.

Since its inception, the *Archibald Prize* has been engaging art enthusiasts, often stirring up controversy and always challenging the way we see ourselves and our society. Over the years, the prize has been awarded to many of Australia's most prominent artists.

The Geelong Gallery is the exclusive Victorian venue for the *2018 Archibald Prize*. The *Archibald Prize* is an Art Gallery of NSW touring exhibition. Highlights of the 2018 exhibition include Yvette Coppersmith's self-portrait, Jamie Preisz's Packing Room Prize winning portrait of Jimmy Barnes and a home-grown connection with Anne Middleton's portrait of Geelong raised Guy Pearce. The exhibition will run from 22 September to 18 November, from 10am to 5pm daily.

Find a selection of images [here](#).

### **White Night, Geelong**

The city of Geelong will come alive with [White Night](#) being hosted for the first time on Saturday 13 October from 7pm to 2am.

Beginning in Melbourne in 2013, the event was embraced by more than 300,000 people, Ballarat was added to the program in 2017 and this year, Geelong will make its debut.

The city will be transformed for a night of art, music, performance and culture shining brightly under the cover of darkness. From the team behind White Night Melbourne, Geelong and its cultural precinct is set to shine.

### **Sidney Nolan - Ned Kelly Series, Geelong Gallery**

For the first time in 15 years, the National Gallery of Australia's collection of [Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly](#) paintings will tour the country. Geelong is privileged to be home to this iconic exhibition from Saturday 2 March to Sunday 26 May 2019. Geelong Gallery will be the exclusive Victorian venue.

The exhibition will provide visitors an opportunity to experience some of the most famous and poignant masterpieces of 20th century Australian art. While the Kelly paintings have been exhibited internationally at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and at the Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, they have rarely left the National Gallery.

### **National Wool Museum exhibitions**

With Geelong's recent accolade being recognised as a [UNESCO City of Design](#), the [National Wool Museum](#) is putting on two exciting temporary exhibitions including Marion Hall Best: Interiors and Masters: Art of the Precious Metal Object.

The Marion Hall exhibition allows visitors an insight into the colourful career of one of Australia's first independent and most influential interior designers. It will run from 14 September to 25 November with the exhibition charting her extraordinary work spanning four decades. There will be a display of original furniture, fabrics, furnishings and design schemes that reflect Hall's interiors which vibrated with bold colours and patterns.

Masters: Art of the Precious Metal Object is an Australian premiere exhibition showcasing spectacular design, exceptional works and authentic practice from eleven masters of contemporary Australian goldsmithing, silversmithing and enamelling. It will run from 14 September to 29 January 2019.

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