

Marion Cultural Centre turns 21!

The Marion Cultural Centre (MCC) at Oaklands Park is coming of age and celebrating its 21st birthday on November 23.

This heritage-listed civic building between Westfield Marion and the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre was commissioned by the City of Marion to create a cultural meeting place for the community.

The MCC was officially opened on November 23, 2001, by the then Mayor of Marion, Felicity-Anne Lewis, and the then State Minister for the Arts, Diana Laidlaw.

Today the building incorporates the Gallery M art space, the Domain Theatre, a public library, an Original Pancake Kitchen eatery, meeting spaces and rooms to hire for functions and events.

The building itself was created in the Postmodern-style and was designed by Melbourne architects Ashton Raggat McDougall (ARM) in collaboration with the Adelaide studio of Phillips/Pilkington Architects.

A distinctive feature of the design is the incorporation of the word MARION as a “marker of place” in the façade and external features with the MAR forming part of the building and the ION incorporated in an ‘I’ sculpture, a rock word ‘O’ and a trellis ‘N’.

The MCC achieved state and national heritage listing in 2019.

The MCC is celebrating its birthday with events throughout the year, starting with a birthday party for invited community guests including members of the public who were involved in the building’s inception.

The [program of events](#) from December 2022 to May 2023:

- Exhibition: Splashout Studios: Gallery M, Friday, December 2 – Sunday, January 8
- A Classy Crooner: Domain Theatre, Tuesday, December 6
- Lennon: A Day in the Life: Domain Theatre, Friday, December 9

- Dr Quark's Scientific Circus: Domain Theatre, Thursday, January 19
- Book Talk Tuesday: The Wonder of Little Things: Domain Theatre, Tuesday, February 7
- Exhibition: Thumb Print Workshop – Recycle, Re-use, Reprint: Gallery M, Friday, February 10 – Friday, March 3
- Exhibition: Shazia Bhanji: Gallery M, Friday, February 10 – Friday, March 3
- Anya Anastasia Live in Concert: Domain Theatre, Friday, February 17
- Adelaide Fringe 2023: MCC, Friday, February 17 – Sunday, March 19
- Harmony Week Music & Dance Spectacular: Domain Theatre, Saturday, March 25
- Baby Bounce Disco at the Domain: Domain Theatre, Thursday, March 30

ENDS