**National Gallery of Victoria for Design & Technology in 2014**



**Grant Featherston**

(Australian 1922–1995)

*Television BS211H Contour settee* (1953)

hardwood, plywood, cotton

78.7 x 119.4 x 82.0 cm

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Gift of Grant and Mary Featherston, 1973

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With a renewed focus on contemporary art and design, the National Gallery of Victoria has plenty to inspire Design and Technology teachers and students in 2014:

**Melbourne Now**

**22 Nov 2013 -23 Mar 2014**

**NGV International and The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia**

**Free entry**

*Melbourne Now* celebrates Melbourne designer/ makers in a display of unique furniture (NGVA level 2) which richly embodies thinking about materials and sustainability. Product development in industry is examined in the Design Wall (NGVA level 3) which contains 30 products designed or produced in Melbourne. Leyla Acaroglu’s Design Play Cards and animations developed in collaboration with DATTA promote thinking about sustainability and Life Cycle Thinking in product design.

Join Leyla for a morning of inspiration and design challenges:

**Design Challenge Day**

Recommended for Years 5–9

10am–1.30pm

Wed 26 Feb 2014

NEW DATE ADDED: Mon 17 Mar 2014

Working with sustainability expert Leyla Acaroglu and her design team, students move through a series of challenges that get them thinking inventively, collaboratively, sustainably and laterally. The program includes a tour of Melbourne Now highlights with NGV Educators and allows a one hour break for lunch. A creative and challenging way to start the year!

Cost $15

Find out more about Leyla at <http://www.ecoinnovators.com.au/#!leyla-acaroglu/cnva>

**For students of Food, Fashion or Furniture:**

**Art of the Table**

**28 February 2014 – 31 December 2014**

**NGV International**

**Free entry**

*Art of the Table* is an exhibition that celebrates the history of eating and drinking by looking at tableware from the last 500 years.

Join us to learn about the etiquette of the table and perhaps decorate a plate of your own to take home!

**Mid-Century Modern: Australian Furniture Design**

**30 May 2014 – 19 October 2014**

**The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia**

**Free entry**

This dynamic exhibition presents a rare chance to enjoy the innovative mid-century Australian furniture design which took hold in Australia following World War Two, prompted in part by the availability of new materials (and sometimes the shortages of others), the development of new production techniques and the influx of European immigrants who were skilled in the traditions of fine furniture making.

Great inspiration for Product Design and Technology students!

**Romance Was Born: Kids Project**

**3 October 2014 – 28 June 2015**

**NGV International**

**Free entry**

Commissioned for the new dedicated children’s gallery *Romance Was Born: Kids Project* is an interactive exhibition for children specifically designedfor the NGV by Sydney-based fashion house Romance Was Born. Thiscontemporary project for kids provides the ideal platform for designers LukeSales and Anna Plunkett to share their whimsical and compelling vision with visitors of all ages. The captivating results provide a fantastical, larger than life environment for participation, play and creativity that blends fashion, art, music and design. The exhibition will feature works from collections past and present and will focus on the trademark collaborations and creative themes that underpin their practice. The project will also draw on the NGV Collection as one of its sources of inspiration.

Download the **NGV 2014 Exhibitions Schedule :**

<http://media.ngv.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/2014-MEDIA-ANNOUNCEMENT_FINAL.pdf>

**For further information about *Melbourne Now*, full NGV Schools program information and program updates please visit ngv.vic.gov.au**

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