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## Vintage Barbie @ the Gallery...Celebrate Barbie's 50th!

**Barbie is on display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia  
Wednesday 23 September – Sunday 11 October 2009**

Inspired by the outstanding quality of Barbie produced fashion, renowned Barbie collector Neil Taylor has been building on his vintage collection, 1959 -1972/3, (specialising in '50s Dior new look, inspirations from Jackie Onassis, early hippie/prairie and English mod) for 20 years. The most valuable piece in his collection is a no. 1 1959 vintage boxed first edition Barbie, one of only two known to exist in Australia. The collection on display at the Gallery will include Barbie and Ken, family and friends, carry cases, and licensed products such as records, games and beauty products.

The Gallery shop, which will be decorated in pink during the display, will be stocked with limited edition dolls, Barbie children's products, and a selection of Barbie books that feature examples from Neil's collection. Visit the shop to go into the draw to win a Barbie hamper valued at over \$500.

### Free Barbie Doll Appraisals by Neil Taylor:

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September @ 11am—2pm

Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 October @ 11am—2pm

Sunday 11 October @ 10am—12.30pm & 1.30—5pm

### FREE Family Day

Sunday 11 October 10am-12.30pm

Join us to celebrate Barbie's 50th birthday!

A day filled with free fun and entertainment for the whole family. Join the fun by coming dressed as your favourite Barbie. Children can get hands-on in art-making activities, learn the amazing art of ice-sculpting, and see and participate in dance performances. You also can have your face painted, take the Water Corporation Water Walk, see vintage Barbie dolls and listen to story tellers.

### Neil Taylor Collection

Opening hours 10am – 5pm Closed Tuesdays. FREE Entry.



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