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MOAC's first Curator and Collections Manager appointed

Ballina gallery coordinator appointed to position

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Ballina gallery coordinator Ingrid Hedgcock has been appointed as the first Curator and Collections Manager of the Margaret Olley Art Centre, being constructed at the Tweed Regional Gallery.

Ms Hedgcock will begin her new role at MOAC next month, after working as the coordinator of the Northern Rivers Community Gallery in Ballina since 2010.

"Ingrid has achieved wonderful things during her time at the Ballina gallery, displaying many qualities that will make her a fantastic addition to the Gallery team," Tweed Regional Gallery Director Susi Muddiman said.

"Working with a small team at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ingrid has shown a tremendous capacity to get in and get things done.

"She also has a great depth of experience in working in galleries and with the community."

Ms Hedgcock began her career at the Brett Whiteley Studio in Sydney and has since worked as Public Programs Manager at the Ipswich Art Gallery and Education Officer at the Museum of Sydney.

She said she was thrilled at the prospect of working with the MOAC collection.

"The centre's public exhibition space, house museum and artist in residence facility present a wonderful combination of elements to inspire programming," she said.

"I'm also excited about getting to know the region and will be moving up there with my family."

MOAC is being built as an extension of the Tweed Regional Gallery in Murwillumbah, to celebrate the art and legacy of the late Margaret Olley, who attended school in Murwillumbah and went on to be an icon of the Australian art scene.

The centre, scheduled to be officially opened in March, recreates Margaret Olley's studio, elements of her home in Paddington and part of her invaluable collection, providing an insight into the life of one of the country's most acclaimed and beloved artists.

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