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# Welcome ...

... to Gympie Studio Trails 2023! Our talented artists, artisans and creatives are the heart and soul of the region and invite you into their private studios to share their work, skills, stories and inspiration with you. This is an opportunity to meet the makers and gain intimate insight into the creative practices and techniques of Gympie's local artists.

This year Studio Trails runs from Saturday 1 to Sunday 23 July and offers the opportunity to plan your itinerary across four unique landscapes that together make up the Gympie Region - the coast, countryside, city and mountains. Studios are open 10am-4pm across their selected weekends and offer an opportunity to see artist demonstrations in studios, stroll through sculpture gardens, buy artwork or book in for workshops and special evening events.

Check out [visitgympieregion.com.au](http://visitgympieregion.com.au) for more information on local events, attractions and places of interest, and don't forget to visit the Gympie Regional Gallery - the perfect spot to start your studio trail!

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**Goomeri and Woolooga to the West: 8 & 9 July ..... 5**

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**Mary Valley to the South: 22 & 23 July ..... 37**

**All Studios are open 10am-4pm on their selected dates.**

For more details, contact the Gympie Regional Gallery on 5481 0733 or visit [gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery](http://gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery)




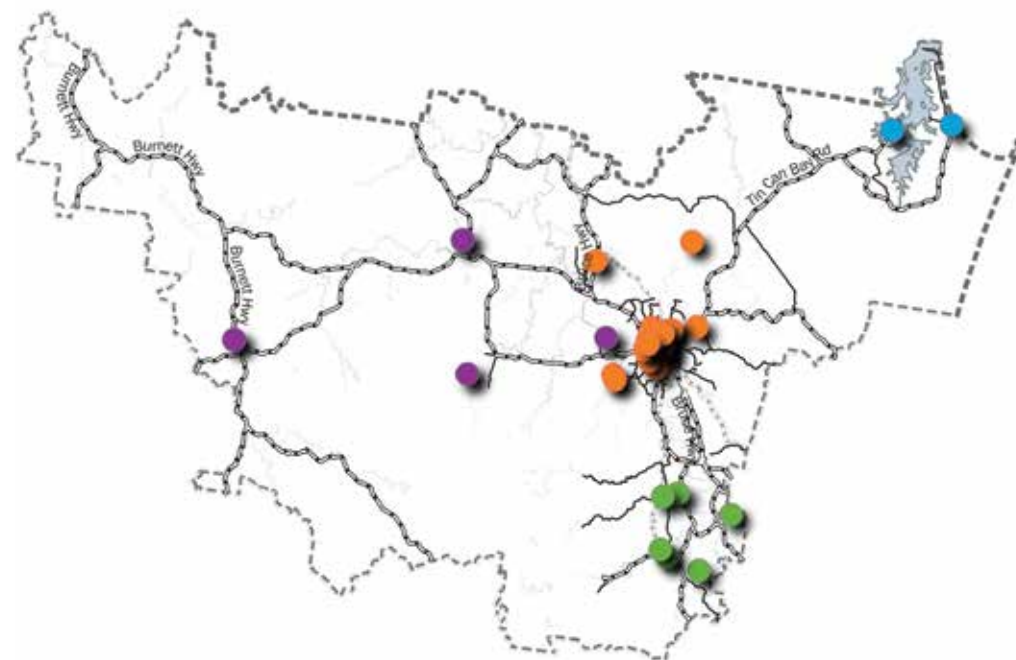
Front cover image: Musgrave Street Studio – Sandra Ross and Keith Kuchenmeister. Photo courtesy of Jazmyn Smith.

## Plan your adventure

1. The Studio Trails covers the whole of the Gympie region, so planning your day can really help. Most people can comfortably visit 4 to 5 studios in a day.
2. Double check the opening days of each studio as some studios may only be open on a Saturday OR Sunday. All studios are open 10am-4pm.
3. Ask questions! Some of the artists are well established and some are emerging but they are all eager to share their creative experiences with you.
4. Be a great visitor and supervise children, stick to paths and ask before bringing a pet.

You can jump on the **Sunday Studio Drive** and be driven to a selection of artist studios each Sunday! See more information on page 12.

Please note that studio displaying this symbol  have wheelchair access.



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# Discover

## Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach



### Visit Tin Can Bay

- Take a stroll along the Tin Can Bay Foreshore Walk.
- Enjoy a BBQ or picnic by the water
- Visit the Tin Can Bay Marina and feed the dolphins
- Eat locally caught fresh seafood in local cafes and restaurants



