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WHO IS ARTS NATIONAL?

ArtsNational is a not-for-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers promoting the enjoyment of, and engagement in the arts in our local community.

We deliver eight superbly illustrated presentations each year by experts on a diverse range of arts topics. All lectures are included in membership unless otherwise stated.

Who are our lecturers?

All our lecturers are recognised local, national and international experts in their fields from a variety of professional backgrounds.

When and where are our lectures held?

On a **Wednesday** evening March – Oct/Nov.
Please be seated by 5.45pm for a 6pm start.

Burke and Wills Hotel
554 Ruthven St
Toowoomba

Light refreshments are served from 7pm.
Drinks can be purchased at the venue from 5.30pm.

Can I bring a guest?

Yes! Guests of members and visitors are most welcome! Please note though, bookings are recommended.

Please email toowoomba@artsnational.au for guest reservations.



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2026 ARTS TALK PROGRAM



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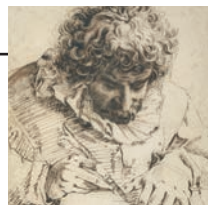
WED 18 MAR

6:00 – 7:00PM

The Pursuit of Perfection: Hendrick Goltzius (1558 – 1617)

BY ALBERT GODEZKY

Hendrick Goltzius (1558–1617) was a celebrated Dutch master of engraving whose influence as a printmaker spanned almost three centuries. Goltzius combined artistic mastery with shrewd branding, ensuring his prints reached wide audiences. His innovative designs left a lasting legacy, shaping art in Europe and beyond.

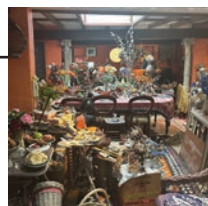
**WED 15 APR**

6:00 – 7:00PM

Paddington: The Art Hub

BY PETER MCNEIL

Paddington is one of Australia's most beloved suburbs, renowned for its preserved 19th century charm. Once shabby and down at heel, by the 1960's it was Sydney's 'Art Hub' and by the 1970's it was alive with artists, writers, musicians, designers and filmmakers. This lecture will take us back to explore the times and the artists that helped Paddington become such a cultural and artistic icon.

**WED 27 MAY**

6:00 – 7:00PM

Sculpture and Science Fiction

BY DAVID WORTHINGTON

Journey into the world where sculpture meets science fiction. From Jacob Epstein's 'Rock Drill' (1913) to the bold visions of Pop Art, this lecture uncovers how 20th century artists and filmmakers inspired each other – shaping the look of robots, aliens, and futuristic worlds that continue to capture our imagination today.

**WED 24 JUN**

6:00 – 7:00PM

Walk on the Wild Side

BY PIETER DE VRIES

Pieter de Vries is a renowned documentary cinematographer whose incredible work has taken him to the heights of space, to the depths of the ocean. In this lecture he shares his techniques for capturing extraordinary wildlife images for Sir David Attenborough and National Geographic.

**WED 22 JUL**

6:00 – 7:00PM

Spectacular bodies: Art, Anatomy, Medical Science

BY BARRY VENNING

Without the help of some talented artists, sculptors, draughtsmen and engravers, the practice of medicine would not have advanced as rapidly as it did. From great Renaissance masters, to American realist painter Thomas Eakins and artist and Henry Tonks – who was also a distinguished surgeon, this talk examines the mutual benefits of art and medical science through the ages.

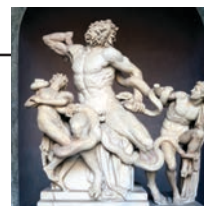
**WED 19 AUG**

6:00 – 7:00PM

The World of Homer

BY JAMES RENSHAW

The Iliad and the Odyssey are two of the earliest works of Western literary canon and have been influential in art and culture over the ages. This lecture explores their cultural legacy and ongoing ability to cast a spell on artists and writers from Greek tragedy and vase painting through to Renaissance art and modern literature.

**WED 23 SEPT**

6:00 – 7:00PM

The World of Pearls

BY CLARE BLATHERWICK

The allure of pearls is as relevant today as it was in ancient times. This talk looks at the history of pearls through the ages, their amazing variety, beauty and why they continue to mesmerise us today!

**WED 28 OCT**

6:00 – 7:00PM

Once Upon a Time in Blue and White

BY AMANDA HERRIES

The 'Willow Pattern Plate' is instantly recognisable and has been since the early 19th century where its much-loved design was found on thousands of English teapots, plates and dishes. Is it Chinese? Is it English? With a few surprises, this lecture will explore the origins of blue and white pottery designs and the story behind this famous image.

**WED 18 NOV**

6:00 – 7:30PM

AGM and Christmas Party!

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