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## FREE NGV TRIENNIAL ON TRACK TO HIT THE VISITOR RECORD BOOKS

NGV's latest blockbuster exhibition *NGV Triennial* is on track to be one of the gallery's most popular exhibitions ever - with 600,000 visitors from near and far experiencing the exhibition in just two months.

Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks today announced the impressive visitation figure including almost 40,000 attendees at the *Triennial EXTRA* after hours festival and more than 14,000 children who joined the *NGV Kids Summer Festival*.

Backed by the Allan Labor Government, the free exhibition spans all four levels of NGV International. From digital artworks, fashion displays to massive sculptures and interactive installations, the NGV Triennial features works by 120 renowned local and international artists, designers and collectives.

The week-long, free *NGV Kids Summer Festival* featured a jam-packed program of all-ages events, workshops and activities led by Victorian artists and creatives and inspired by the Triennial's interactive underwater-themed children's exhibition, *RIFIFI: Jean Jullien for Kids*.

NGV's programs for children, young people and their families continues with daily free activities on offer at Triennial, free activity sheets and special guides for children to the broader NGV collection and a suite of free Lunar New Year programs coming up.

*NGV Triennial* is on show until April 2024 - the exhibition's legacy will live on with more than 75 Triennial artworks to become part of the NGV's permanent collection.

More than 1.2 million visitors flocked to the inaugural NGV Triennial in 2017, which is currently the highest attended exhibition in the NGV's history.

NGV Triennial is on show until 7 April 2024. For more information, visit <u>ngv.vic.gov.au</u>.

## Quotes attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Colin Brooks

"More than half a million attendees – and counting! This free exhibition and its action-packed program offer something for all ages and it is wonderful to see local, interstate and international visitors flocking to NGV."

"Bold and accessible events like the Triennial are part of what makes NGV Australia's most popular gallery and we're proud to back this awe-inspiring exhibition - ensuring it's free for every Victorian to enjoy."

## Quotes attributable to National Gallery of Victoria Director Tony Ellwood AM

"One of the core roles of a public institution like the NGV is to share art and culture with as many people as possible. It is our privilege to have been able to share this exhibition with more than half a million visitors to date – and we look forward to welcoming even more over the coming months."