# Artspace Mackay
# EXHIBITIONS ACTIVITIES&EVENTS

July to December 2026

Mackay REGIONAL COUNCIL

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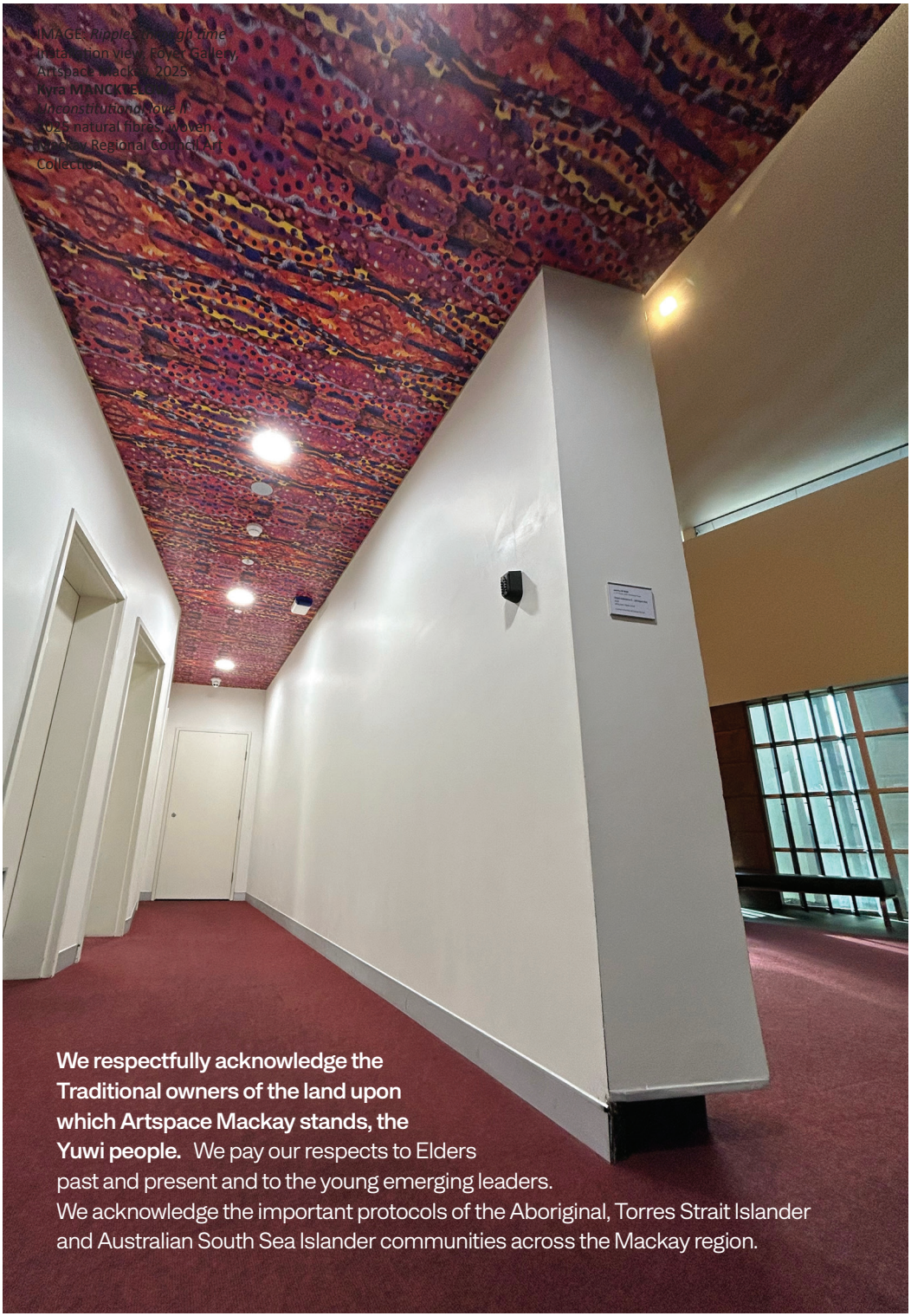

IMAGE: *Ripples through time* installation view, Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay, 2025. Kyra **MANCKTELOW** *Unconstitutional love II* 2025 natural fibres, wovens. Mackay Regional Council Art Collection.

**We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional owners of the land upon which Artspace Mackay stands, the Yuwi people.** We pay our respects to Elders past and present and to the young emerging leaders. We acknowledge the important protocols of the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian South Sea Islander communities across the Mackay region.

