

## “Narratives: A Constellation of Stories” returns to Maleny for its third year

Narratives, Maleny’s annual artist book exhibition, returns to the **Little Red Cottage art + ecology space** from **Friday 1 May to Sunday 10 May 2026**, bringing together more than 20 artists in a celebration of storytelling through contemporary book art.

Presented alongside the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Writers Festival, this year’s exhibition, **Narratives: A Constellation of Stories**, continues to explore the rich meeting place between visual art and storytelling. Visitors can expect a diverse display of handmade artist books, sculptural book works and intimate paper-based pieces that invite slow looking, close reading and personal reflection.

Now in its third year, Narratives has grown into a valued annual event in the Maleny arts calendar. The exhibition highlights artist books as a distinct artform, where book structures, sequence, text, image, printmaking, visual arts and material choices all play a role in how meaning is made. Each work offers its own way of telling a story, while together the exhibition forms a wider conversation about memory, place, imagination and connection.

Karen Shaw of The Little Red Cottage says the exhibition continues to attract growing interest from both artists and audiences. “Artist books offer such a personal and engaging experience for viewers. People are often surprised by how inventive, moving and varied they can be. It’s exciting to see Narratives grow each year, with returning visitors, new artists and increasing recognition of artist books as a contemporary artform.”

With its warm, welcoming setting and strong connection to the Writers Festival, Narratives offers visitors a chance to experience books in a different way, not just as something to read, but as artworks to encounter, handle visually and reflect on.

### Event Details

- **Dates:** Friday 1 May – Sunday 10 May 2026
- **Location:** The Little Red Cottage art + ecology space, 20 Coral St, Maleny
- **Opening Hours:** 10am–4pm daily (closed Tuesday-Wednesday 5-6 May)
- **Opening Event:** Saturday 2 May, 3pm–5pm. All welcome.
- **Festival Info & Registration:** [www.schwritersfestival.com.au](http://www.schwritersfestival.com.au)

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