## A Note from Le Havre

## Escale australienne (Australian stopover) 2021

## A message from the organisers (quoted from their website):

From June 5 to November 7, 2021, the City of Le Havre will immerse itself in Australian life and culture with the event 'Le Havre, Australian stopover': a rich and varied program to discover this island-continent and its particular links with the city of Le Havre.

Throughout the Escale, come and discover unique exhibitions: contemporary Australian creations, heritage drawings from the Bonaparte expedition to Australia in 1800, works of Aboriginal art, photographs on Australia, artistic installations in different districts of the City.

At any time, animations and highlights will transport you to Australia: discovery of typical Australian physical practices, festive events around arts or coffee, shows, music, cinema, readings, nature and play activities. There is something for all tastes and all ages!

Three exhibitions, making Le Havre an exceptional destination for contemporary Australian and Aboriginal art, are 'Australia—Le Havre. L'intimité d'un lien (1801–2021)', 'Australie, au-delà du Rêve (Australia, beyond the Dream)' and 'Painting now: Peindre aujourd'hui en terres aborigènes'.

For more information see: escaleaustralienne.lehavre.fr For the full Australia Now 2021–2022 programme see: https://france.celebrateaustralianow.com/australia-now-2021-program/?lang=fr

Celebrating Australia's creative excellence, diversity and innovation. 'Australia Now' is an initiative of the Australian Government celebrating Australia's creative excellence, diversity and innovation.

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Each year, the program is delivered in a country or region of strategic significance. The program strengthens and deepens bilateral ties, and raises Australia's profile as an innovative, creative nation—while building understanding beyond our landscape and lifestyle.

'Australia Now' promotes Australia's cultural exchange, institutional networks, collaboration and people-to-people links while reflecting the cultural richness of Australia. 'Australia Now' demonstrates how contemporary Australia draws on our strong Indigenous culture and multicultural heritage, while promoting Australia as a key destination for tourism, study, research, innovation and investment. Most of all 'Australia Now' is about building relationships for the future.