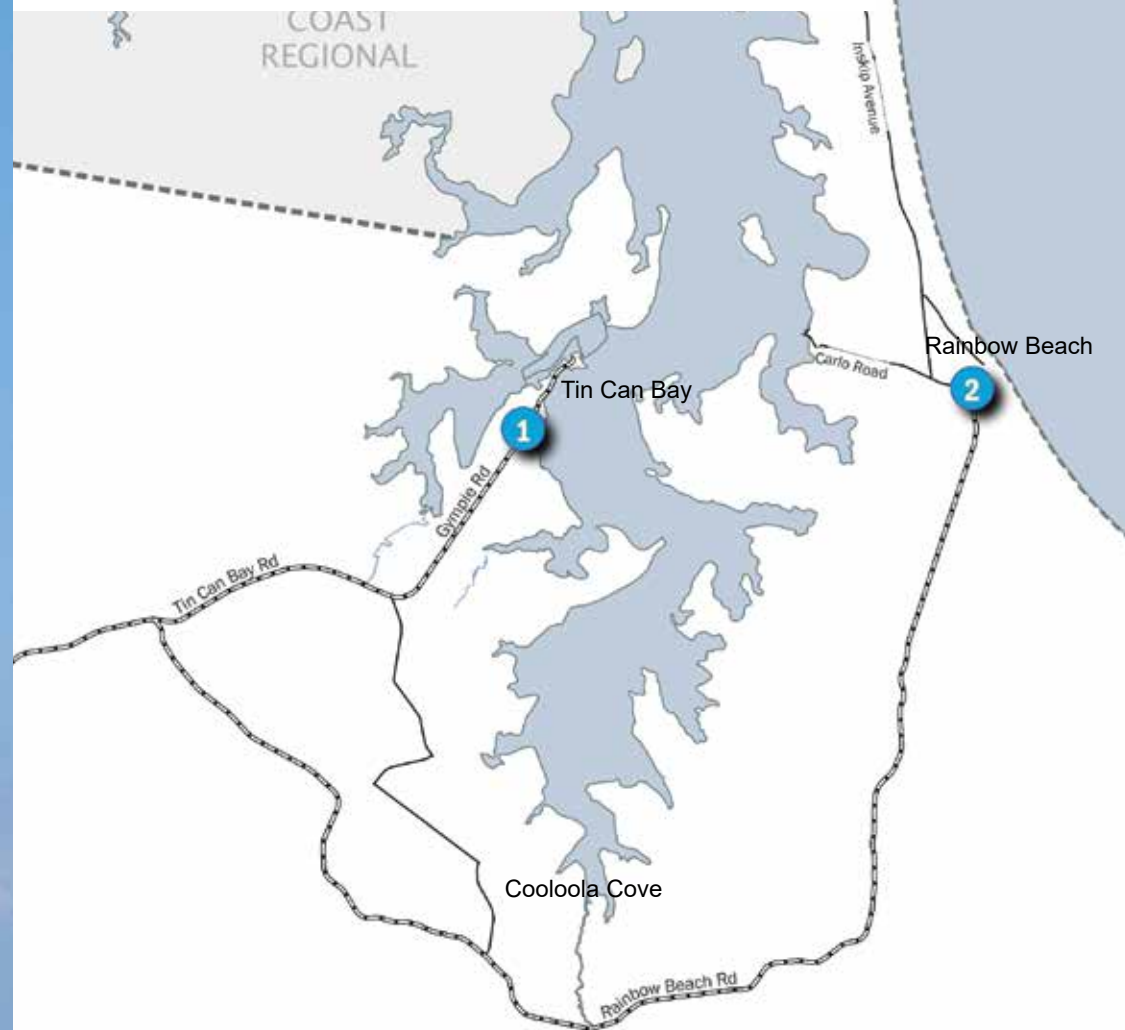
### Visit Rainbow Beach

- Enjoy a day tour of the stunning heritage listed K'gari (Fraser Island)
- Go horse riding along the beach
- Enjoy a picnic and a swim on beautiful Rainbow Beach
- Kayak with dolphins, manta rays and sea turtles
- Explore the coloured sands and cliffs of Rainbow Beach
- Get back to nature with rain forest walks in the Cooloolo National Park
- Take a view from the top at the Carlo Sand Blow
- Be adventurous and explore Rainbow Beach by helicopter
- Let your taste buds indulge in one of the many cafes, bakeries and restaurants



For more information contact the Rainbow Beach Tourist Centre 07 5586 3227 | [rainbowbeachinfo.com.au](http://rainbowbeachinfo.com.au)  
3/6 Rainbow Beach Road, Rainbow Beach

## Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach to the East





## 1. Tin Can Bay Art

Tin Can Bay's best kept secret! Surrounded by lush tropical gardens, Jill McDonald's beautiful gallery is a colourful oasis of hand-painted silk scarves, fashion, decorative art and unique hand-crafted home décor.

Famous for introducing innovations such as the bikini and the Hawaiian muu-muu to the Sunshine Coast, Jill is now semi-retired and her creative outlet is spending time in her studio painting while exploring new techniques and interior design.

**Location:** 16 King Street, Tin Can Bay  
**Phone:** 0458 139 747  
**Email:** [jill.mcdonald@bigpond.com](mailto:jill.mcdonald@bigpond.com)  
**Facebook:** Tin Can Bay Art



Visual arts,  
mixed media,  
fashion,  
home décor



## 2. Rainbow Beach Pizza

Experience Studio Trails on foot by viewing a mural of the colourful sands of Rainbow Beach by artist James R Ellis, which captures the natural beauty of the region. 'I love being near the coast and capturing the lifestyle and the feeling of the local area in my work.' Then step inside Rainbow Beach Pizza and view a collection of works from local artist Lynette Dimmock of Net Rae Art. Lynette's inspiration is the beach and capturing the vivid colours of the landscape. With a regular presence at local markets, Lynette enjoys sharing her passion for creating art and the journey that led her to becoming a full-time artist.

