

FLYING ARTS



Programme 2026

Connecting communities
across regional Queensland



Alison McDonald, *For Annie Slade*

About

Flying Arts is an arts and cultural development organisation which has been delivering visual arts projects and services to regional and remote Queensland since 1971.

Flying Arts has played a significant role in inspiring artists and communities, as well as helping to overcome the impacts of regional isolation and remote living.

Flying Arts embraces a spirit of adventure to inspire artists, children and communities through the appreciation, practice, and professional development of visual arts. We are passionate about promoting creativity as a lifetime interest, an education platform and a career aspiration. We support a creative life for all Queenslanders.

With a proud reputation built over 55 years, Flying Arts is a highly regarded arts and cultural organisation that has made a unique and significant contribution to Queensland's cultural vibrancy.

Flying Arts connects artists, educators and communities, offering equitable and affordable access to high quality arts and cultural services and resources across Queensland. We aspire to support and grow the life-long practice and appreciation of the arts for all Queenslanders.

Our work is designed to remove the barriers that prevent access to art experiences in regional and remote Queensland and provide opportunities to enable communities across the State to develop local creative capital.

We are responsive to demand and tailor our programs to community contexts ensuring inclusivity, relevance and value. We have established and maintained a high benchmark for service quality, which is monitored regularly through ongoing and rigorous evaluation.

Partners

Government Partner



Award Partners



Venue Partners



Trusts & Foundations



Education Partners



Industry Partner



Media Partners



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Professional Development

Practical tools, fresh perspectives, and new connections to strengthen your creative and professional pathways. This year's program focuses on relevance, resilience, and real-world impact—supporting Queensland's creative community to grow, adapt and lead in a changing arts landscape.

Creative Consultations

ONLINE AND IN REGION

Listen by Flying Arts

WEBINARS

Do by Flying Arts

WORKSHOPS

Talk by Flying Arts

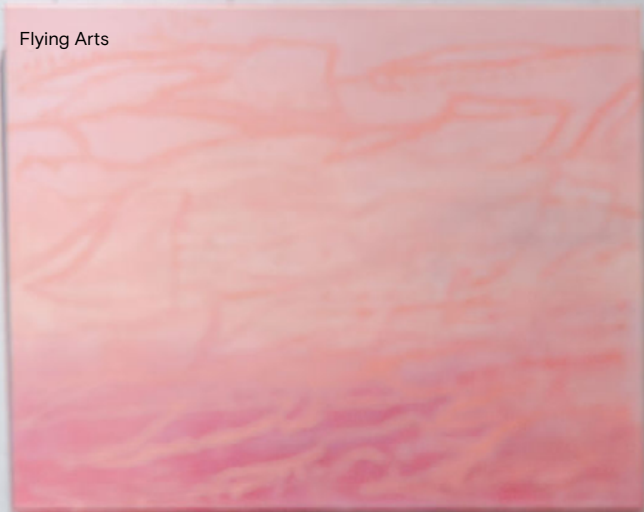
EXPERT PANEL

Learn by Flying Arts

EDUCATOR PROGRAMS

Networking

IN REGION



Creative Consultations

Whether you're seeking guidance on career development, exhibition planning, grant applications, or refining your artistic direction, the tailored consultations provide practical insights and expert advice to help you grow with confidence.

Book your session today and gain the clarity, strategy, and inspiration you need to make your creative ambitions a reality.

BOOK CREATIVE CONSULTATIONS NOW

Take your arts practice or creative project to the next level. Connecting artists, curators, and creatives of all levels with experienced industry professionals for personalised one-on-one sessions.



Dates in Region

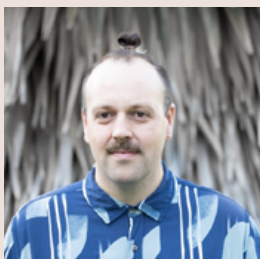
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- 18 JUN
St George



Emma Gardner
Lecturer in Drawing
Griffith University

- 23 OCT
Townsville



Daniel Qualischefski
Deputy Director
Umbrella Studio
Contemporary Arts

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for QRAA & Merv Touring Schedule

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Dates Online

20 FEB



Rebecca McDuff
Director
Bundaberg
Regional Gallery

12 JUN



Jan Manton
Director
Jan Manton Gallery

11 SEP



Jonathan McBurnie
Director
Rockhampton
Museum of Art

6 NOV



Tracey Heathwood
Director
Artspace Mackay

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J Valenzuela Didi
XO Don't Forget Me



Chloe-Roberts
Ascension

DO

by Flying Arts

Experienced facilitators responding to the professional development and education needs of regional Queensland.

