

# AGSA



## Total Teen Takeover of the Gallery for one night only

Following the major successes of its 2017 and 2018 events, the **Neo Teen Takeover** returns this April for AGSA's biggest teen event of the year. On the night of Saturday 13 April, an anticipated 500+ teens will take to the Gallery in celebration of SA Youth Week. The Teen Takeover promises a night of exclusive access to art, pop up performances, entertainment and professional artist workshops.

The Adelaide arts and youth sectors come together to deliver this free event, with a jam-packed program including:

**Australian Dance Theatre Youth Ensemble | Adelaide Central School of Art | Carclew | MOD (Museum of Discovery) | headspace Adelaide | Northern Sound System | Commissioner for Children and Young People | State Theatre Company | DJ Trip | Claire Sander School for Dance | Heidi Kenyon | Ruby Chew**

On the night, teens can join Carclew workshops with celebrated artist Heidi Kenyon, respond to the *Quilty* exhibition in a collage workshop run by award-winning artist Ruby Chew, and collaborate with the Adelaide Central School of Art's larger-than-life *Quilty* drawing project. Teens can also take part in a design competition for the new Neo vest, with the winning design to be produced by Adelaide favourite, Hey Reflecto.

Adelaide youth will meet Josh the talking A.I head from MOD and can have their say with the Commissioner for Children and Young People and let her know what's up for teens in SA. Young audiences will also have the opportunity to try their hand at acting with an interactive State Theatre Company workshop hosted by Jo Stone. DJ Trip will transform part of the Gallery into a 90s style arcade hall with digitised versions of classic video games. Teens can then hit the dance floor with Northern Sound System and a stellar line-up of local teen bands performing live on stage.

AGSA Director, Rhana Devenport ONZM, says ‘For the Neo Teen Takeover, not only do we hand over the entire Gallery to teens for exclusive access, but we also invite the broader South Australian arts sector to collaborate on delivering the event, with the synonymous vision for Adelaide youth to shape our creative future.’

Made possible through the support of The Balnaves Foundation, Neo has welcomed over 3,500 teens to the Gallery since its inception in 2016. The Balnaves Foundation Trustee, Caillean Honor, attended the November 2018 Neo event and says, ‘Neo creates a really important space for teens to explore their interest in the arts while gaining exclusive access to the Gallery and opportunities to try new things. As the major Neo event for the year, the Teen Takeover not only presents Neo on an epic scale, but also introduces new teen audiences to the Gallery and the arts.’

Neo is a **free** event for 13 – 17 year olds.

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REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN for Neo: Teen Takeover on **Saturday 13 April from 6pm to 8.30pm**. For further information or to register for the event, visit: <https://www.agsa.sa.gov.au/whats-on/ongoing-programs/neo>

DOWNLOAD image and video content from <https://files.artgallery.sa.gov.au/ftp/marketing/TeenTakeoverGallery.zip>

ABOUT NEO AGSA’s dedicated program for teens continues to gain in popularity and momentum through its youth-focussed combination of art and entertainment. Young audiences are provided with their own social space, music, refreshments and art-led activities at the events. Held six times a year, Neo is presented in partnership with The Balnaves Foundation and is a dynamic, long-term strategy to engage thirteen to seventeen-year-olds.

ABOUT THE BALNAVES FOUNDATION: [The Balnaves Foundation](#) is a private philanthropic organisation established in 2006 by Neil Balnaves AO. The Foundation aims to create a better Australia through education, medicine and the arts, with a focus on young people, the disadvantaged and Indigenous Australia.

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