Talbot Maker Space

An exciting new opportunity where people create and be inspired



Participant work in native timber and clay

Current program on offer

Talbot Maker Space – Beginners Program

When: Tuesday mornings: 9:00am - 12pm

Where: Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre – 1 Yarra Blvd, Kew

What: An inclusive program for people on all spectrum of

cognitive and physical disability. Especially suited

to those with high needs.

(Support workers may need to be provided in some

instances)

A flexible approach will be taken where participants will be guided in making a suite of **high – end craft objects** to develop skills.

This is a pilot program that will continue to grow into 2024

Dovetail detail for table on public display.

The **Talbot Maker Space** can accommodate a broad range of artistic and craft-based endeavors.

From this initial program we will develop additional streams to respond to participant needs and nurture their creative endeavors.

These may include workshops and studios in:

furniture making – sculpture – costume & props –
 3D printing – ceramics -

As interest arises, we have scope to introduce:

 exhibition & other public outcomes – online artist profiles – retail opportunities – studio space

For further information including intake forms please contact:

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Who are we? The story so far.....

As part of Austin Health, The Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre caters for people requiring physical or cognitive rehabilitation following an accident or illness.

Talbot Maker Space is a new community program. It builds on the Royal Talbot Rehabilitations Centre's Woodwork Program that for 25 years has played a vital part in people's rehabilitation, sense of purpose and community capacity building.

This expanded workshop & studio initiative is currently developing new programs for NDIS approved participants and others.

Program benefits for participants include:

- **Provides** a fun and safe creative outlet where participants can develop skills
- **Increases** activity levels and a sense of wellbeing
- Nurtures a much-needed social outlet and sense of community through working together
- Inspires people to be seen as craftspeople and artists by supporting their individual creative expression
- **Creates** community linking and pathways to further learning, vocation, or a newly established hobby



Work created for online exhibition 'The 900 jars project'

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Program Curriculum - 2023

For participants wanting to develop basic woodworking and ceramics skills in a safe, social, and fun environment. The program continues in 2024 with other set projects and/or the opportunity to be supported to design and make your own object.

Participants may also be interested in our **Studio Program** if retail, exhibition, or other public display of their work is of interest.

Below are examples of some of the possible projects:



Project 1. - Parquetry display board & clay works.

Design your own parquetry pattern in making a beautiful display board to showcase your work. Then compliment this work with a series of hand-made ceramic vessels.

Techniques covered: Gluing – design & pattern making – marking out – hand sawing – sanding, oil & wax finishing - basic introduction in ceramics.



Project 2. - Stool/Plant Stand.

Choose from a variety of timbers to create a stool or plant stand.

Techniques covered: Timber selection – wood machining – marking out – joinery – drilling – gluing & assembly – sanding, oil & wax finishing.



Project 3. - The 900 Jars Project.

You will be given jars and select a single piece of timber. The aim of the project is to design and make a wooden object to house the jars. This object will then be photographed and published onto our Instagram page: instagram.com/900jars

Techniques covered: Design & drawing – timber selection – wood machining – marking out – drilling – sanding, oil & wax finishing.



Project 4. - A beautiful little box

Continue to learn new joinery techniques by making this beautiful little box.

Techniques covered: Wood machining – marking out – hand & machine sawing - joinery, gluing and assembly – sanding, oil & wax finishing.

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