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for QRAA & Merv Touring Schedule

BOOK REGIONAL WORKSHOP NOW

Key Dates

Court House Gallery, Cairns	Rose Rigley	Paper and Stitch Workshop	2 May
St George Cultural Centre	Emma Gardner	Pathways for Schools	18 June
Gallery 31, CQU Campus, Mackay	Edward Niznik	Constructing an Exhibition	2 July
Waltzing Matilda Centre, Winton	Flying Arts	Exhibition Tour	26 September

LISTEN

by Flying Arts

Webinar series that amplifies the voices of artists, curators and creative thinkers shaping today’s arts landscape.

Relevant conversations, fresh perspectives and practical insights from industry experts—designed to inform, inspire, and spark new ideas.

Whether you’re focused on professional advice or creative inspiration, Listen connects you directly to the people making an impact across Queensland and beyond.

[BOOK WEBINAR NOW](#)

Webinar	Date
Preparing your Entry to Queensland Regional Art Awards	23 July
Marketing Your Practice	28 July
What Funders Want	16 September
AI in the Arts	September
In Progress	December

TALK

by Flying Arts



Donna Glass
Long Before Eyes Saw

Important conversations led by the right people about the future of our state.

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Topic	Panelists	Date/Location
Arts & Culture in 2032 - What Role Will They Play	Hon John-Paul Langbroek, Minister for Education and the Arts Professor Sir Jonathan Mills AC Cindy Hook Scott Smith Hosted by Craig Zonker	28 October, 10-11am

MEET

by Flying Arts



Doug McNeill
Backyard Bliss

Connect with peers, meet new artist colleagues and catch up with creative friends online.

[REGISTER ONLINE NOW](#)

Key Dates

Hosted by Dr Holly Arden, Jan Manton & Alison McDonald	24 April
Hosted by Rebecca McDuff & Avi Amesbury	16 June
Hosted by Jack Fitzwalter and Michael Eather	19 August
Hosted by Ipswich	October
Hosted by Rockhampton	December



Networking

In partnership with QRAA Touring.

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Key Dates

Cairns	The Court House Gallery	14 February
Mackay	Central Queensland University	12 June
St George	St George Cultural Centre	18 June
Longreach	Qantas Founders Museum	15 July
Townsville	The Drill Hall Studio	24 September
Winton	The Waltzing Matilda Centre	26 September

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for QRAA and Merv Touring schedule

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Queensland Regional Art Awards

Annual visual art awards for established and emerging artists living in regional Queensland offering Australia’s largest regional art awards prize pool.

Finalists are exhibited in Brisbane and subsequently tour around the state. The QRAA is open to artists from across Queensland living outside the Brisbane City Council boundary. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to share in the largest prize pool for regional artists.



Christina Lowry
Ex Libris

Key Dates

Entries Open	10 August
Entries Close	18 September
Finalists Announced October	14 October
Winners Announced November	26 November

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Regional Touring



Rosie Lloyd-Giblett
Torn edges and Emblematic Wallum wildflowers

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Key Dates

Cairns	7 February – 2 May	The Court House Gallery	QRAA + Merv
Mackay	1 – 30 June	Gallery 31, CQU	Merv
St George	12 June – 12 July	St George Cultural Centre	QRAA
Longreach	15 July – 23 August	Qantas Founders Museum	Merv
Townsville*	12 September – 11 October	The Drill Hall Studio	QRAA
Winton	26 September – 20 November	Waltzing Matilda Centre	Merv

* Partnering with North Australian Festival of Arts (NAFA)

Bringing the Regions to the City

Showcasing works from regional, emerging, and established practitioners from the Queensland Regional Art Awards (QRAA).

The exhibitions bring fresh perspectives and regional stories into the heart of the city. These are an opportunity to connect South East Queensland audiences with regional artists, promoting dialogue, connection, and appreciation across communities.

Eric Clews
Sunny Girl





QRAA Exhibitions at Flying Arts

In partnership with QRAA Touring.

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Key Dates

Emerging Artist Group Exhibition	6 – 23 March
Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Solo Exhibition	15 April – 15 May
Art for Life Solo Exhibition - Alison McDonald	25 June – 8 July
Remote Artist Solo Exhibition - Moo (Sam Matthews)	9 – 24 July
First Nations Solo Exhibition - Charmaine Davis	3 – 16 September
Annie Tan Memorial Watercolour Solo Exhibition - Rosie Lloyd-Gibblett	8 – 22 October
Environmental Art Award Solo Exhibition - Christina Lowry	24 May – 6 June 2027



1 Gabi Harris *Perennial Rhythm*
2 Juanita Van Den Bergh *Butterfly Ball*

QRAA Exhibitions Brisbane

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Key Dates

Emerging Artist Exhibition	Consolidated Properties Group	26 March 2026 – April 2027
Young Artist Solo Exhibition	Land Street Gallery	5 – 15 August
Mervyn Moriarty Landscape Exhibition with Brisbane Festival	1 William Street	31 August – 11 September
Queensland Regional Art Awards Touring Exhibition	1 William Street	2 – 20 November

Education

Flying Arts delivers dynamic education programs that empower creativity and build skills across artistic development.

