

**Home Open:
Fremantle Artists and their Collections**
Fremantle Arts Centre
27 November – 23 January

Fremantle has always been a hive of creativity and inspiration. Western Australia's historic Port city exudes an energy that only Port cities have, and artists of all generations have gathered here and made this city their home. They've created a place to live and work, which fuels their craft and surrounds their lives.

Home Open is an exhibition which tells the story of Fremantle and the environments people make to sustain their lives. A sprawling meditation on the multiplicity of our creative minds, Home Open reflects the diversity and energy of our artists and their homes.

Artists create environments that reflect who they are and what they make. With an eye for design and attention to detail, they collect furniture, art, objects and artifacts that continue to inspire and motivate.

Just as these collections tell the story of the artist, and provide clues as to their method and their lifestyle, each object has a tale of its own. How a painting, an item of furniture, or a collection of rocks came into someone's life becomes as important as the object itself. Where did it come from, and why is it important?

A range of painters, sculptors, graffiti artists, gallerists, printmakers, textile artists, photographers and more come together to share their homes and their collections in a very personal exhibition at Fremantle Arts Centre.

A generous exhibition, detailed installations reflect the distinctions between generations and artistic practices. From immaculate displays of perfectly restored furniture, to chaotic hangs with artwork piling the walls, floors and ceilings, these rich and textured displays invite audiences into the homes of the artists like Tony and Pam Jones, Trevor Richards and Holly Story who have made Fremantle what it is today.

If a picture speaks a thousand words, imagine the stories that Chris Gosfield's sixties sideboard filled with VIP concert tickets tells, or Tess Howard's mantelpiece laden with trinkets and nick-knacks that have been collected over years and years.

We all hold onto people, places and relationships in the homes we create and what we choose to keep inside. It's our artists that contribute to the energy of the city, and the uniqueness of the cultural landscape. Home Open invites you to pour over the stories of some of Fremantle's most intriguing and curious characters.

At the mouth of the Swan River, Fremantle is Perth's connection to the Indian Ocean. An historic Port city, Fremantle remains a vibrant and dynamic community of its own.

Fremantle Arts Centre is one of WA's premier multi-arts organizations. With nationally recognized exhibitions, residencies and studios programs, *Home Open* is a continuation of FAC's commitment to servicing and engaging local artists. Many of the contributors are represented in the City of Fremantle Art Collection, and continue to engage with FAC throughout the trajectory of their careers.

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Free admission, open 7 days: 10am-5pm

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