# VISIT ARTSPACE
Mackay's Regional Art Gallery

**Welcome to Artspace Mackay's July–December 2026 program, where exhibitions across our galleries explore identity, self-representation, and storytelling.**

From July to September, our program centres on the self-portrait. In the Main Gallery, the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art touring exhibition *Looking Out, Looking In: Exploring the Self-Portrait* examines how artists construct and reflect on identity. This is complemented by *Archie Moore: Mial* (a National Portrait Gallery touring exhibition) in the Foyer Gallery and local artist Katelyn-Jane Dunn's *You Sound Just Like Your Mother* in the Foundation Gallery—together offering intimate perspectives on memory, inheritance, and the shaping of self.

From October, the program culminates in two major solo exhibitions. *Brian Robinson: Kulba A Kaib* (Main Gallery) presents dynamic works grounded in Torres Strait Islander culture and storytelling, while *Darren Blackman: Post Truth* (Foundation Gallery) delivers a sharp and thought-provoking commentary on contemporary society.

A vibrant public program of talks, tours and creative activities complements the exhibitions, ensuring opportunities for all to engage and connect. Not to be missed is the return of our Artists Makers Market on Sunday 11 October. It's the perfect opportunity to support local artists and artisans and purchase truly unique, handmade products just in time for Christmas.

We invite you to experience this dynamic season of exhibitions and to engage with the ideas, stories, and voices shaping our understanding of ourselves and the world around us.

Tracey Heathwood
**Director, Artspace Mackay**

FRONT COVER: **Brian ROBINSON** *Miffy and Friends: The Usual Suspects* (detail) 2020, linocut, 100 x 200 cm. Image courtesy the artist and Mossenson Galleries.
OPPOSITE: **Jemima WYMAN** *Cloud conscience 8... [abridged title]* 2024, ceiling paper, digitally printed. Courtesy the artists and Sullivan+Strumpf. Building interior corridor, Artspace Mackay, 2026.

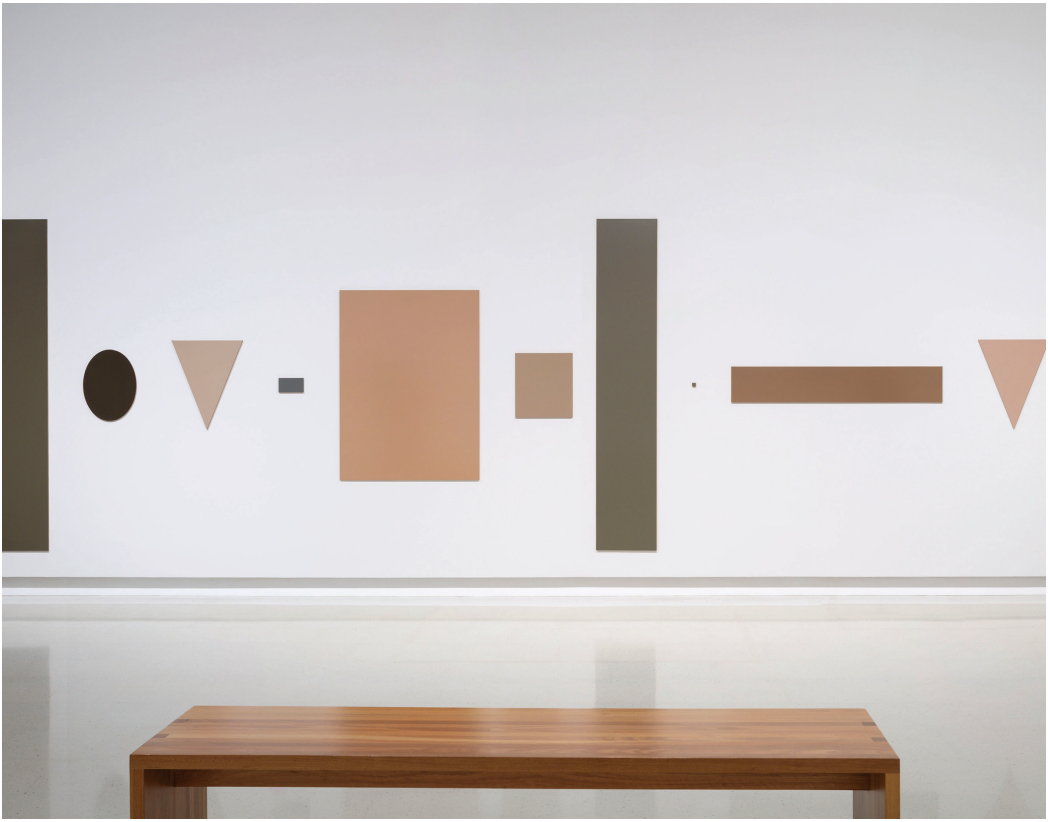

IMAGE: **Archie MOORE** *Mīal* (detail). Purchased 2023 © Archie Moore.

