

# Alternative reality appeals to all

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FROM Jules Verne to *Doctor Who*, Steampunk is making its way into everyday life for people all over the world.

Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery is hosting *Antipodean Steampunk*, showcasing a subgenre of science fiction that typically features steam-powered machinery.

The exhibit holds a wide array of objects from jewellery to a ray gun and a large book, all finely worked and excessively ornamented in classic steampunk style.

The book was made special by the fact that it was carved in such a way to create a cohesive scene from the individual illustrations it contained.



**COLLECTIBLES:** Steampunk inspired items for sale.

The contents of the show illustrate what things may have looked like if today's technology had been introduced in the 19th century.

Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery exhibitions and collections officer Rob Cleworth said the show had attracted guests of all ages, from "little kids to old folk".

He also said many of the gallery's own tradesmen

had been drawn to the exhibit, where they were able to relate to the intricate work.

Mr Cleworth's favourite piece is *The Clockwork Universe*, by Dr Tim Wetherell.

The plaque tells the reader that it was built "to celebrate the great mathematical and observational achievements of orbital and planetary science".

*The Mysterious Geographic Explorations of Jasper Morello*, a 26-minute animation from 2004, and *Aurora*, a 34-minute film from 2011, add an audio aspect to the exhibit.

■ *Antipodean Steampunk* is on at the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery until Saturday, October 19.



**COGNITION:** Rob Cleworth with his favourite piece from the *Antipodean Steampunk* collection, *The Clockwork Universe*.

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There are three different options being considered. We encourage you to find out more information and provide feedback about these proposals.

We are hosting community drop in sessions at all our local branch libraries where you can come and talk to our engagement team about the proposals.

Thursday 9 October	4.30pm – 7.30pm	New Lambton Library
Saturday 11 October	9.30am – 12noon	Adamstown Library
Tuesday 14 October	1pm – 4pm	Hamilton Library
Thursday 16 October	5pm – 8pm	City Library
Saturday 18 October	9.30am – 12noon	Beresfield Library
Monday 20 October	10am – 1pm	Mayfield Library
Wednesday 22 October	4.30pm – 7.30pm	Wallsend Library
Thursday 23 October	2pm – 5pm	Lambton Library
Saturday 25 October	9.30am – 12noon	Stockton Library

Option 1: Take no action

Option 2: Fund financial sustainability

Option 3: Fund revitalisation

For more information and details on how to tell us your preferred option go to [www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au) and search for road to recovery.

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