

## 2024 QUEENSLAND REGIONAL ART AWARDS

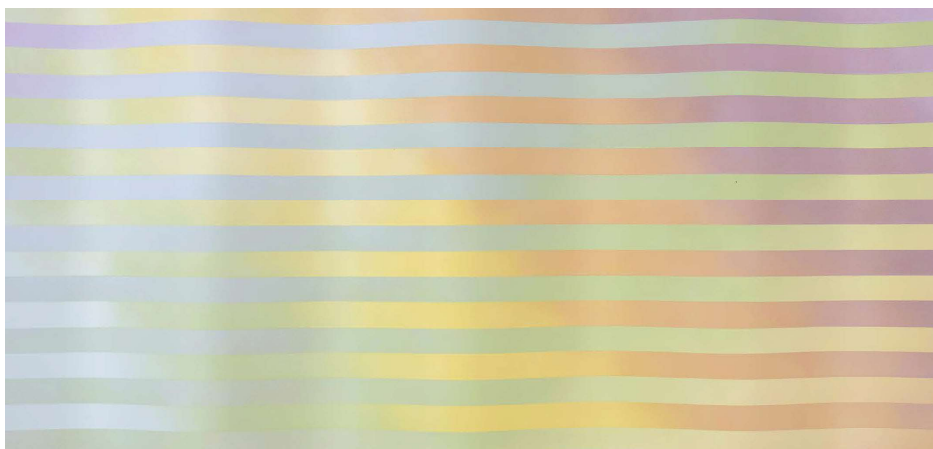
The Queensland Regional Art Awards (QRAA) is Flying Arts' signature annual art awards for established and emerging artists living in regional, rural and remote Queensland. The award aims to showcase artwork whilst providing a platform for artists to further professional development and opportunities. Each year, the QRAA features diverse visual arts categories responding to a selected theme.

This much-anticipated award will open for entries on 1 August 2024 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 and broaden audience reach.

Flying Arts organises a co-event, the QRAA Ekphrasis Challenge, which asks poets to respond to the winning artworks in the Queensland Regional Art Awards in 2024. The poems will be displayed as part of the touring exhibition of the 2024 QRAA.

### KEY DATES

12 August 2024	Entries open
7 October 2024	Entries close
21 October 2024	People's Choice voting opens
21 October 2024	Judging session 1 (online)
4 November 2024	People's Choice voting closes
11 November 2024	Judging session 2 (in-person, Brisbane)
23 November 2024	QRAA 2024 Gala and Winners Announcement



Above: Lincoln Austin, *I saw myself, in you, wondering, how did I get here*, synthetic polymer paint on aluminium composite board, QRAA Art For Life Award Winner, 2023. Image Credit: Carl Warner

## QRAA TOURING EXHIBITIONS

### PERSPECTIVE: THE TOURING EXHIBITION OF THE 2023 QRAA

In 2023, the QRAA was an invitation to explore the concept of 'Perspective', 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.

The winning artworks and highly commended recipients will tour in 2024 to Cairns, Moranbah, Charters Towers, Charleville, and Chinchilla throughout regional and remote Queensland in 2024.

This touring exhibition is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and proudly sponsored by Holding Redlich.

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



Above (left to right): 2023 QRAA artists: 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 Austin (winner of the Art for Life Award), Colina Wymarra (winner of the Remote Artist Award), Dr Fiona Foley (Judge of the 2023 QRAA), Naomi Hobson (winner of The Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award), Warwick Gow (Highly Commended recipient of the Digital Art Award).

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## QRAA TOURING EXHIBITIONS

### TOURING EXHIBITION OF THE 2023 MERVYN MORIARTY LANDSCAPE AWARD

Honouring Mervyn Moriarty's legacy, Flying Arts offers The Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award as a category of the Queensland Regional Art Awards. In 2024, a selection of artwork chosen by 2023 QRAA Judge, Jonathan McBurnie, from entries for The Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award category will tour Regional Queensland. The winner and a selection of entries of The 2023 QRAA Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award will also be exhibited at Mitchell Fine Art Gallery in Brisbane.

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Above: Aaron Butt, *The Flying Artist*, 2023 - Portrait of Mervyn Moriarty OAM, Flying Arts' Legendary Founder. Image credit: Carl Warner

DATE	EVENT
21 March - 27 April 2024	Cairns Court House Gallery
1 June - 13 July 2025	Goondiwindi Regional Civic Centre
1 November - 6 December 2024	Laypunyah Art Gallery Chinchilla



Above: Winning entry of The Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award, *Red Kangaroo and Little River Rock Cod*, ceramic installation, 2023, by Naomi Hobson. Image credit: National Portrait Gallery Canberra.

