

***** COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) UPDATE *****

For nearly 50 years the Biennale of Sydney has presented the most dynamic contemporary art from around the globe in iconic venues across Sydney. The **22nd Biennale of Sydney (2020)**, titled **NIRIN**, is a safe place for people to honour mutual respect and the diversity of expression and thoughts that empower us all.

Given the unfolding COVID-19 pandemic within Australia and across the world, it is important that the Biennale of Sydney puts in place measures to ensure that the risks to our visitors, artists, staff and volunteers of contracting or transmitting the virus are minimised.

As an organisation, we are drawing on direct advice and information provided by both Federal and State government authorities, and, as per the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPCC) recommendations with regard to public events, the **Biennale of Sydney will continue to be open to the public with free exhibition entry.**

We are also working on combination of live streamed content, interactive sessions, artist takeovers and virtual walkthroughs to ensure that the global Biennale community can experience the 22nd Biennale of Sydney in whatever way they feel most comfortable.

For those visiting our physical spaces, aligned with advice from the World Health Organisation and the NSW Department of Health, we have implemented precautionary measures to minimise transmission, such as more frequent cleaning of Biennale venues particularly public areas, and hand sanitiser readily available across all locations.

For the safety and health of the whole community and our team, we are also asking all of our visitors to practice good general hygiene and if feeling unwell, to remain at home.

Further to this, we have reinforced with our staff, volunteers and artists the importance of monitoring their own health, and if they feel unwell or are showing any signs of illness, they are to remain at home. For this reason, we ask for your understanding if it is necessary to postpone events or close exhibition spaces temporarily.

From wherever you are, we encourage you to continue to support the Biennale community online at www.biennaleofsydney.art, on social media [@biennaleofsydney](https://www.instagram.com/biennaleofsydney) and follow [#NIRIN2020](https://twitter.com/NIRIN2020). And if you are able, you can visit our exhibition spaces and partake in the program across the Biennale sites.

We will continue to monitor the situation and Government health and workplace advice and update you with any significant developments.

Thank you for your understanding and support and we look forward to seeing you soon in person or online.