

SKYWHALES FLIGHTS POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY



Skywhales: Every heart sings – the first ever flight of *Skywhalepapa* and *Skywhale* together – has been postponed until Sunday 7 February due to forecast unsuitable weather conditions.

The world premiere of artist Patricia Piccinini's new hot air balloon sculpture, *Skywhalepapa*, had been due to take place on Saturday 6 February but the flights have now been rescheduled to Sunday 7 February. All other event details remain the same.

All tickets for Saturday's event are valid on Sunday. Ticketholders do not need to register to attend on Sunday if they already have a ticket. No further tickets for Sunday will be released.

The flights on Sunday are also subject to weather conditions. All ticket holders will receive an email no later than 4am on the day with event information. Updates will also be published on the website and the Gallery's social media channels.

Skywhalepapa is the companion to the iconic *Skywhale* – the two balloons will fly over Canberra together for the world premiere of *Skywhales: Every heart sings*.

Due to strict COVID-19 protocols, working media are required to register to enter the launch site at John Dunmore Lang Place in Parkes, near the NGA. In some instances, pooling arrangements may be required for broadcast cameras and photographers. Please note, media must be in place by 5.30am.

Media should register name/email/mobile/title and organisation at media@nga.gov.au by Wednesday, 3 February 2021.

Interviews requests for Patricia Piccinini can be sent to sandra.omalley@nga.gov.au or 0418 897 794. Requests for interviews with NGA Director Nick Mitzevich and Senior Curator, Contemporary Art, Jaklyn Babington should be made asap as opportunities may be limited.

Flights are subject to weather and logistical changes may occur.

Media images are available [here](#).

MEDIA ENQUIRIES

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