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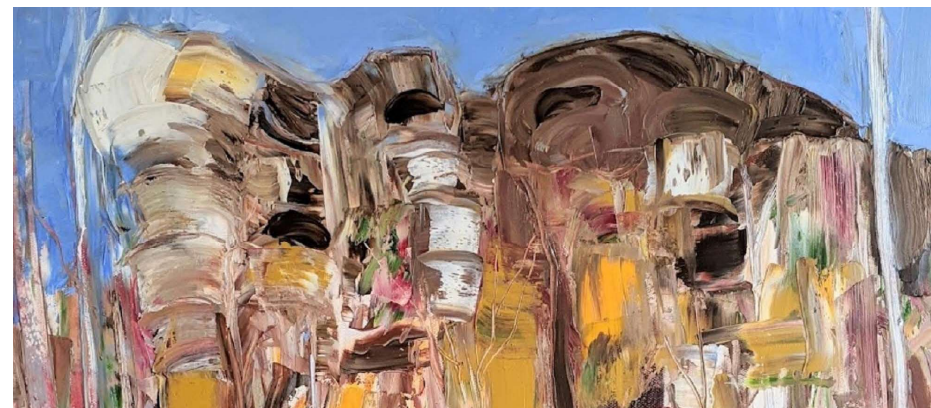
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### PAINT THE TOWN: THE TOURING EXHIBITION OF THE 2021 QRAA



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

*Paint the Town*, the touring exhibition of the 2021 QRAA, is a Flying Arts Alliance initiative in partnership with Museums & Galleries Queensland.

In 2021 the QRAA coincided with Flying Arts' 50th year anniversary, witnessing half a century of connecting artists, educators and communities. In March to May 2024, the touring exhibition will wrap up at the Lockyer Valley 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.

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

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## BRISBANE EXHIBITIONS: JWAC + CPG

### QRAA EMERGING ARTIST AWARD EXHIBITIONS AT THE JUDITH WRIGHT ART CENTRE & CONSOLIDATED PROPERTY GROUP

The winning artwork and a selection of other artworks chosen by Jonathan McBurnie, 2023 QRAA judge, from the Emerging Artist Award category will be exhibited at the Judith Wright Arts Centre in 2024. An additional selection will be shown for 12 months at the Consolidated Properties Group offices in Brisbane throughout 2024.

DATE	EVENT
13-21 February 2024	Judith Wright Arts Centre
25 March 2024 - 25 March 2025	Consolidated Properties Group



Above: Naomi McKenzie, winner of the 2023 QRAA Emerging Artist Award with her winning artwork, *Where we meet*. Image credit: Masimba Sasa.

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## BRISBANE EXHIBITIONS: MITCHELL FINE ART

### QRAA THE MERVYN MORIARTY LANDSCAPE AWARD EXHIBITION AT MITCHELL FINE ART

Honouring Mervyn Moriarty's legacy, Flying Arts offers The Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award as a category of the Queensland Regional Art Awards.

A selection of artwork chosen by 2023 QRAA Judge, Jonathan McBurnie from entries for The Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award category will be exhibited at Mitchell Fine Art in Brisbane, prior to touring Regional Queensland in 2024.

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



Above: The 2023 Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award Exhibition at Mitchell Fine Art. Image credit: Josef Ruckl

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## BRISBANE EXHIBITIONS: QCA

### QRAA ENVIRONMENTAL ART AWARD WINNER EXHIBITION AT THE QUEENSLAND COLLEGE OF ART (QCA)

In 2024, as part of the QRAA Environmental Art Award prize, Michelle Le Plastrier will exhibit at the Griffith University Queensland College of Art thanks to their generous sponsorship of the award. This component of the prize is awarded to the winner in addition to a cash prize of \$5000 thanks to the Turner Family Foundation.

Michelle Le Plastrier is a multidisciplinary artist with a focus on hand built ceramics exploring identity, socio-political and environmental issues all in her signature candy coloured style.

Michelle teaches introductory ceramics across South-East Queensland. She has completed residencies, produced workshops and exhibited across Australia for businesses, galleries and councils such as Gold Coast Arts and Culture, Level Up Studio + Gallery, Pacific Fair, HOTA, Side Gallery and Honey Bones Gallery.

DATE	EVENT
29 July-11 August 2024	Michelle Le Plastrier, QRAA Environmental Art Award Winner, solo exhibition



Above: Michelle Le Plastrier, winner of the QRAA Remote Artist Award, with her artwork, *Food-O-Matic + Pixel Printed Food*, 2023 Image credit: Kierra Thorn

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## BRISBANE ARTIST SHOWCASE - THE ATRIUM

### QRAA REMOTE ARTIST AWARD WINNER SHOWCASE AT THE ATRIUM, UQ BRISBANE CITY

In 2024, as part of the QRAA Remote Artist Award prize, Colina Wymarra will be showcased at the University of Queensland's Atrium space thanks to their generous sponsorship of the award. This component of the prize is awarded to the winner in addition to a cash prize of \$5000 thanks to EDF Renewables and a solo exhibition at JWAC thanks to the Judith Wright Arts Centre.