# Archie Moore
## MĪAL

**Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay**

*Mīal* is an abstract, conceptual self portrait that continues Archie Moore's practice exploring the politics of identity, racism and languages systems. The monumental self-portrait is on tour from the National Portrait Gallery's collection. It is composed of multiple geometric paintings, each representing a part of the artist's body and replicating shades of his skin colour.
Archie Moore (Kamilaroi/Bigambul) is a celebrated multidisciplinary artist based in South East Queensland. In 2024, he became the first Australian to win the Venice Biennale's prestigious *Golden Lion* award for best national participation.

This exhibition is supported by the National Collecting Institutions Touring and Outreach Program, an Australian Government program aiming to improve access to the national collections for all Australians.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

**27 Jun to 20 Sep**

**Exhibition opening 6pm Friday 3 July, use QR code to access free tickets (available one month prior to event)** and for more info visit artspacemackay.com.au

# Katelyn-Jane Dunn

## YOU SOUND JUST LIKE YOUR MOTHER

**Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay**

Katelyn-Jane Dunn is an artist and writer living on Yuwi country (Mackay, Queensland). Dunn's photo-media practice examines ideas of intimacy, relationships and feminine identities. Her latest exhibition *You Sound Just Like Your Mother* features archival images, poetic text, written memories, recipes, notes and documentary images collated in the wake of Katelyn's mother Jan's untimely death. This exhibition reflects on the experience of loss and the quiet, enduring labour of assembling what remains.

IMAGE: **Katelyn-Jane DUNN** *Mother* 2023, archival inkjet print on Hahnemuhle photo rag matte, dimensions variable. Image courtesy the artist.

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27 Jun to 20 Sep

NORA HEYSE

# Looking Out, Looking In
## EXPLORING THE SELF-PORTRAIT

**Main Gallery, Artspace Mackay**

Contemporary society has become increasingly attuned to the self-image through social media's 'selfie' culture and reality TV, providing a fascinating backdrop in which to examine the self-portrait today. *Looking Out, Looking In* explores the genre of the self-portrait, a distinct form of portraiture in which subject and artist are one. The exhibition examines the human tendency to envisage oneself. While some of the artists look inwards and reflect on themselves in self-effacing ways, or may just be intrigued by their own image, others seek to project an image or identity in more flamboyant displays.

IMAGE: Nora Heysen / Australia 1911–2003 / Self-portrait 1938 / Oil on canvas laid on board / 39.5 x 29.5cm (sight) / Purchased 2011 with funds from Philip Bacon AM through the Queensland Art Gallery Foundation / Collection: Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art / © Lou Klepac

QAGOMA TOURING

Queensland Government

The Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art provides a program of touring exhibitions and related services to regional Queensland.

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**4 Jul to 20 Sep**

We'll see you at Artspace Mackay's

# ARTISTS MAKERS MARKET

## GALLERY · MARKET · FOOD · MUSIC

10am–3pm Sunday 11 October

www.artspacemackay.com.au

ENTRIES OPEN 23 Nov

# 2027 Libris Awards

## The Australian Artists Book Prize

Presented by Artspace Mackay, the 2027 *Libris Awards: The Australian Artists Book Prize* (LA27) showcases leading and emerging artist book makers from across the country. Entries for categories 1 and 2 open 23 November 2026.

**CATEGORY 1 :** Daly Bay Coal Terminal National Artists Book Award (acquisitive), $10,000
Daly Bay Coal Terminal National Artists Book Award, Highly Commended (acquisitive), $5,000

**CATEGORY 2:** Cathy Knezevic Regional Artists Book Award (acquisitive), $3,000

**CATEGORY 3:** Tertiary Artists Book Prize (Invitational award, acquisitive), $3,000

Visit **www.artspacemackay.com.au** for more information, key dates, terms and conditions of entry.

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LA 27 2027 LIBRIS AWARDS

The Australian Artists Book Prize

IMAGE: **Victoria COOPER** and **Doug SPOWART** *Being Present:Eight Acts* 2024, pigment inks on photographic and art papers, edition of 3 + 1, artist's proof, 31.0 x 22.0 x 3.5 cm. Highly Commended, Daly Bay National Artists Book Award, Libris Awards: The Australian Artists Book Prize, 2025.

