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**SPRING ARTISTS MARKET & NETWORK FORUM
COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL GALLERY
Saturday September 26th - 10.00am to 4.00pm**



The final of the BuildingBlox forum events will be held at the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery on Saturday September 26th. The event promises to be a dynamic networking event with an **Artists' Forum** and an **Artists' Market**.

The **Artists' Forum** will include information packed presentations from Mid North Coast artists including ceramicist Sally Hook, painter Wendy Stokes, designer, sculptor and jeweller Jeramie Carter, designer Lisa Christie from Visual Edge & Little Dinosaur, who will all present on their partnership and networking experiences in the world of art and design. Industry specialists will include our Regional Gallery Director, Dr. Leigh Summers and Curator Niomi Sands from the Glasshouse, Director of the Lake Russell Gallery, Charmaine McNamara, Maryanne Priest, Director of Greenstone Gallery and Craig Higgs from the Jetty Theatre amongst others. The forum will culminate in the hugely popular "*Speed Dating*" with gallery directors where artists can present themselves and their portfolios to a gallery panel for constructive critique and advice. The Forum event costs \$15 and includes lunch.

The Artists Market will operate on Fitzroy Oval adjacent to the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery and will showcase the creative talents of artists, craftspeople, arts organisations, arts industry suppliers and specialists with stall spaces provided **FREE** to all. All you need is a marquee to display; public liability Insurance **or an ABN** and Arts Mid North Coast will cover your public liability if you have your own ABN. This is a great opportunity that will be advertised to the general public for artists to get their art out there! But hurry as places are limited and registration is essential at all events. **Contact Julia Morrell on (02) 6564 8947 or 0418 226 362 for all enquiries including registering for the BuildingBlox Jump into Spring Artists' Market & Forum**



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