Colina Wymarra is a Gudang Yadhaykenu woman from Cape York on her father's side and a Dauareb/Komet woman from Mer Island on her mother's side. She lives in Sesia in the NPA and works out of the NPA Art Centre.

She has been practicing art since 1997. Colina sees her work as an extension of the ways in which she grew up: stories relayed to her not only through her Mother and Father, but also through other significant family in her life. Following her winning the Remote Art Award, Colina has been inspired to enter other significant art competitions.

DATE	EVENT
9 - 16 September 2024	Colina Wymarra, QRAA Remote Artist Award Winner, Artist Showcase



Above: Colina Wymarra, winner of the QRAA Remote Artist Award, with her award winning artwork, *Athmu Ulwung - Picinini Belong Me*, 2023 Image credit: Nathan Kelly

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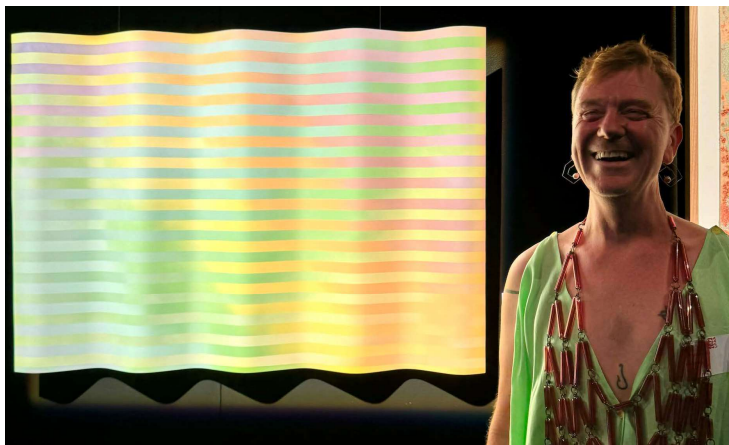
## BRISBANE EXHIBITIONS: JWAC

### QRAA ARTISTS SOLO EXHIBITIONS - JUDITH WRIGHT ARTS CENTRE

In 2024, as part of their winnings in the 2023 QRAA, four regional artists are featured with solo exhibitions at the Judith Wright Arts Centre, providing a valuable opportunity to broaden their profile and audience reach.

DATE	EVENT
13-27 May 2024	Lincoln Austin, QRAA Art For Life Award Winner, solo exhibition
3-17 June 2024	Clare Jaque Vasquez, QRAA First Nations Artist Award Winner, solo exhibition
6-20 September 2024	Colina Wymarra, QRAA Remote Artist Award Winner, solo exhibition
4-18 November 2024	Naomi Hobson, QRAA Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award Winner, solo exhibition

### LINCOLN AUSTIN: 2023 QRAA ART FOR LIFE AWARD WINNER SOLO EXHIBITION 13-27 MAY 2024



Above: Lincoln Austin, winner of the QRAA Art for Life Award with their award winning artwork, *I saw myself, in you, wondering how did I get here*, 2023 Image credit: Chantel Bates.

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## BRISBANE EXHIBITIONS: JWAC

### CLARE JAQUE VASQUEZ 2023 QRAA FIRST NATIONS ARTIST AWARD WINNER

SOLO EXHIBITION 3-17 JUNE 2024



Above: Clare Jaque Vasquez, winner of the QRAA First Nations Artist Award with her award winning artwork, *Excess Baggage*, 2023 Image credits: Masimba Sasa.

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## BRISBANE EXHIBITIONS - JWAC

### COLINA WYMARRA 2023 QRAA REMOTE ARTIST AWARD WINNER

SOLO EXHIBITION 6 - 20 SEPTEMBER 2024



Above: Colina Wymarra, winner of the QRAA Remote Artist Award with her award winning artwork, *Athmu Ulwung - Picinini Belong Me*, 2023  
Image credit: Chantel Bates

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## BRISBANE EXHIBITIONS - JWAC

### NAOMI HOBSON 2023 QRAA MERVYN MORIARTY LANDSCAPE AWARD WINNER

SOLO EXHIBITION 4 NOVEMBER - 18 NOVEMBER



Above: Naomi Hobson, winner of the QRAA Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Award with her award winning artwork, *Red Kangaro and Little River Rock Cod*, 2023  
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