

2024 QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ART AWARDS



Above: CAbove (top right) (left to right): Anna Guthrie Highly Commended recipient of the Emerging Artist Award, Jo Lankester Highly Commended recipient of The Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award, Clare Jaque Vasquez winner of the First Nations Artist Award, Lincoln Lewis winner of the Art for Life Award, Colina Wymarra winner of the Remote Artist Award, Judge Fiona Foley, Naomi Hobson winner of The Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award, Warwick Gow Hilghy Commended recipient of the Digital Art Award.

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 2024, this much-anticipated annual signature event will open for entries on 1 July 2024 with a record prize pool of over \$140,000+ across 10 award categories, making the awards 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. The theme for 2024 will be revealed early in 2024.

The Ekphrasis Challenge 2024:

A co-production of Flying Arts and Queensland Poetry Festival (QPF), the QRAA Ekphrasis Challenge asks poets Australia-wide to repond to the winning artworks in the Queensland Regional Art Awards in 2024.

KEY DATES	
1 July 2024	Entries open
6 September 2024	Entries close
25 September 2024	People's Choice voting opens
2 October 2024	Judging session 1 (online)
23 October 2024	People's Choice voting closes
27 October 2024	Judging session 2 (in-person, Brisbane)
24 November 2024	QRAA 2024 Gala and Winners Announcement

Holding Redlich is the Queensland Regional Art Awards Major Prize Sponsor.



QRAA TOURING EXHIBITIONS

2021 QRAA PAINT THE TOWN TOURING EXHIBITION



Above: Cynthia Copley, White Rock Blue Sky, Oil, 2021. Image credit: Cynthia Copley.

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. In February 2024, the touring exhibition will wrap up in Warwick in the Warwick Art Gallery.

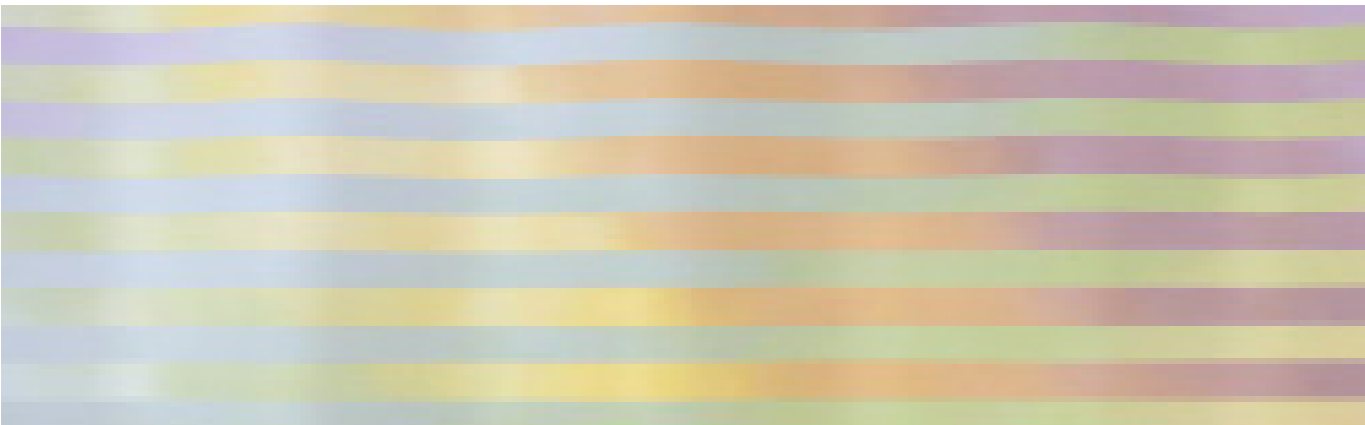
Evoking the spirit of celebration, of all things jubilant, artists were invited to respond to the question – how do you celebrate? Whatever the reason or season, whatever your medium or practice, artists were invited to *Paint the Town*

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
1 December 2023 - 10 February 2024	Warwick Art Gallery, Warwick
1 March 2024 - 11 May 2024	Lockyer Valley Art Gallery, Lockyer Valley



QRAA TOURING EXHIBITIONS



Above: Lincoln Lewis, *I saw myself, in you, wondering, how did I get here*, synthetic polymer paint on aluminium composite board, 2023. Image credit: Carl Warner.

2023 QRAA PERSPECTIVE TOURING EXHIBITION

In 2023, the QRAA was an invitation to explore the concept of ‘Perspective’, calling artists to enter work which considers the concept of perspective in its many facets, viewpoints and nuances. The theme plays on a term known in the visual arts and relevant to our modern society. Flying Arts was thrilled to see 350+ artworks submitted to the awards in 2023; an unprecedented number of entries.

Flying Arts is delighted to announce that the winning artworks and highly commended recipients have been generously funded by Arts Queensland to tour in the QRAA touring exhibition throughout regional and remote Queensland in 2024.