Only open: Saturdays 4pm-9pm

**Location:** Shop 1, 48 Shop Rainbow Beach Road, Rainbow Beach  
**Phone:** 5486 3043  
**Email:** [rainbowbeachpizza@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowbeachpizza@gmail.com)  
**Instagram:** [rainbowbeachpizza](https://www.instagram.com/rainbowbeachpizza)



Visual art,  
mural





# Discover

## Goomeri, Woollooga and the West

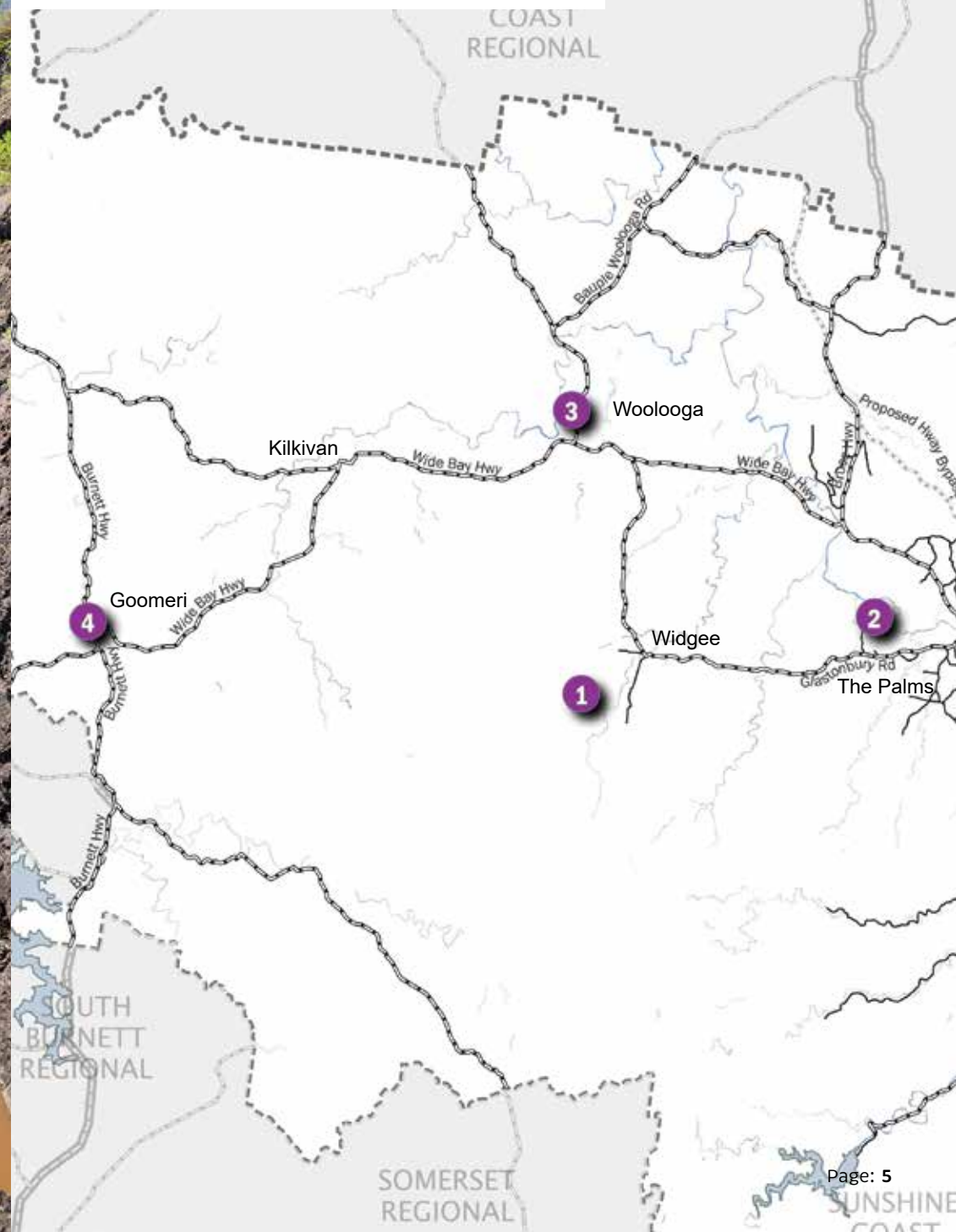


- Enjoy scenic views at Brooyar State Forest lookout
- Enjoy a picnic in the many parks in the region
- Take a dip at Widgee Creek swimming area
- Walk, cycle or horse ride along the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail
- Soak up the atmosphere at Woollooga Longyard cafe
- Explore scenic views at Kinbombi Falls
- Take a stroll under the bridge at Marg Macintosh park (public toilets)

Find out more at the Gympie Visitor Information Centre located at 24 Georgie Road, Gympie or phone 1800 444 222.

Visit us online at [www.visitgympieregion.com](http://www.visitgympieregion.com)

## Goomeri and Woollooga to the West





## 1. Milly's Art from the Heart - Milly Hine

Inspired by nature and connection to the land, Milly creates wildlife images, scenery, portraits, crazy cats, horses and spiritual art. Her style is anywhere from real to surreal, graphic, fanciful, Australian, colourful and bold.

Milly's Sacred HeART Studio space is situated on 50 acres at 'Serpentine Ridge' Widgee and a picturesque 25minute drive from Gympie. A converted farm shed complex nestled just below Widgee Mountain, the studio is surrounded by gardens that lead uphill past serpentine rocks, lined by palms and grass trees and towards a lookout to a magnificent mountain view of the countryside.

Visit to experience artist demonstrations and tours of permaculture, bush tucker and flowering gardens.

**Location:** 578 Upper Widgee Road, Widgee

**Phone:** 0484 002 771

**Email:** mhzvibrations@gmail.com

**Facebook:** Milly Hine -  
Milly's Art from the Heart

**Instagram:** millysartfromtheheart



Visual arts,  
mixed media,  
gardens



## 2. PK Steel Creations - Peter Smith

We are very pleased this year for the first time to introduce PK Steel Creations to the Gympie Studio Trails event.

