

## Backstage pass for art lovers

*Artsource studio artists offer behind-the-scenes viewing of their works*



Artsource Midland, Marisa Tindall in studio. Photographer: Sue-Lyn Moyle

An intimate glimpse into the inspiring spaces of Artsource Midland Studios is being offered to the public on Sunday 11 October 2015. This free event has become an annual highlight on the spring event calendar as a chance to explore creative surroundings, meet artists and even take home a memorable artwork.

Located in a historic former boarding house, these personal artist studios have revitalised the hundred-year-old building as a lively sanctuary for painters, photographers, sculptors, jewellers and printmakers.

Marisa Tindall has developed her practice in the building for the past two years. She fills her studio with collected natural supplies found in the bushland of WA's wheat belt. Red gum resin, beeswax and grass tree sap provide a connection to the land both through the contemplative experience of gathering them as well as when using the raw material in her paintings.

"The rawness that we see in nature is an inherent part of what we are. It connects us with our senses. The activity of collecting forms part of the ritual in preparing my artwork," says Tindall.

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Artsource studios provide low-cost spaces for artists from which to work. The Artsource Midland Studios provide working spaces to 18 professional artists including an eclectic shopfront run by Leah Tarlo.

Tindall says her dedicated studio allows her the space to work between several large paintings at once, "similar to the changing elements in the environment as I move from place to place".

Located above the busy Great Eastern Highway yet seemingly worlds away, the works created in her studio reflect the experience of being in the countryside with their natural colours and textures. Tindall's thoughtful, contemplative approach to her work extends through the entire process, "I am mindful of how much tree resin I take from the environment. Because the red gums resin forms part of their healing process I only take the pieces that have been discarded by the tree."

Artsource Midland Open Studios is a free event held on Sunday 11 October 2015 located at 1 Great Northern Highway, Midland (opposite the Midland Town Hall).

Artists include: Gayle Mason, Libby Gui, Mal Harry, Graeme McCullagh, Cynthia Payne, Criss Sullivan, Marisa Tindall, Julie Hein, Arron Yarron, Elwyn Marren, Tracey Hart, Robert Dorizzi, Kelli Cross, James Daly, Antony Muia, Pablo Hughes, Mark Storen and Leah Tarlo.

The next Artsource Open Studios will be in Fremantle on 8 November at Old Customs House, 8 Phillimore Street, Fremantle.

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**About Artsource Studios Program**

We are committed to providing affordable studio spaces to artists and sees this as a fundamental way to develop visual artists and their practices in Western Australia. Artsource sublease these spaces to artists, keeping the rent low, offering secure tenure of up to 5 years and managing the day-to-day operations.

**Artsource is the peak membership body for visual artists in Western Australia**

We have over 900 members and provide them with professional services, opportunities and represent their interests. In addition to promoting our members and their work, Artsource champions the value of the visual arts to a growing audience across Western Australia, our nation and internationally. See more at: [www.artsource.net.au](http://www.artsource.net.au)