Ten Emerging Artist Award entries will be exhibited in the Consolidated Property Group Emerging Artist Exhibiton to be shown at Consolidated Properties Group offices in Brisbane throughout 2024. Additionally, a new Emerging Artist Exhibiton, as chosen by Jonathan McBurnie, will showcase ten Emerging Artist Award entries and the four winners of the same category, and will be exhibited by the Judith Wright Art Centre in 2024.

DATES	VENUE
8 March - 27 April 2024	Cairns Court House Gallery, Cairns
13 May - 16 June 2024	World Theatre, Moranbah
1 July - 16 August 2024	Charters Towers
6 September - 19 September 2024	Lands Art Gallery, Charleville
1 November - 6 December 2024	Chinchilla



Above: Naomi Hobson, *Red Kangaroo and Little River Rock Cod*, ceramic installation, 2023. Image credit: National Portrait Gallery Canberra.

PERSPECTIVE - CREATIVE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Flying Arts Alliance are excited to present creative community workshops as part of *Reframe*, the touring exhibition of the 2023 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 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 *Perspective* touring exhibition.

DATES	CAIRNS COURT HOUSE GALLERY
9 March - 17 March 2024	Rosella Namok Artist Residency
23 March 2024	Memory Print Exchange with Rose Rigley at Cairns TAFE
20 April 2024	Cultural Mediation Workshop with UQ Art Museum

DATES	COALFACE ART GALLERY, MORANBAH
18 May 2024	Watercolour Workshop with Catherine Clark - TBC
25 May 2024	Textile Workshop with Claire Griffiths - TBC
1 June 2024	Multi-art Workshop with Wanda Bennett and Michelle Turner -TBC

DATES	WORLD THEATRE, CHARTERS TOWERS
6 July - 21 July 2024	3 Workshops with Christa Powell collaborating with Topology - TBC

DATES	MULGA LANDS ART GALLERY, CHARLEVILLE
6 September - 19 September 2024	1 Workshops with Karen Tenni collaborating with Multicultural Festival TBC

DATES	LAYPUNYAH ART GALLERY, CHINCHILLA
16 November 2024	1 Workshop with Helen Dennis

This project is supported by the Queensland Government through **Arts Queensland**.

BRISBANE EXHIBITIONS

REGIONAL ARTISTS SOLO EXHIBITIONS AT JWAC



Above: Guests at the QRAA Gala held at the Judith Wright Arts Centre. Image credit: Masimba Sasa.

In 2024, as part of their winnings in the 2023 QRAA, four regional artists will have solo exhibitions at the Judith Wright Arts Centre. This is an invaluable experience for these artists, many of whom have never exhibited, let alone had a solo show. On display will be a collection of their works, including the winning piece of the 2023 QRAA.

DATE	EVENT
8 April 2024 TBC	Two week solo exhibition of Lincoln Austin, QRAA Art For Life Award Winner
3 June 2024 TBC	Two week solo exhibition of Naomi Hobson, QRAA Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award Winner
21 June 2024 TBC	Two week solo exhibition of Clare Jaque Vasquez, QRAA First Nations Artist Award Winner
30 August 2024	Two week solo exhibition of Colina Wymarra, QRAA Remote Artist Award Winner



Above: Colina Wymarra winner of the Remote Artist Award with Clare Jaque Vasquez winner of First Nations Artist Award. Image credits: Nathan Kelly.

MERVYN MORIARTY EXHIBITIONS

MERVYN MORIARTY LANDSCAPE AWARD TOURING EXHIBITION

Honouring Mervyn Moriarty’s legacy, Flying Arts offers the Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award as a category of the Queensland Regional Art Awards (QRAA). In 2024, a selection of artists who entered the Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award in 2023 will be touring regional Queensland in 2024, supported by Arts Queensland through the Touring Queensland ‘Grow Program’.

DATE	EVENT
18 April - 27 April 2024	Add-on tour to Cairns as part of the QRAA touring exhibition at Court House Gallery
1 November - 6 December 2024	Add-on tour to Chinchilla as part of the QRAA touring exhibition at Laypunnyah Art Gallery
1 June - 13 July 2025	Tour to Goondiwindi Regional Civic Centre

MERVYN MORIARTY LANDSCAPE AWARD EXHIBITION AT MITCHELL FINE ART, BRISBANE



Above: 2023 Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award Exhibition at Mitchell Fine Art Gallery. Image Credit: Josef Ruckli.

In 2023, the winner and 20 select entries of The Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award will be exhibited at Mike Mitchell Fine Art Gallery in Brisbane between 20 February and 16 March 2024, with an opening event to take place on 24 February 2024.

DATE	EVENT
20 February - 16 March 2024	20 pieces exhibited at Mike Mitchell Fine Art Gallery
24 February 2024	Opening event at Mike Mitchell Fine Art Gallery with guest speaker, Pat Hoffie

Mike Mitchell Fine Art Gallery is the Queensland Regional Art Awards Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award premier partner.