Through hands-on workshops, innovative online resources, professional development, and tailored arts education experiences, we connect educators, artists, and communities to inspire lifelong engagement with the visual arts.

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Kristen Flynn
Self-portrait Ophelia

For Schools

This 'press play' teaching tool is set to transform education delivery, empowering teachers to deliver extraordinary experiences for our most important citizens, the children of Queensland.

Filmed throughout regional Queensland, these visually stunning videos and learning tools will take the children on an outback adventure.

Annual Subscription

\$1,000 per school

(bursaries & discounts available for small schools)

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PROGRAM INCLUDES

Artist-led interactive and engaging lessons

Three-year levels in Primary School (Years 2, 4 & 6)

Developed by teachers for teachers

Professional Development

Lesson Plans

Interactive, engaging and inspiring materials

Support forums

Visually beautiful assets

By Request

Delivered by experienced professional artists, the programs offer a wide range of art forms, from visual arts to new media, and are adaptable for participants of all ages and skill levels.

Whether supporting curriculum outcomes, delivering community engagement, or providing professional development, By Request ensures a flexible, collaborative approach that brings high quality arts experiences directly to where they're needed most.

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By Request offers tailored arts workshops and projects designed to meet the unique needs of schools, communities, and groups across Queensland.



Regional Arts Fund

Celebrates the creativity,
innovation, and diversity of artists
living and working outside the
state’s urban centres.

Platform for regional artists to share their stories,
showcase their work to wider audiences, and gain
professional recognition across Queensland and beyond.

Promote the strength of regional voices and champion
artistic excellence and cultural connection.

The Regional Arts Fund is managed by Regional Arts
Australia on behalf of the Australian Government and
administrated by Flying Arts in Queensland.



De Lamby Wulff
Waterhole Memory

APPLY NOW

Key Dates

Project Grants Round 1 2026	Opens: 2 February 2026
	Closes: 13 March 2026
Project Grants Round 2 2026	Opens: 3 July 2026
	Closes: 14 August 2026
Quick Response Grants (Monthly)	Opens: First day of the month
	Closes: Last day of the month



Alison Murphy
Force of Nature

Insurance

Flying Arts provides General Liability, Personal Accident and Professional Indemnity Insurance for individuals engaged in arts practice.

This includes visual artists, performing artists, musicians, installers, creative writers, and curators. Flying Arts is proud to offer the most competitive insurance in Australia.

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for Member Networking Events

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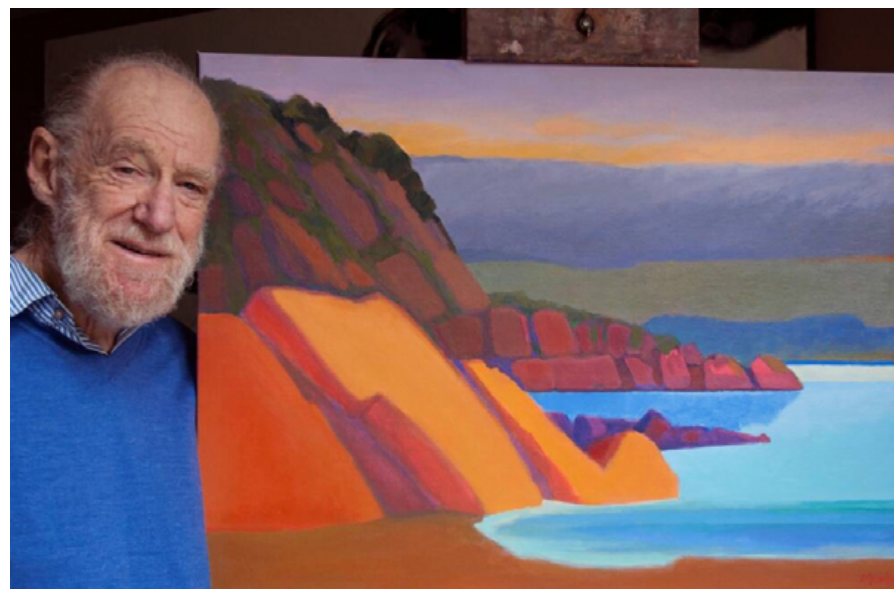
Support Us

Merv, as he was fondly called, made over 1,250 trips and averaged visiting 26 regional centres a year between 1971–1983, transforming the lives of thousands of Queenslanders.

His pioneering spirit lives on today in Flying Arts – and we've never mattered more. As you know, Flying Arts has always been about more than art. It's about opportunity, inclusion, community and transformation. In communities, we've never been needed more. With your help, we can ensure that creativity is part of everyone's story.

[DONATE NOW](#)

Over half a century ago, Mervyn Moriarty OAM had the idea to travel over 400,000 km in a light plane to teach regional communities about art.





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