Peter's creative passion in making wonderful steel sculptures and his clever ability to utilise recycled materials is, to say the least, amazing! His work has brought much pleasure to many.

Peter welcomes custom designs and enjoys creating commission pieces for clients. Come and share a wonderful journey in Peter's artwork. A must see on your trail journey.

**Location:** 11 De Castella Road, The Palms

**Phone:** 0411 226 132

**Email:** pksteelcreations@gmail.com



Steel  
sculpturist





### 3. JungleRoom Art Studio - Robert Nobilia

JungleRoom Art Studio is all about creating visual art that comes from the imagination. When one is being totally open to further possibilities, real art is created.

Visit to enjoy a tour of Robert's studio and garden.

**Location:** 13 Chamberlain Street, Woolooga  
**Phone:** 0413 144 687  
**Email:** robertnobilia@gmail.com  
**Website:** <https://robert-nobilia.business.site>

Visual arts



### 4. Hibiscus House - Janita Kington

Here at Hibiscus House Studio and Gallery, you will find abstract art created with a passion for the juxtaposition of colour and line, in paintings, homewares, jewellery, and eclectic pieces. You are invited to journey through my works and make them your story to enjoy.

The studio, although small, is jam packed and situated in a lovely setting near bushland with hilltop views. Only a minute from the little country village of Goomeri with its bakery, chocolate shop, bookstore and more.

**Location:** 3 Falkenhagen Court, Goomeri  
**Phone:** 0413 013 943  
**Email:** janitakington69@gmail.com  
**Website:** [www.rjkart.com.au/janitakington](http://www.rjkart.com.au/janitakington)  
**Facebook:** Hibiscus House Studio

Visual art,  
painting,  
watercolour,  
ink, jewellery,  
homewares,  
eclectic





# Discover

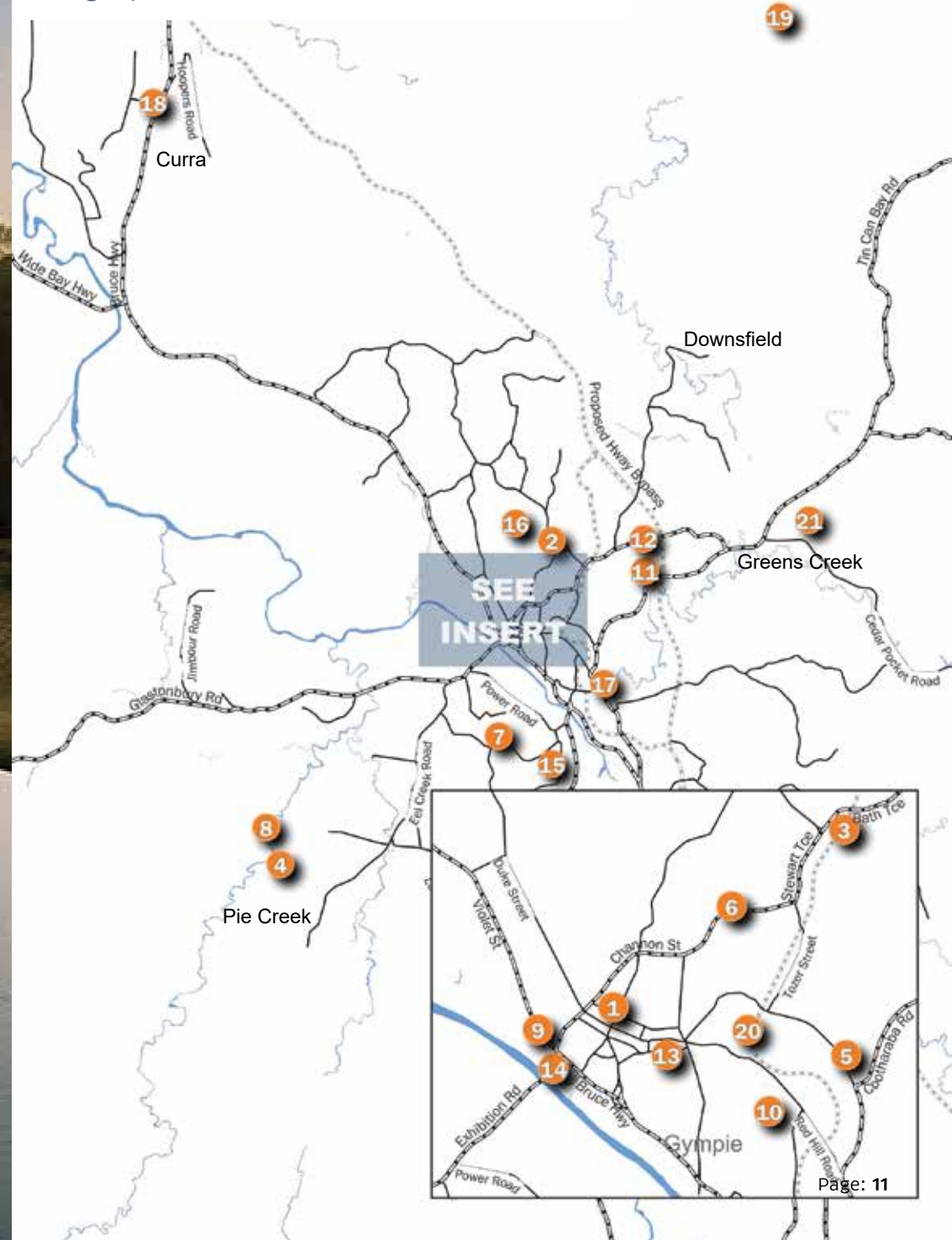
## Gympie and Surrounds



- Climb aboard the Mary Valley Rattler at the historic Gympie Railway Station
- Pan for gold at the Deep Creek fossicking area
- Enjoy the wonderful facilities at Lake Alford Recreational Park including the all abilities playground, BBQ facilities, public amenities, Visitor Information Centre, off-leash dog park, and plenty of off-street parking for caravans and RVs
- Canoe or kayak on the Mary River
- Step back in time at the Gympie Gold Mining and Historical Museum
- Explore the history of Gympie's forestry at the Woodworks Museum

