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More than 400 children co-create immersive SALA exhibition at Carclew

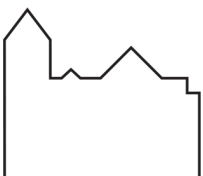


Image: A World That Grows exhibition at Carclew with artist Alice Lindstrom; photo by Saige Prime.

More than 400 South Australian children have helped create one of this year's most colourful and imaginative exhibitions for the 2026 South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival, with *A World That Grows* opening at Carclew until 31 August.

Developed by Carclew in collaboration with Adelaide artist and illustrator Alice Lindstrom, the immersive installation transforms Carclew into a vibrant garden of imagination where oversized flowers, birds, insects and trees sit alongside hundreds of artworks created by children through artist-led workshops.

Together, these individual contributions form a richly layered exhibition celebrating colour, creativity, collaboration and the many ways children imagine, make and see the world.



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Families are invited to celebrate the exhibition at a free Celebration Event on Saturday 15 August from 10am-1pm. Visitors can explore the immersive installation before enjoying outdoor activities including chalk, bubbles and music. Artist Alice Lindstrom will also be on site, giving a live artist demonstration and offering visitors the opportunity to see her creative process firsthand, ask questions and learn more about the inspiration behind *A World That Grows*. As part of SALA Open Studios, visitors will have the opportunity to explore the exhibition and discover the ideas behind it.

Carclew Head of Creative Programs and Pathways Alise Hardy said *A World That Grows* reflected Carclew's belief that children are active contributors to South Australia's cultural landscape.

"Children deserve opportunities to work alongside exceptional artists and to see their ideas presented with care, ambition and artistic integrity."

"By bringing together the contributions of more than 400 children with Alice's work, this exhibition creates a shared world while allowing each child's distinct way of imagining, making and seeing remain visible."

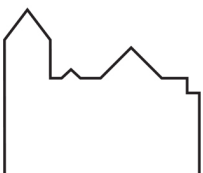
Artist Alice Lindstrom, whose practice spans illustration, paper collage and installation, said working alongside children shaped the development of the exhibition.

"The children all began with the same invitation to explore colour, pattern and shape, but every response was unique. Bringing those individual ideas together into one immersive environment has been an incredibly rewarding process."

Inspired by Lindstrom's theatrical approach to scale and storytelling, the exhibition combines children's artworks with handcrafted birds, insects, flowers and trees to create a playful environment that invites visitors to look closely, explore and discover.

Presented as part of the 2026 SALA Festival, *A World That Grows* offers a joyful celebration of children's creativity while inviting audiences of all ages to experience art as collaborative, immersive and continually evolving.

With capacity limited, families are encouraged to book early for the free Celebration Event on Saturday 15 August via this [link](#).



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Exhibition: *A World That Grows* will be on display till 31 August 2026, open weekdays from 10am–3pm, with additional opening hours on Saturdays 8, 22 and 29 August from 10am–2pm.

A special thank you to The Foskett Foundation for supporting opportunities for children and young people to explore creativity.

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FACT SHEET

MEDIA ASSETS – [HERE](#) (credit photographer Saige Prime)

TALENT FOR INTERVIEWS

- Carclew Head of Creative Programs and Pathways, Alise Hardy
- Carclew Acting CEO, Robyn Jones
- Artist, Alice Lindstrom

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: A World That Grows – SALA Exhibition Celebration Event

WHEN: Saturday, 15 August, 10am – 1pm

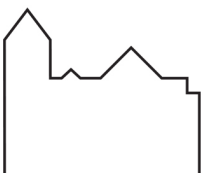
WHERE: Carclew, North Adelaide

COST: Free

BOOK: <https://events.humanitix.com/a-world-that-grows-exhibition-event>

ACCESSIBILITY: This event will occur in the Ballroom. Ramp entrance available at the rear of the building. Further information about accessibility for this venue is available on Carclew's website. <https://carclew.com.au/>

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