# Darren Blackman
## POST TRUTH

**Foundation Gallery, Artspace Mackay**

*Post Truth* responded to the 2025 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair(CIAF) theme 'Pay Attention!' by embracing the call to stay alert, informed, and critically engaged with the political and social forces that shape our lives. Darren Blackman's (Gureng Gureng, Gangalu) politically charged works are grounded in cultural practice and reimagined in succinct LED neon text-based sculptures. They disarm the viewer through wit, vibrancy and his unique play on words.

Darren Blackman is represented by Onespace Gallery.

IMAGE: **Darren BLACKMAN** *Truth Hurts* 2024, Led-Neon light with black acrylic back board, 100 x 65cm.
Photo: Louis Lim. Courtesy of the artist and Onespace.

**30Oct** to
**13Dec**

**Exhibition opening 6pm Friday 2 October, use QR code to access free tickets (available one month prior to event)** and for more info visit artspacemackay.com.au

# Pacific Currents

## FOCUS on the COLLECTION

**Foyer Gallery, Artspace Mackay**

Bringing together works from the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection, this exhibition explores interconnected cultures, histories and identities of the Pacific.

*Pacific Currents* highlights works connected to Australia, Torres Strait Islands, Solomon Islands, Samoa and Australian South Sea Islander histories. While each cultural perspective remains distinct, the works share interconnected conversations around identity, ancestry, memory and the preservation of cultural practice.

IMAGE: **Michel TUFFERY** *Siamani Samoa Combs* 2011, rimu wood, dimensions variable. Mackay Regional Council Collection Art Collection.

**Exhibition opening 6pm Friday 2 October, use QR code to access free tickets (available one month prior to event)** and for more info visit artspacemackay.com.au

30Oct to13Dec

# Brian Robinson
## KULBA A KAIB

**Main Gallery, Artspace Mackay**

Artspace Mackay presents *Kulba A Kaib*, a major solo exhibition by acclaimed Torres Strait Islander artist Brian Robinson (Kala Lagaw Ya / Wuthathi). Born on Waiben (Thursday Island) and now based in Cairns, Robinson is known for his intricate and imaginative works that draw together cultural knowledge, ancestral stories and contemporary visual culture through printmaking, sculpture, installation and design.

This exhibition explores the enduring relationships between people, place and the cosmos. Through richly layered imagery, Robinson reflects on Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems, constellations, spirituality and the continuing presence of ancestors, inviting audiences to consider the ways cultural knowledge is carried across generations.

**Exhibition opening 6pm Friday 2 October. Use QR code to access free tickets (available one month prior to event)** and for more info visit artspacemackay.com.au

IMAGE: Brian ROBINSON *Fishing from the Milky Way* (detail) 2022, vinylcut print, 60 x 90 cm. Image courtesy the artist and Mossenson Galleries.

**3Oct** to **13Dec**

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# Simone Eisler

## HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

**Lightbox Gallery, Dudley Denny City Library, Victoria St**

Simone Eisler is a Sunshine Coast based artist whose sculptural, public art and multimedia practice encompasses the concept of transformation in nature and human society. Her themes of garden, species evolution and family history represent change. *How Does Your Garden Grow?* focuses on her personal family history here in Mackay. The stained-glass design of her ancestor's store windows in Sydney Street transforms the light boxes into portals of the past where insects, birds, leaves and flowers carry the maps and people of other places.

IMAGE: **Simone EISLER** *How Does Your Garden Grow?* (detail) 2026, digital photographic collage. Image courtesy the artist.

7Aug26to
7Aug27

# 2xBlueprint

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## Aliza Kroeger

### PHONE FOG

**8 May to 4 December**

**Blueprint, Foodspace Gallery**
**Civic Precinct, Gordon St**

Presenting a series of five stills adapted from her stop motion animated film *Phone Fog*, Aliza Kroeger draws attention to the lure of the online world and the silent power of screen addiction. She invites her generation to pause and pay attention to the incredible, natural world around them – to allow nature and all its wonders to lift them from the fog.

Kroeger sees her artistic practice as a vehicle for storytelling and for highlighting pressing global and social issues.

## Amanda Devenish

### ELEVATED

**10 July to 4 December**

**Blueprint, Second Lane**
**via Gregory or Macalister St**

Created using drone photographic processes, *Elevated* celebrates the Australian landscape from above, revealing patterns, textures, and formations hidden at ground level. Devenish purposefully seeks out overlooked details in everyday environments, presenting them in ways that blur the line between representation and abstraction. Each work invites viewers to slow down and appreciate the complexity and beauty found within the landscape.

