



ASYIK CASULA: Indonesian Cultural Day

[Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre](#)

10:30am-3pm

Free

[Getting there](#)

ASYIK CASULA: Indonesian Cultural Day is an *asyik* day of activities for all ages (*asyik* meaning “fun!” and “enjoy!” in Indonesian slang). The day includes art workshops, dance and body percussion workshops and performances by [Suara Indonesia Dance](#) and Sydney’s Indonesian community and concludes with a conversation with artists involved in the *looking here looking north* exhibition. Indonesian food, traditional drinks and crafts are available to purchase (please bring cash). Bellbird Dining & Bar is also open.

ASYIK CASULA is a public program running in parallel with the exhibition [looking here looking north](#) by [Woven Kolektif](#) (until 17 March).

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PROGRAM

ART WORKSHOPS

10:30am-12 noon ABOUT BATIK, Performance Space:

Create your own personal textile design inspired by Indonesian batik motifs, symbols and resist processes. Facilitator: Ida Lawrence from Woven Kolektif

11am-1:30pm PUPPET MAKING, Turbine Hall:

Make a paper puppet drawing inspiration from traditional Indonesian puppets called *wayang*. What kind of wild new creature can you make, combining features of Indonesian and Australian animals? Facilitators: Sofiyah Ruqayah and Bridie Gillman from Woven Kolektif

PERFORMANCES & WORKSHOPS IN THE TURBINE HALL

12 noon MINANG SAIYO GROUP: Tari Pasambahan, welcome dance from West Sumatra

12:10pm SUARA INDONESIA DANCE: interactive performance workshop:

- Bajidor Kahot, fan dance from West Java, blending Sundanese and Balinese cultures
- Tari Rantak, dance from West Sumatra
- Songs for kids in Bahasa Indonesia and English feat. AVOCADO SMASH
- Tari Topeng, mask dance from Java feat. POPPIN JACK
- Indonesian street dance feat. SUARA INDONESIA KIDS CLASS
- Counting in Bahasa Indonesia
- [Tari Aceh Duduk](#), Acehnese sitting body percussion dance feat. SUARA INDONESIA KIDS CLASS LAKEMBA
- [Randai](#) and Silat, West Sumatran martial arts and percussive pants dance

1:10pm MINANG SAIYO GROUP: Tari Piring, plate dance from West Sumatra

1:15pm TANTE TUTIE TEAM: Tari Gambyong Mari Kangen, Central Javanese dance

1:20pm GITA SUARA VOCAL GROUP: Indonesian folk songs and bamboo *angklung* from West Java

WOVEN KOLEKTIF ARTIST TALKS & PERFORMANCE IN THE HOPPER GALLERY

1:45pm PERFORMANCE: Join Siti Suharti, Kartika Suharto-Martin's Javanese pop-singer alter-ego, for some classic *keroncong* tunes accompanied by Suharto.

2-3pm ARTIST TALKS: Meet Woven Kolektif artists for a discussion about Indonesian-Australian connections and the themes behind their works in the exhibition *looking here looking north*. Moderated by Jenny Cheeseman (Casula Powerhouse Head of Curatorial).



Images: Above: Kartika Suharto-Martin, *Siti Suharti* 2018, video still, video installation in *looking here looking north*. Image courtesy the artist. Top: Suara Indonesia Dance. Photo by Astrid Jayengsari