

1981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Issue of <i>Art & Text</i>. Editor, Paul Taylor¹ DOCUMENT IMAGE AU134 • First ANZART event held in Christchurch². • Women & Theatre Project formed³ • Australian Sculpture Triennial – Director: Tom McCullough⁴ DOCUMENT LeonardAN/81 • Publication of <i>Photo-Discourse</i>⁵ DOCUMENT (TOC); Image AU132 • Studio Access Project - 20 studios opened for public view⁶. IMAGES AU76, AU78, AU79, AU80 • Art/Empire/Industry opens, 80 Sussex St, Sydney⁷ • The Performance Space being used for irregular performances.⁸ • Opening of Australian Perspecta 1981. Curator: Bernice Murphy⁹ (May 29); DOCUMENT: KellyAN/81 IMAGE AU194 • Sherman Galleries established.¹⁰ • Women & Art conference, La Trobe University, Melbourne (Sept) • Museum of Modern Art donates Picasso's 'Guernica' to Spain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artworkers Union joins Copyright Council (Feb) DOCUMENT DroitdeSuite/87 • Public Forum: Guests Karl Beveridge & Carol Conde from Canadian Artists Representation.¹¹(April) VIDEO • Rabbit Arrested Benefit, Tin Sheds (April 10) ¹² IMAGE AU68 • Public Meeting at Cultural Centre, 8 Thomas Lane, Haymarket,¹³ (June 21) DOCUMENT: AARSTrans/81 • Artworkers Union AGM, Cultural Centre, 8 Thomas Lane, Haymarket¹⁴ (Aug 27) (IMAGE AU64) • Art & Working Life Conference, Melbourne, Trades Hall¹⁵ (Oct 20-21) Images AU152, AU153, AU185, AU245 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM Malcolm Fraser informs parliament that American B-52 bombers would be allowed to land in Darwin from US base in Guam. • Federal government begins court proceedings to deregister Builders Labourers Federation. • Reagan inaugurated as 40th President of the US. • Rupert Murdoch buys the London <i>Times</i>. • Prince Charles & Lady Diana Spencer marry. • Jiang Qing, Mao's widow & member of the Gang of Four, sentenced to death for treason. Later commuted to life imprisonment. • Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) first identified. • IBM launches PC • Israel annexes Golan Heights. • Anwar Sadat assassinated in Egypt.
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² ANZART: Australia New Zealand Artists Encounter, Christchurch New Zealand, 17-30 August, 1981) This was the first of three artist-organised events intended to provide trans-Tasman dialogue.

³ Key organiser Chris Westwood. The Women & Theatre Project was basis of group which then went on to establish Company B at Belvoir St Theatre (formerly the Nimrod

Theatre)

⁴ held at Preston Institute of Technology, & La Trobe University campus

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⁶ project organised by Creative Space & Art Network. See catalogue & also report, Geoff Batchen: *Studio Access Project 1981*, *Art Network*, No 3/4, Winter/Spring 1981 p72)
See also: *Two Years Later*: Creative Space Newsletter August 1981.

⁷ an alternative space run by a 'collective of five practising artists' (Glen Puster, Gayle Pollard, Calvin Brown, James Rogers & Jeffrey Gibson) (*Art Network*, No 3/4, Winter/Spring 1981)

⁸ established by Mike Mullins. Nick Tsoutas takes over in 1983 until 1985. Allen Vizents becomes director in 1986 (until his death in 1987). Noëlle Janaczewska is director from 1987 to 1988, when Sarah Miller takes over (until 1990).

⁹ First major involvement of Aboriginal artists in contemporary Australian survey show. List of Participating Artists: Micky Allan, Davida Allen, Suzanne Archer, Howard Arkley, Tom Arthur, David Aspden, Tony Bishop, Brian Blanchflower, Peter Booth, Mike Brown, Peter Callas, Gunter Christmann, Colombo/Paci, Virginia Coventry, Marlene Creaser, John Davis, Janet Dawson, Lesley Dumbrell, Richard Dunn, Bonita Ely, Rosalie Gascoigne, Elizabeth Gower, Denise Green, Marr Grounds, Fiona Hall, Marion Hardman, Bill Henson, Dale Hickey, Peter Hoey, Geoff Hogg, Robert Jacks, Lorraine Jenyns, Robert Jenyns, Stephen Jones, Peter Kennedy, Bea Maddock, Mandy Martin, George Milpurrruru, Kevin Mortensen, Ann Newmarch, John Nixon, Robert Owen, Mike Parr, Vivienne Pengilley, Lutz Presser, Randall/Bendinelli, Sally Robinson, Eva Schramm/Gary Willis, Stelarc, Peter Taylor, Imants Tillers, Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri, Tim Leura Tjapaltjarri, Charlie Tjapangati, Tony Trembath, Stephen Turpie, Ken Unsworth, Vicki Varvaressos, Robin Wallace Crabbe, Dick Watkins, Jenny Watson, Frank Watters, Ken Whisson, Paul Winkler, Ray Woolard

¹⁰ Originally established in Glebe as Irving Galleries

¹¹ Report reprinted in Artworkers News, July 1981

¹² (Poster Design Jeff Stewart, Layout, printing; Ann Stephen, Pam Debenham)

¹³ to discuss establishment of alternative Artists-Run Space for Sydney

¹⁴ Steering Committee elected: Ah Tee Chia, David James (now known as David Urquart), Peter Thorn, Pam Debenham, Bob Gill, Judy Overheu, Anna van Dugteren, Ian Burn, Margaret Morgan, Martyn Jolly. (Ann Howard withdrew)

¹⁵ See Caper 13: *Art & Working Life: A Survey of Cultural Work Produced by and for the Trade Union Movement* (Community Arts Board of the Australia Council/Australian Council of Trade Unions 1981)