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Visit the website at [www.visitgympieregion.com](http://www.visitgympieregion.com)

## Gympie and Surrounds to the North



# Sunday Studio Drive

Jump on Sunday Studio Drive and be driven to a selection of artist studios! Be immersed in a fun and convenient way to meet new people and explore the Gympie region on a bus. Departs from the Australian Institute of Country Music (AICM) in Gympie CBD each Sunday. Your ticket will include a scrumptious morning tea, lunch and a special goodie bag. These tours are coordinated by Creative Arts Gympie Region, a volunteer run, not-for-profit organisation that advocates for and supports creatives in the Gympie region.

Tours run each Sunday during Studio Trails

Tin Can Bay to the East and selected Gympie Studios: ..... Sunday 2 July  
Goomeri and Woolooga to the West: ..... Sunday 9 July  
Gympie and Surrounds to the North: ..... Sunday 16 July  
Mary Valley to the South: ..... Sunday 23 July

Visit the CAGR website for more information. Bookings essential.

**Email:** creativearts.gr@gmail.com

**Website:** www.creativeartsgympieregion.com.au

**Facebook:** CreativeGympie



## 1. Gympie Regional Gallery

### Gympie Regional Gallery

Housed in the historic School of Arts building, Gympie Regional Gallery offers a diverse program of local, regional and touring exhibitions. A hub for the local arts community, the gallery hosts regular workshops, classes and activities, and is a creative space for local art groups.



### Earth Coats and Collective Stories

A collaborative exhibition between Jo Williams conceptual kimono inspired coats, Beryl Wood's theatrical wearable art and Videographer Katrina Elliott with collective stories from previous Scape Coat Workshops.

**On view:** 8 June - 13 July

### Drawn Together: Cooloola Coast Art Group

The vibrant communities of Tin Can Bay and Cooloola Cove have a backyard that is gently touched by the sea and sustains a strong relationship between nature the giver and people the carers. This synergy aligns an energy which draws Cooloola Coast Art Group together and invites creativity.



**On view:** 7 June - 13 July

**Location:** 39 Nash Street, Gympie. Open 10am-4pm Tuesdays to Saturdays.  
Closed Public Holidays.

**Phone:** 5481 0733

**Email:** gallery@gympie.qld.gov.au

**Website:** www.gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery

**Facebook:** Gympie Regional Gallery

**Instagram:** gympieregionalgallery





# DU RIETZ ART AWARDS 2023

The premier art awards for the Gympie region. 2D and 3D works by finalists from across Australia are displayed throughout Gympie Regional Gallery.

**On view:** 21 July – 25 August

**Official Opening:** Friday 28 July, from 6pm  
Free, all welcome

## 2. Uniqueartz - Trish Ramsay and Graham Barnes

Experience the artistry of Trish and Graham's Uniqueartz Studio on a captivating art trail. Discover a harmonious blend of indoor and outdoor visual arts, where you can meander through their serene garden and be inspired by an eclectic selection of art and sculptures, often influenced by musical genres. You will be mesmerised by illuminated musical instruments, lamps, sculptures, mosaics, hand-crafted jewellery, and mixed media works in their indoor gallery. A magical journey that will captivate your senses and leave you with a profound appreciation for their unique creations. Join us at Trish and Graham's Uniqueartz for an unforgettable art experience.

Mosaics,  
garden,  
visual arts,  
sculpture

**Indoor and Outdoor Gallery Illuminations:** Saturday 15 July, 6pm-7.30pm, entry by donation.

**Indoor and Outdoor Gallery Illuminations:** Sunday 16 July, 6pm-7.30pm, entry by donation.

**Location:** 4 Heights Drive, Gympie  
**Phone:** 0428 524 469  
**Email:** ramsaytrish5@gmail.com  
**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/ramsay.trish/](https://www.instagram.com/ramsay.trish/)





### 3. Papernicus Fine Art Studio - Zela Bissett

Zela's cosy art studio, set among her lush permaculture garden, is where she makes a variety of art products, including botanical papers, artworks, linocut prints and collages. She also creates colourful garments and wall hangings using wool felt. You can choose to see the artist at work, have a go at making a sheet of hand-made paper or do a tour of the gardens to see which plants are used. Cards, artworks and felt garments will be available for sale, as well as felt scarves, brooches and other items.

Visual arts,  
handmade paper,  
garden,  
spoken word,  
sustainable  
lifestyles

**Make a long weekend of Studio Trails in Gympie - this studio is NOT open Saturday 15 or Sunday 16 July, but is OPEN Friday 14 and Monday 17 July for visitors to explore!**

**Garden tour and paper-making demonstration:** Friday 14 July, 10am, free.

**Have a go at papermaking:** Friday 14 July, 2pm, free.

**Garden tour and paper-making demonstration:** Monday 17 July, 10am, free.

**Have a go at papermaking:** Monday 17 July, 2pm, free.

Bookings essential.

