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The Naomi Milgrom Foundation acknowledges the people of the Eastern Kulin Nations as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet, create and express ourselves. We pay respects to Elders past, present and to the future.

MPAVILION'S MARCH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 'DESIGN AS A HUMAN RIGHT'

Throughout this month of March, MPavilion will go to the core of its purpose with a program of events curated around the theme 'Design as a Human Right', exploring and celebrating the complex role of design within political, social, and environmental dimensions. In the biggest month of the 2021-2022 season, and supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies, MPavilion will host 40 free events including a dedicated series of events for Melbourne Design Week 2022.

MPavilion will be a thriving hub as part of [Melbourne Design Week's 2022](#) program, hosting a range of events from [Thursday 17](#) to [Sunday 27 March](#), including the fifth annual [BLAKitecture](#) forum with **Sarah Lynn Rees** over three days from [Monday 21](#) to [Wednesday 23 March](#). This year's forum will centralise Indigenous voices in conversations about architecture to create a manifesto outlining the steps we can take to Indigenise the built environment.

From [Tuesday 15](#) to [Thursday 17 March](#), [The Salon](#) series will see three talks exploring themes of intimacy and emotion, the politics of beauty, and the design of the salon. The long list of impressive speakers across each evening includes Melbourne-based writer and critic **Brodie Lancaster**, founder of Elvie's Studio **Ella B Rowe**, makeup artist **Kaydee Kyle-Taylor**, writer and podcaster **Maxine Tuyau**, writer and historian **Yves Rees**, multidisciplinary creative **Simona Castricum**, and tattoo artist **Daniele Lugli**.

Heading from the salon to the nightclub, a panel conversation hosted by **Andee Frost**, [Designing the Night Club](#), on [Sunday 20 March](#), looks at the origins of club trends and how they make their way from a creative outlet to consumerism. Speakers include **Dr Timothy Moore**, **Simona Castricum** and **Georgina O'Connor** with DJ sets by **Trendy Wendy** and **Garden Variety Deejay**.

[Kick, Push, Coast to a Better Future](#) on [Saturday 26 March](#) explores the social impact of skateboarding featuring a diverse range of skate panelists, each doing their bit to make the world a better place, one kick-push at a time.

The panel will be followed by a celebration with DJ sets for the [*Skydiver Records x Hoddle Soundsystem's Tape Launch*](#).

Closing out *Melbourne Design Week* will be [*Making Home*](#) from [Sunday 27 March](#) until [Friday 1 April](#), highlighting the critical issue of women in Australia who make up the fastest growing cohort of people experiencing homelessness or hardship. This installation includes a series of talks and workshops and in collaboration with **Tania Davidge**, **Samantha Donnelly**, **Fiona York**, **Dr Katrina Raynor** and **Sophie Dyring** will unpack what led to this crisis and talk to people who are working to prevent it.

Supporting young people in the arts, the events developed by MPavilion's 2021-2022 cohort of [*M_Curators*](#) also continues this month with a mix of workshops, talks and activities, including [*V-Pavilion Competitive Picnic*](#) curated by **Niyanta Sharma** on [Saturday 5 March](#); [*MAL Syllabus Discussions: Liveability through Design*](#) curated by **Lily Di Sciascio** on [Sunday 13 March](#); and [*Rethinking Provisions*](#) curated by **Michelle Guo** on [Thursday 24 March](#) to coincide with **Craft Victoria's Melbourne Design Week** exhibition 'Alternative Provisions'.

Jemma Read, Global Head of Corporate Philanthropy at **Bloomberg L.P**, presenting partner of the [*M_Curators*](#) initiative, said: "At Bloomberg, we believe that public art can elevate diverse voices and bring communities together. We know that young people have unique perspectives and we're proud to deepen our partnership with the Naomi Milgrom Foundation to help develop and amplify their artistic practice."

On [Sunday 6 March](#) for [*Cognition in Design Practice | Examining Disability and Dementia through a Design Lens*](#), **Dr Kanvar Nayer** and **Ilianna Ginnis** bring cognition to the discussion table through a hands-on workshop around dementia and disability within design. Following on [Monday 7 March](#) is [*Future Homes: Designing Melbourne's Next Apartments*](#), a government initiative to facilitate better density development in the suburbs that will see four architect teams present their design process and plans, followed by a panel discussion exploring the government's role in making better housing available for more people.

Those with a knitted garment sitting in their 'get rid of' pile are invited to the participatory textile installation [*Garments Against Waste: Bodies that Make*](#) on [Saturday 12 March](#) with **Rute Chaves** and contribute to a collective piece using rescued yarn on the way to landfill. If you're not ready to part ways, try your hand at fixing a garment instead with the [*Visible Mending Workshop with Ellen Braybrook*](#) on [Saturday 19 March](#).

Finally, for the music fans, join MPavilion on [Friday 11 March](#) as design and music collide for [*Windgate - Sings the City*](#). This musical performance with **Marta Figueiredo**, **Jonathan Griggs** and **Aarti Jadu** features a one-of-a-kind object which sings about the alienation and otherness that skyscraper architecture instils in us.

Later in the month, live music fans can come together to hear NSW's hottest rock band paired alongside local talent at [*Anti Fade Presents: R.M.F.C. The Glass Picture and The Shifters*](#) on Friday 25 March.

About the Naomi Milgrom Foundation

Since 2014, the Naomi Milgrom Foundation has enriched Australian cultural life by engaging new audiences with exceptional art, design and architecture. Led by Naomi Milgrom AC, the foundation has become a model for public-private collaboration by enabling new projects with a focus on public engagement, industry stimulation, and education.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- MPavilion 2021 is open to the public until 24 April 2022
- For further information on March events, please visit www.mpavilion.org
- Images and Info sheets can be found at the [MPavilion 2022 Media Centre](#)