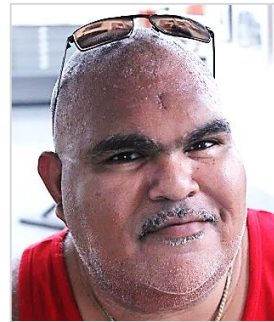


## Glen Mackie (Kei Kalak)

Born: 1975, Yam Island, Torres Strait  
Lives: Cairns, Qld  
Tribe: Iama (Yam)  
Language: Kala Lagaw Ya (Central Torres Straits)  
Totems: Hammerhead Shark (Kurrs);  
Crocodile (Koedal)



The bold *minar*, or infill-design style in Glen Mackie (Kei Kalak)'s work incorporates family totemic designs and his own invented geometric repeating water pattern. He retells the myths and legendary stories he inherited from older family members. As one of Yam Island's few practising artists he feels he has a responsibility to keep alive the sacred stories of the four brothers who travelled from the north before memory and settled Zenadh Kes, more commonly known as the Central and eastern Torres Strait Islands.

### Study

1995, 98-99 Diploma of Visual Arts, Cairns TAFE

2015-16 BA studies in Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art, Griffith University, Brisbane, Qld

### Solo Exhibitions

2017 *Glen Mackie (Kei Kalak) – Recent Works*, Canopy Art Centre, Cairns

2015 *The Coming of Sigai and other Stories*, Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane

2014 *Rear Visions: Stories from Home: The Prints of Glen Mackie*, Canopy Art Centre, Cairns (Cairns Indig. Art Fair)

2011 *I am Kulkagal*, UMI Arts, Cairns

*Ngai Lamalaig - Me a Yam Islander*, Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane

### Group Exhibitions

2021 Explore Sydney Contemporary (online), Sydney Contemporary Art Fair  
Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (online)

*WARWAR: The Art of Torres Strait*, Newcastle Art Gallery, NSW

*Reimagining: Between Tradition and Innovation*, Cairns Art Gallery, Qld

*Cairns Art Society 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Exhibition*, Cairns Art Gallery, Qld

2020 *Critical Mass: The Art of Planetary Health*, Blue Mountains Cultural Centre Gallery, Katoomba, NSW

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, virtual exhibition of Canopy artists' works

*From the Sea*, Fireworks Gallery, Brisbane, QLD

*Between the Moon and the Stars*, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin

*Recent Prints*, joint exhibition with Daniel O'Shane, Caffiend, Cairns

*Shiver*, Onespace Gallery, Brisbane

*Works by FNQ indigenous artists*, Pullman Hotel, Cairns

2018 *Old Stories and New Narratives: Recent Indigenous Prints*, for the 2nd Australian Print Triennial, Mildura, Vic.

*Printing as Process*, Incinerator Gallery, Moonee Ponds, Vic.

*Inkfest*, Inkmasters Biennial Exhibition, Tanks Arts Centre, Cairns

2017-18 *Glen Mackie and Daniel O'Shane: A celebration of the work of two artists from the Torres Strait Islands*, Art Gallery of New South Wales

*ARTNOW FNQ*, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, Qld

*Letters from Australia* (joint exhibition with Glen Mackie and Theo Tremblay), National Library of Latvia, Riga

2017 *25<sup>th</sup> Mabo High Court Win Celebration*, Gallery Gilimbaa, Brisbane

*Partners in Print*, with Sydney Printmakers, Janet Clayton Gallery, Sydney

*Partners in Print*, with Sydney Printmakers, KickArts Contemporary Arts, Cairns

2016 *Gondwana's Garden*, Tanks Art Centre, Cairns

*Thancoupie Bursary Fund*, Fundraising exhibition, Canopy Art Centre, Cairns

*Here and Now*, Canopy Art Centre, Cairns

*Tracing the Line*, Blue Mountains City Art Gallery, Katoomba, NSW (in conjunction with Print Council of Australia)

*ARTNOW FNQ*, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns

*Pathways*, touring exhibition curated by UMI Arts, Cairns (touring to a variety Australian locations)

2015 *32<sup>nd</sup> Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award*, MAGNT, Darwin (Finalist)

*Silk Cut Print Award*, Melbourne (Finalist)

*Canopy Art Centre at the Terminal*, Cruise Liner Terminal, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Cairns

*Mapping Memories, Reclaiming Culture: Stories from Far North Qld*, Canopy Art Centre (Cairns Indig. Art Fair)

Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2014 *Indigenous Artists from Australia*, Jeffrey Moose Gallery, Seattle, USA  
*International Print Exhibition (Australia & Japan)*, Kyoto, Japan  
Cairns Indigenous Art Fair exhibition, Canopy Art Centre, Cairns
- 2013 30<sup>th</sup> Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, MAGNT, Darwin (Finalist)  
*Inside/Out: Mapping Spiritual Journeys*, circa 1907 gallery, Cairns  
*Prints from the Torres Straits*, Surry Hills Library, Sydney
- 2012 *Big Wet*, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne  
*Sense of Place*, Inkmasters Exhibition, Canopy Artspace, Cairns
- 2011 *Pathways*, Umi Arts, Cairns  
*Storyboat*, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns  
*CIAF Exhibition*, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns  
*Land, Sea and Sky: Contemporary Art of the Torres Strait Islands*, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane  
Inkmasters Inaugural Members Exhibition, Tanks Arts Centre, Cairns
- 2010 *Zenadh Kes Printmakers*, Jeffrey Moose Gallery, Seattle USA  
*One Family Our Way of Life*, Gallery Gabrielle Pizzi, Melbourne
- 1999 Exhibition with Nino Sabatino at Banggu Minjaany Art Gallery, Cairns TAFE

**Art Fairs**

- 2020 Represented by Canopy Art / Editions Tremblay NFP, VIRTUAL Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF)
- 2010-19 Represented by Canopy Art / Editions Tremblay NFP, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF)  
Tanks Art Centre and Passenger Terminal Gallery
- 2016-19 Represented by Canopy Art & Editions Tremblay at Paper (Sydney) Contemporary, Carriageworks, Redfern, NSW

**Public Art/Murals**

- 2018 Munro Martin Parklands pump house building, part of Sea Walls Australia project, Cairns
- 2013 Snake Bay School, Melville Island (NT), mural
- 2012 Choice Australia, wall and floor murals for The Culture Place Gallery/Restaurant, Cairns
- 2011 Print Council of Australia print commission, two plate vinylcut '*Augud*'
- 2010 Dept of Immigration and Citizenship, Reconciliation Action Plan 2013-16 document, cover design  
Window decal project, Woodridge Medical Centre, Brisbane
- 2008 TNQ TAFE mural commission, Pre-school Child Care Centre
- 2004 Yam Island Council mural commission, community centre - 'Kabusu'
- 2003 Queensland Health Commission mural for Health Clinic  
Yam Island Council Community Store mural  
Yam Island Airport, Yam Island Welcoming sign

**Workshops/ Residencies**

- 2018 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, community workshop with Inkmasters Cairns Inc.
- 2017 Cairns Regional Gallery, Xmas Holiday Workshop in Printmaking
- 2016 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, vinylcut carving/printing workshop
- 2015 Print workshops, Thaiday memorial family festival, Two Brothers sports facility
- 2014 Woodford Festival of the Arts, Brisbane; talks, demonstrations in woodcutting,
- 2013 Print Workshops, NAIDOC Week, Australian Museum & Surry Hills Library, Sydney  
12 months Resident Artist, painting and printmaking demonstrator, *The Cultural Place*, Cairns
- 2012 Big Wet Monoprint Workshop with Theo Tremblay, Editions Tremblay, Cairns  
Resident Artist, Woodford Folk Festival, Qld

**Awards**

- 2016 Finalist, Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin  
Finalist, National Works on Paper Award, Victoria
- 2015 Finalist, Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin  
Finalist, Silk Cut Print Award, Melbourne
- 2014 Finalist, Telstra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Darwin  
2nd Prize, *Inkfest: Festival of Printmaking*, for handpainted vinylcut, *The Coming of Sigai*; Tanks Art Centre, Cairns
- 2013 Arts Queensland Bursary to study printmaking with master printmaker Theo Tremblay

**Bibliography**

- 2016 *Creative Types*, Cairns Eye, article by Roz Pulley, 16/1/16  
2015 *Darwin – The Bigger Picture*, review by Jeremy Eccles, Aboriginal Art Directory, 14/8/15  
2015 *Dilemma of difference in indigenous art award*, article by Nicolas Rothwell, The Australian, 13/8/13  
2012 SBS NAIDOC Week short films featuring *Tagai - Star Constellation* print  
2011 *The past returns to the surface*, article by Nicolas Rothwell, The Australian, p.17 Arts, 17/11/11  
*Land, Sea & Sky – In and out of the Torres Strait*, article by Jeremy Eccles, Aboriginal Art Directory, 6/7/11  
2006 *Gatherings II*, Survey Publications, Arts Queensland, Keeaira Press, Brisbane  
2002 *Gatherings I*, Survey Publications, Arts Queensland, Keeaira Press, Brisbane

**Collections**

Artbank  
Art Gallery of NSW  
Art Gallery of South Australia  
Art Vault, Mildura, Vic  
Australian Museum  
Ballarat Regional Gallery  
Cairns Regional Gallery  
Canson Australia  
City of Fremantle, WA  
Art Gallery of NSW  
Kluge Ruhe Collection, University of Virginia, USA  
National Gallery of Australia  
National Gallery of Victoria  
National Museum of Australia  
Newcastle Art Gallery  
NT Museum and Art Gallery  
Parliament House Art Collection, Canberra  
Print Council of Australia  
Queensland Art Gallery  
St Ursula's College, Toowoomba, Qld  
University of Melbourne, Baillieu Library Collection  
University of Queensland Art Collection  
University of Wollongong, NSW  
+ private national and international collections