**Location:** 3 Carrington Avenue, Gympie  
**Phone:** 0400 366 195  
**Email:** suzeela39@gmail.com  
**Website:** www.zela.com.au  
**Facebook:** Susan Zela's Sustainable Services  
**Instagram:** susanzelabissett

### 4. Des Spencer Art

Des Spencer welcomes you to his open-air art studio and flower farm located in Pie Creek. Take a walk amongst the flowers and watch art demonstrations in scenic surrounds.

Known for his bright, colourful style, Des paints land and cityscapes, floral, abstract, F1 and underwater scenes exploding with pulsating colour. Des' distinctive style gives depth and movement through the combination of vibrant colors and varying texture, and has cemented his reputation as a leading International artist. After owning art galleries in Cairns and Port Douglas for 22 years, Des moved to the UAE and the Maldives from 2014 - 2021. Now settled in Gympie, Des is building an artist retreat and flower farm with his wife Lissa on their acreage property.

Visual arts,  
flower farm

**Experiment with techniques workshop:** Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July, 10am-11am, \$40. Bookings essential.

**Location:** 129 Long Road, Pie Creek  
**Phone:** 0491 045 279  
**Email:** des.spencerstudios@gmail.com  
**Website:** www.desspencer.com  
**Instagram:** des\_spencer





## 5. Art Down Under – Kathy Burden’s Art School

Find your own way of expression through visual art at Kathy Burden’s Shank Street Studio and create your own masterpiece. The Gympie Region’s trailblazing artist opened the studio 27 years ago and has supported countless fledgling creators by giving them space to discover their creative method. The award-winning artist invites visitors to come and play, trying their hand at a bit of a watercolour or oil painting, and have a chat with the talented and prolific artist. The Art Down Under studio will also be displaying works by Kathy for sale and discussion.

Visual arts

**Express Yourself-Find Your Creative Flair:** Thursday 20 July, 4.00pm-7.00pm, \$35.

**Express Yourself-Find Your Creative Flair:** Thursday 27 July, 4.00pm-7.00pm, \$35.

Bookings essential.

**Location:** 23 Shanks Street, Gympie

**Phone:** 0480 247 335

**Email:** mickkath4@gmail.com



## 6. Musgrave Street Studio - Sandra Ross, Keith Kuchenmeister and Kathleen Hunt

At Musgrave Street Studio you will experience artwork by Sandra Ross, Keith Kuchenmeister and guest artist Kathleen Hunt. Be welcomed to the light airy studio snuggled under an old Queenslander surrounded by lush green gardens.

Keith’s mixed media images are playful and imaginative, commenting on human intervention in nature, and drawing upon memories of his childhood home and family. Sandra delves into the realm of personal emotions, touching on themes of loss, trauma, and healing. She masterfully incorporates natural motifs that evoke mystical landscapes in poetic and lyrical ways. Paper artist Kathleen Hunt reclaims and repurposes discarded materials with an ethos of sustainability and underlying political and environmental messages. Come and join them on this journey of creativity, self-discovery, and growth.

Visual arts



**Long Table Art Dinner:** Wednesday 19 July, 6pm, free. BYO share plate for dinner and to hear from a guest speaker. Bookings essential through Humanitix. Limited numbers.

