The Art & Object Engagement (AOE) Program serves people living with dementia. The program uses contemporary art and social history objects from Macquarie University’s collections.

**WHO DOES THE PROGRAM INVOLVE?**
The AOE program is run by the Macquarie University Art Gallery and Australian History Museum. Together we work with local aged care facilities, dementia care specialists, carers of people living with dementia and the Centre of Applied History (Macquarie University). The program links with learning, teaching and research on campus, with input from history, psychology, cognitive science, museology and sociology disciplines.

**WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM OFFER?**
Art and objects have the power to transform and captivate diverse audiences. The AOE program runs 1.5-2 hour sessions for between 6-8 participants and their carers. As a group we discuss the contemporary art, historical objects and share our stories over a cup of tea/coffee, within the lovely Gallery space on campus.

**WHAT ARE SOME OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES?**
- Art + history objects = a deep sensory experience that enhances emotional and social well being.
- Alleviates effects of isolation and gives a voice to participant ideas and stories.
- Enhances participant socialisation and communication skills.
- a new & engaged audience for our collections

**WHO CAN ATTEND?**
we are now running sessions for people living at home with dementia and their carers, where previously group visits were limited to Aged Care Facilities.

**WANT TO FIND OUT MORE OR GET INVOLVED?**
To join our mailing list please provide your contact details to our team today. The booking calendar will be made available shortly for the next 6 month period.

To find out more please email or phone the program facilitators:
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