

2023 QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ART AWARDS



The Queensland Regional Art Awards (QRAA) is Flying Arts' signature annual art awards for established and emerging artists living in regional and remote Queensland. The award aims to showcase artwork whilst providing a platform for artists to further professional development and opportunities.

In 2023, this much-anticipated annual signature event will open for entries on 11 August 2023 with a record prize pool of over \$140,000 (an increase of \$100,000 from last year) across 10 award categories, elevating the awards to one of the most valuable art awards in Australia for regional artists, offering substantial non-acquisitive cash prizes together with in-kind prizes. The in-kind prizes include residencies and solo exhibition opportunities giving Queensland regional artists valuable avenues to engage in professional development.

Each year, the QRAA feature diverse visual arts categories responding to a selected theme. "Perspective", the theme for 2023, invites artists to consider the concept in its many facets, viewpoints and nuances. The theme plays on a term familiar in the visual arts, and central to our modern society, reflecting different individual and collective viewpoints and opinions, stemming from varying life-experiences, perceptions, understandings, memories and emotions.

| KEY DATES | |
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| 11 August | Entries open |
| 23 August | Webinar: Understanding Art Awards |
| 6 October | Final entries close |
| 13 October | People's Choice Opens |
| 3 November | Award finalists announced |
| 21 November | People's Choice Voting Closes |
| 24 November | Award winners announced |

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QRAA TOURING EXHIBITIONS

2021 QRAA PAINT THE TOWN TOURING EXHIBITION



Above: Kym Barrett, *Gateway* (detail) 2021, oils, mixed media on canvas, 120 x 120cm. Image credit: Louis Lim.

Paint the Town, touring exhibition of the 2021 QRAA, is a Flying Arts Alliance initiative in partnership with Museums & Galleries Queensland. This project is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland; and proudly sponsored by Holding Redlich.

In 2021 the QRAA coincided with Flying Arts' 50th year anniversary, half a century of connecting artists, educators and communities.

Evoking the spirit of celebration, of all things jubilant, artists were invited to respond to the question – how do you celebrate? Whatever the reason or season, whatever your medium or practice, artists were invited to *Paint the Town*

The result is a uniquely Queensland hyper-local response to the public, or sometimes intimately personal, ways and reasons we choose to celebrate.

| DATES | VENUE |
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| November 2022 - 26 February 2023 | Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery, Bundaberg |
| 10 March 2023 - 29 April 2023 | Mundubbera Regional Art Gallery |
| 26 May 2023 - 22 July 2023 | Dogwood Crossing @Miles, Miles |
| 4 August 2023 - 23 September 2023 | Roma on Bungil Gallery, Roma |
| 28 September 2023 - 23 November 2023 | Injune Creek Gallery, Injune |
| 1 December 2023 - 10 February 2024 | Warwick Art Gallery, Warwick |



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Above: Alexander Baxter, *I Know How You Must Feel, Brad (detail)*, cyanotype and screenprint on cold pressed paper, 2021. Image credit: Louis Lim.

2022 QRAA REFRAME TOURING EXHIBITION

The Queensland Regional Art Awards (QRAA) is Flying Arts' annual visual arts prize for artists living in regional, rural, and remote Queensland. In 2022, the QRAA was an invitation to explore the concept of 'Reframe', calling artists to enter work which draws upon experiences and observations that respond to our changing world. *Reframe* was an opportunity to see from a different perspective; to inspire problem solving whilst constructively responding, shifting and evolving.

In 2023, Flying Arts Alliance are thrilled to have the opportunity to tour the award-winning artworks in *Reframe* the exhibition outcome of the 2022 Queensland Regional Art Awards (QRAA) across Queensland as successful grant recipients of 'The Touring Queensland Fund - Round 1a'. *Reframe* will collaborate with arts organisations and grow audiences by providing multidimensional visual art experiences alongside established arts organisations and regional Council's.

| DATES | VENUE |
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| 29 March - 29 April | Mulga Lands Gallery, Charleville |
| 17 - 28 May | Longreach Community Library, Longreach |
| 15 June - 2 July | Bushmans Artisan Gallery, Blackall |
| 26 July - 13 August | Coalface Gallery, Moranbah |
| 1 - 24 September | Botanical Gardens Visitor Centre, Cairns |
| 25 October - 28 November | Goondiwindi Regional Civic Centre Gallery, Goondiwindi |



Above: Rose Rigley, *Memory book I-XXXV*, 2012-2013. Image credit: Michael Marzik.

REFRAME - CREATIVE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Flying Arts Alliance are excited to present creative community workshops as part of *Reframe*, the touring exhibition of the 2022 Queensland Regional Art Awards. Offered as part of the touring exhibition community engagement, a series of workshops will be on offer at the exhibition venues. These group workshops are open to the public and will be delivered at each tour location, including Charleville, Longreach, Blackall and Cairns, facilitated by several of the award-winning category prize winning artists.

Creative community workshops are an exciting opportunity to learn first hand from some of the exhibiting award-winning artists. There is the opportunity to hear from the artist about their artistic practice along with the inspiration and techniques that inspired their winning artwork that will be on display in the *Reframe* touring exhibition.

| DATES | MULGA LANDS GALLERY, CHARLEVILLE |
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| 10:00 am - 12:00 pm 22 April | Contemplative In-Wash Objects with Rose Rigley |
| 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm 22 April | Clever Coptic Bookbinding with Rose Rigley |
| DATES | LONGREACH COMMUNITY LIBRARY, LONGREACH |
| 9:00 am - 12:00 pm 27 May | Cyanotype & Alternative Surfaces with Rose Rigley |
| DATES | BUSHMANS ARTISAN GALLERY, BLACKALL |
| 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 1 July | Create a Community Quilt with Karike Ashworth |
| DATES | COALFACE ART GALLERY, MORANBAH |
| 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 4 August | Moranbah State High School Education Workshop with Nancy Brown |
| DATES | BOTANICAL GARDENS VISITOR CENTRE, CAIRNS |
| 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 3 September | Creative Storytelling with Rose Rigley |
| DATES | GOONDIWINDI REGIONAL CIVIC CENTRE GALLERY, GOONDIWINDI |
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