**Location:**

3 Musgrave Street, Gympie

**Phone:**

0421 179 010

**Email:**

sandra.mia.matisse@gmail.com

**Email:**

huntartjewellery@bigpond.com

**Website:**

www.sandraross.com.au

**Facebook:**

Sandra Ross Artist

**Instagram:**

sandrarossart



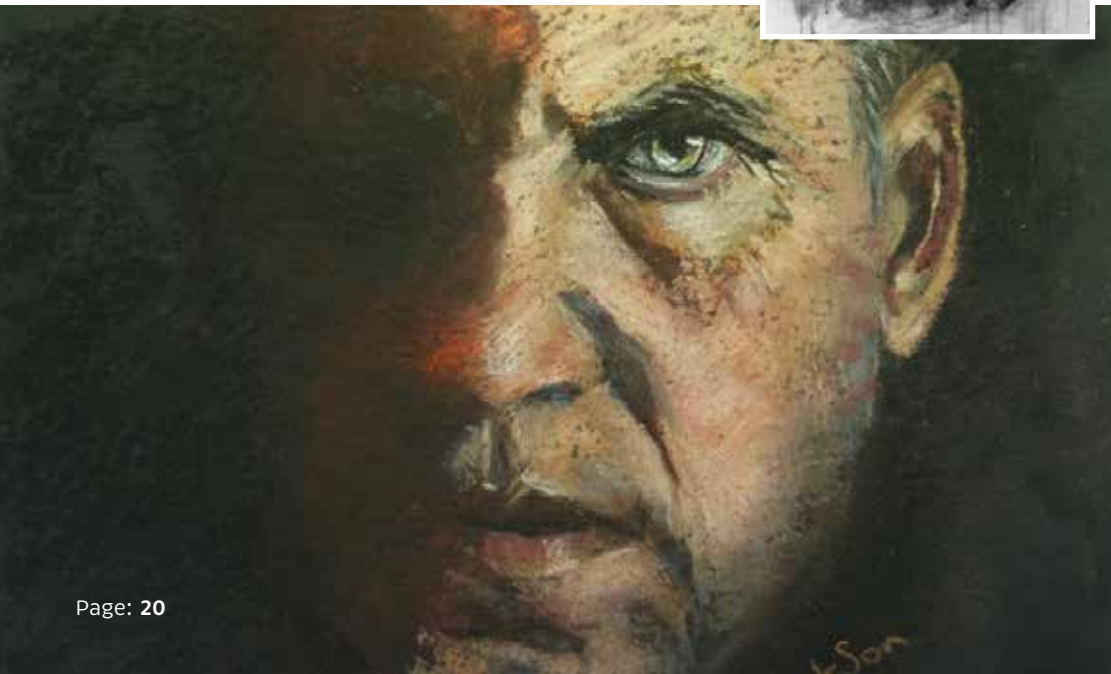
## 7. Jaine Jackson Art

When you step into Jaine's studio you immediately experience the emotion she embodies in her unique and bold works. Working across multiple mediums prompts spontaneity whilst aiming to "sculpt the subject" - allowing her work to continually evolve in such a way that there is not only the illusion of dimension but genuine depth to the subject. Jaine's portraiture is recognised through her ability to "capture the essence" of the sitter, embodying their personality and 'life's journey' - a challenge she thoroughly enjoys. Come and watch a work of art in progress and try your hand during her Studio Trail openings.

**Charcoal Portrait:** How We Measure Up Workshop, Wednesday 19 July, 9am-3.30pm, \$100. Bookings essential.

**Location:** 8 Lapis Court, Gympie  
**Phone:** 0417 788 986  
**Email:** jainejacksonart@gmail.com  
**Website:** www.jainejackson.com.au  
**Facebook:** Jaine Jackson Studio  
**Instagram:** jainejacksonart

Visual art,  
contemporary,  
mixed media,  
portraiture



## 8. PesArt & Ceramics - Prue McLeod

Welcome to PesArt & Ceramics, a vibrant, exciting art and pottery studio. Set in scenic Pie Creek, our motto is 'Empowerment Through Creativity'. Explore pottery and art across the weekend with a wonderful hands on clay experience. Looking for more? Why not join a weekly class.

Prue's own creativity lies in producing clay sculptures, bright functional ceramics and paintings, which will be for sale and would be sure to enhance any home. Prue is inspired by her love of colour, texture, form and function. The business enjoyed recent success receiving Business of the Year 2022 for Gympie Women in Business Awards.

Visual art,  
ceramics



### Clay Handbuilding Class for Beginners:

Saturday 15 July, 10.00am-12pm

Saturday 15 July, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Sunday 16 July, 10am-12pm.

\$23 for 1 hour, \$45 for 2 hours.

Bookings essential.

Clay demonstrations 10am & 1.30pm on Saturday, and 10am Sunday.

**Location:**  
123 Long Road, Pie Creek  
**Phone:**  
0401 586 638  
**Email:**  
pesartandceramics@gmail.com  
**Website:**  
www.pesartandceramics.com.au  
**Facebook:**  
PesArt & Ceramics  
**Instagram:**  
pesart\_and\_ceramics





## 9. Perseverance Street Theatre Company

Perseverance Street is an independent theatre company proudly based in Gympie. We build theatre from the ground up and focus on the development of young, regional and emerging artists, as core practice. Our work utilizes the power of performance and cultural experiences to foster community wellbeing, resilience and connectedness. Break up your studio trails weekend with a hands on experience with the performing arts through an interactive escape room!

**JAILBREAK is an interactive escape room.** Each team has 60 minutes to solve the clues, find the keys, free the prisoner and break out of the cell before the warden comes! Grab a group of 3-5 friends and book your escape (recommended for players 12 years and older). Friday 14, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July. 10am-6pm. \$100 per team. Bookings essential via Humanitix.

**Location:** Shed 4/24 Barter Street, Gympie  
**Phone:** 0407 995 422  
**Email:** sharon@perseverancestreet.com.au  
**Website:** www.perseverancestreet.com.au



Immersive  
theatre



## 10. Cindy Vogels

From Lady Gaga to the country's fastest rising music stars, Australian fashion innovator and designer, Cindy Vogels, dresses the music with a difference. Creatively collaborating with artists on one-off, obscure and beautiful garments, her costumery and fashion features on screens, stages and red carpets across the world, including London Fashion Week, the ARIAs, Eurovision Australia, Christian Louboutin with guitar-slinging artist, Jaguar Jonze and iconic rock band, Regurgitator. An event producer and creative director, Cindy founded the label Racy&Lucky in 2014, the Space Girls Festival here in the Gympie Region in 2018, and was added to the 2022 Australian Women In Music Awards Honour Roll for winning an AWMA for Excellence in Image Making.

Experience Cindy in action with ongoing demonstrations and tours across the weekend.

Millinery,  
fashion,  
costume,  
production  
designer



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0403 291 880  
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cindylovogels@gmail.com  
**Website:**  
www.cindyvogels.com  
**Facebook:**  
The Cindy Vogels  
**Instagram:**  
cindyvogels

## 11. Through the Makers Window - Sarah Bartel

Monkland based visual artist and graphic designer, Sarah Bartel, has been practicing art for over 20 years. Dipping into as many mediums as possible, part of her practice is experimental and always seeking more.

From subtle flora and fauna watercolours to bold and bright acrylics, and found objects quirky offerings, her style encompasses a multi media approach. Inspired by nature, childhood wonderment and everyday objects.