IMAGES left to right: **Aliza KROEGER** *Phone Fog* (detail) 2025, digital collage print. Image courtesy the artist;
**Amanda DEVENISH** *Elevated* (detail) 2025, digital print. Image courtesy the artist.

# Art Kids

IMAGE: Families attending BMA Kidspace at Artspace Mackay, December 2025.

## BMA Kidspace

**9:30am - 1:30pm one Tues per month, 28 Jul, 18 Aug, 15 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec**
**Artspace Workshop Room and Foyer Gallery**

Now starting at the toddler-friendly time of 9:30am, BMA Kidspace, our ever-popular toddlers' program, gives children 0-5 yrs a chance to explore and have fun with art in a climate of co-operative learning.
**Proudly supported by BHP Mitsubishi Alliance.**

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## Kids Art Club

**8 – 12 years > 10am-12pm**
**TERM 3: Saturday 8 August - Saturday 12 September**

**Kids Art Club** is Artspace Mackay's ongoing term-based art program for kids aged 8 to 12 years. Renowned local artists deliver this rich six week program of creative art, which sees participants explore and respond to the exhibitions on show at Artspace Mackay.
$190 per child. **BOOK & PAY ONLINE: https://bit.ly/3ND3oyK**

# The Gallery Shop

Artspace Mackay's gallery shop stocks creative giftware handcrafted by local and Australian artists and craftspeople. Choose from artisan jewellery, cards, handmade books, ceramics, sculpture and textiles, all at very affordable prices. **The Gallery Shop** also stocks art magazines, exhibition catalogues and publications as well as various art books and books by local authors.

# Artisans Wanted!

If you're a Queensland maker and you've designed a creative, handmade product range that would be suitable for selling in **The Gallery Shop**, visit artspacemackay.com.au to submit a product proposal form for consideration.

IMAGE: The Gallery Shop stocks great gift ideas and artist made products like this Blue Chameleon Dish with Lid by artist Liz Ranger-Craven at *Raven Art*.

THIS PAGE: Artspace Mackay Volunteer Geraldine Moylan presents *Book of the Month* for community members, May 2026.

# ARTSPACE VOLUNTEERS

Artspace Mackay volunteers provide invaluable support to the gallery by staffing our front desk, informing visitors about the exhibitions, workshops, events and other exciting opportunities. **To enquire about becoming a volunteer, email artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au**

# GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

While Mackay Regional Council covers the day-to-day operational costs of the gallery, Artspace Mackay relies on gifts, donations and partnerships to grow and develop the Mackay Regional Council Art Collection. **To find out how you can support the gallery and the work we do, please email the Gallery Director, artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au**

Artspace Mackay recognises the valuable contribution made by our current corporate partners and thanks them for their ongoing support: BHP Mitsubishi Alliance & Daly Bay.

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## SCHOOL TOURS

Take advantage of our staff's in-depth knowledge of each exhibition and their experience in designing/ delivering tours aimed at any age level. All self-guided and Artspace staff led tours must book two weeks in advance to ensure availability. All School tours are free. Contact artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au to confirm your tour.

## FLOOR TALKS

Artspace Mackay floor talks are often held at the beginning of each exhibition season, and are free for anyone to attend. Usually delivered by artists or exhibition curators, they offer insight into the works on show.

## GALLERY TOURS

Free gallery tours are available upon request and viewings of selections from the artists book collection can also be arranged. A minimum of 15 days' notice is required to secure a guide's services for tours, so plan ahead for your visit. To book a gallery tour and/or a viewing of the artists book collection, email artspace@mackay.qld.gov.au

## FOODSPACE

The gallery café provides affordable, creative food including delicious breakfasts, quick snacks, coffee and easy lunch options. Large text and Braille menus available for patrons with vision impairments. For Foodspace bookings and enquiries, call 4961 9719.

## THREE EXHIBITION GALLERIES

Artspace Mackay encompasses three impressive exhibition spaces. These state-of-the-art facilities ensure residents and visitors to Mackay are provided with the opportunity to see art exhibitions by significant international, Australian and local artists, as well as touring exhibitions presented by Australia's best art galleries.

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**Use your device to explore Mackay's *Murals Art Trail*** – an interactive digital map of colourful art murals dotted throughout the city. The *Murals Art Trail* includes street maps and pictures to help you locate them, information about the artists and stories to uncover. Discover in real life, the beautiful artworks that enhance Mackay's public spaces. Explore at your own pace, any time of the day. **Get your hat, scan the QR code using your preferred device, and be on your way!**

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