

GROUND FLOOR  
UNTIL 25 JAN 2025

## NEW EXUBERANCE

### Contemporary Australian Textile Design

*New Exuberance – Contemporary Australian Textile Design* features the work of more than 30 textile creatives and presents the rich diversity of textile-based practices in contemporary art, design and fashion in Australia today.

1ST FLOOR  
UNTIL 2 FEB 2025

## SIXFOLD PROJECT

### A Tidy House

*A Tidy House* features new work by the art collective Sixfold Project – Raewyn Biggs, Barbara Dover, Louisa Ennis-Thomas, Julie Poulsen, Rose Rigley and Jennifer Valmadre. These contemporary artists creatively engage with the complexities surrounding the concept of the home.

1ST FLOOR  
18 JAN – 9 MAR 2025

## JASON WEGGER

### Anxiety

Together with the an RSL Club Artist Fellowship, Jason was awarded a studio residency in Cairns that was funded by the Double R Arts Foundation. During this residency Jason produced a series of drawings composed in a circular format that foreshadow the end of the world in ten stages. Simply using graphite on paper each drawing delivers a bracing dystopian commentary for the artist.

## BECOME A MEMBER

Share our vision by becoming a Gallery Member. Annual Membership benefits include:

- Year-round savings with 10% discount on purchases at the Gallery Shop
- 20% Gallery Shop discount on special Member's Shopping days throughout the year
- Discounts and priority bookings on all children and adult creative learning programs and workshops
- Exclusive Members access to exhibition talks and events



Become a member

## VISIT US

### CAIRNS ART GALLERY

Cnr Shields & Abbott St  
P 07 4046 4800

Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm  
Sat 10am – 5pm  
Sun 10am – 2pm

- [cairnsartgallery.com.au](http://cairnsartgallery.com.au)
- [Cairns.Art.Gallery](https://www.facebook.com/Cairns.Art.Gallery)
- [@cairnsartgallery](https://www.instagram.com/cairnsartgallery)

IMAGE COVER  
William YANG  
*Self Portrait #1* (detail) n.d  
gelatin silver photograph  
41.0 x 27.0 cm

Commissioned by Cairns Regional Gallery, 2000

# WHAT'S ON

JAN – MAR 25



Jason Wegger supported through Cairns RSL Club Artist Fellowship Awards



DOUBLE R ARTS FOUNDATION

*New Exuberance: Contemporary Australian Textile Design* is a JamFactory touring exhibition supported by the Visions of Australia touring program, an Australian Government program aiming to improve access to cultural material for all Australians.

GALLERY SPONSORS



VIP PROGRAM PARTNER



MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM PARTNER



# CAIRNS ART GALLERY



1ST FLOOR  
11 JAN – 9 MAR 2025

## WILLIAM YANG

### Collection in Focus

The pre-eminent Australian photographer William Yang was born in Mareeba, near Cairns. With great-grandparents who migrated from the south of China in the 1880s to dig for gold, Yang's art grapples with being a third-generation Australian Chinese and what it means to be bicultural in this country.

In the 1960s Yang left the north to study architecture in Brisbane. He began writing for the Architecture Review at the University of Queensland, which led to script writing for theatre, and a serious interest in photography was to follow.

In this exhibition, drawn from the Gallery's Collection, Yang's photographs begin with his birthplace in the far north and trace the struggles of earlier generations of his family. His photographs capture the life and times of the Australian Chinese experience, exploring the human experience of marginalisation and belonging in order to understand the personal question, "How do I fit in?"

**William YANG**  
*My family in front of our old home* 1990  
silver gelatin photograph  
41 x 27 cm  
Cairns Art Gallery Collection  
Commissioned by Cairns Regional Gallery, 2000



1ST FLOOR  
7 FEB – 9 MAR 2025

## CAIRNS ART SOCIETY

### 77th Annual Exhibition

Cairns Art Society is one of the region's oldest and most respected community arts organisations and 2025 will be the 77th year that the Art Society has held their much-anticipated exhibition of selected works submitted by member artists.

Cairns Art Society was formed in 1931 to 'promote an interest in art and where possible help individual artists to achieve their aims', and today, nearly 100 years later, the not-for-profit association still strives to support local and regional artists by providing opportunities for exhibiting and social networking, workshops and professional development.

The Cairns Art Society Annual Awards Exhibition at the Cairns Art Gallery has become increasingly competitive and is seen as an important event in the FNQ calendar of the arts. Each year a panel of independent judges chooses the best entries for inclusion in the exhibition. The opening event includes the awarding of several prizes on the night with categories such as best oil painting, best acrylic painting and best digital art. Prizes are generously donated by local businesses and individual sponsors.

**Zita SUDNIKA**  
*Blue Queensland* 2023  
acrylic on canvas  
Courtesy of the artist  
(Image from the 75th Annual Art Exhibition 2023)



2ND FLOOR  
25 JAN – 16 MAR 2025

## TIM ELLIS

### Glimpses

As a painter and former art director for international film productions, Tim Ellis deploys the techniques, tools and mediums used for scenic art to make large paintings. In composing a work, his painter's eye selects one fleeting moment to become a canvas.

Ellis' works are executed with bright, fluid brush-strokes, and with a cinematic approach, they show hyper-real moments from life in rural far north Queensland. Infused with this staged intent, his painting technique requires the exacting precision that makes film sets read as 'real' and relies on acute observation of surface textures, such as the crackled appearance of aged or distressed timber under film lights.

Moments are caught vividly with storytelling themes of place and time. In some paintings Ellis uses video projections on their surface, and when these two media are combined like this, a dreamlike or fantastical quality arises.

**Tim ELLIS**  
*8:30am, Brisbane Airport - Foot Traffic* 2024  
Acrylic on Canvas  
120 x 160cm  
Courtesy of the artist