Sarah has exhibited in a number of galleries, has won the watercolour section of Noosa Show in 2022, currently she is the Graphic Designer for Pomona Community House.

Visit her pop up studio space at the Victory Squash Courts gallery space to enjoy espresso coffees and light refreshments!

**Visual Art Image Transfers:** Saturday 15 July, 12pm-3pm, \$75. Bookings essential.

**Location:** Victory Squash Courts Gallery Space,  
41 Browns Road, Victory Heights  
**Phone:** 0478 119 972  
**Email:** [throughthemakerswindow@gmail.com](mailto:throughthemakerswindow@gmail.com)  
**Website:** [www.throughthemakerswindow.com.au](http://www.throughthemakerswindow.com.au)  
**Instagram:** [throughthemakerswindow](https://www.instagram.com/throughthemakerswindow)

Visual arts

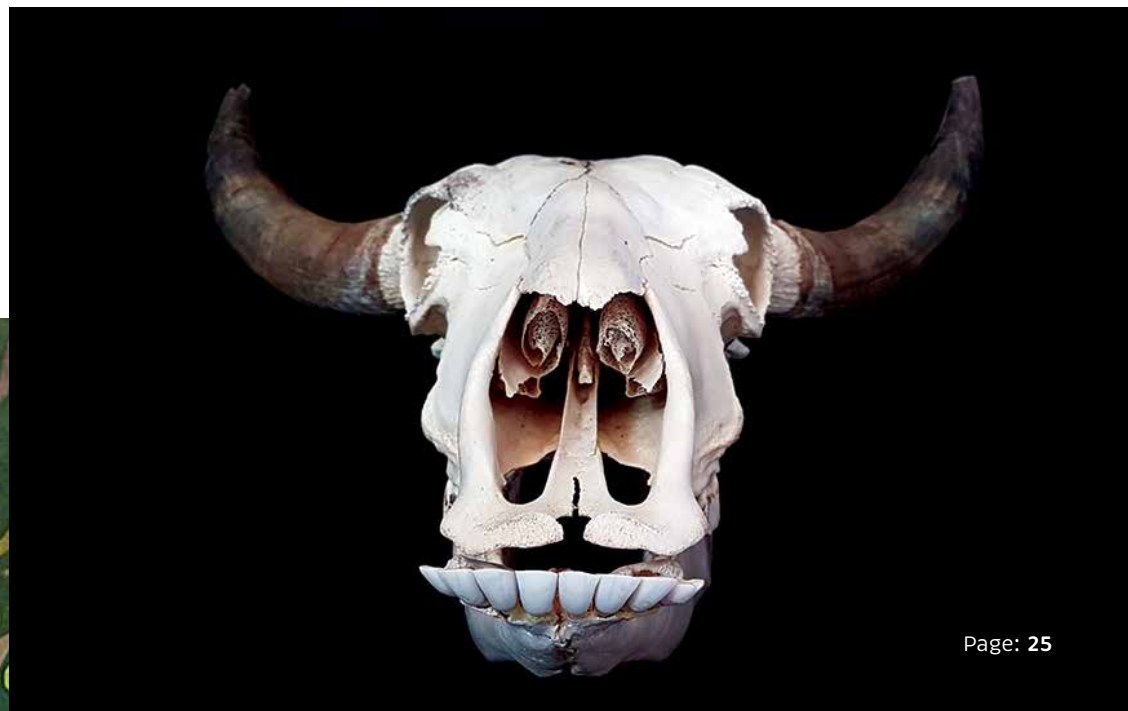


## 12. Gympie Bone Museum

Come and see what you'll look like later! From the bare bones of an idea to a fledgling tourist attraction, the Gympie Bone Museum is Australia's first and only museum dedicated entirely to the art and science of modern bones and skeletons. Inspired by the world-wide trend for interesting and intriguing collections of objects to be put on display and a devotion to science education, the museum opens up a world of osteology that is usually unseen. Explore creatures from tiny to tall and everything in between, meet the flesh-eating beetles and help us build a new skeleton for display. General entry \$5.

**Location:** Victory Squash Courts Gallery Space, 41 Browns Road, Victory Heights  
**Phone:** 0412 622 592  
**Email:** [gympiebones@gmail.com](mailto:gympiebones@gmail.com)  
**Website:** [www.gympiebonemuseum.org.au](http://www.gympiebonemuseum.org.au)  
**Facebook:** Gympie Bone Museum  
**Instagram:** [gympiebones](https://www.instagram.com/gympiebones)

Mixed media,  
skeleton  
articulation &  
adornment





## 13. Me is I - Adrie Whitehead

At Me is I, we believe you are the most important person in your life, and we want to help you unleash your creativity through art. Join us and try creating something new during our Studio Trails weekend. Browse our lovely displays, and connect with the group's artists who are eager to share their experiences and art with you. We are located in the heart of Gympie's historic Mary Street; and our studio provides a safe and inviting space for residents of Gympie and beyond. Our engaging workshops are tailored to suit everyone and take place in an airy, whimsical, and colorful environment.

**Bottle Making Workshop:** Saturday 15 July, anytime, \$10.

**Bottle Making Workshop:** Sunday 16 July, anytime, \$10

Bookings not required.

**Location:** 105 Mary Street, Gympie  
**Phone:** 0488 758 93  
**Email:** adriemervin@hotmail.com  
**Website:** www.meisi.com.au



Mixed media



## 14. Heart and Soul Sisters Creative Experiences

Heart & Soul Sisters Creative Experiences are a Creative Company based in Gympie and beyond. They offer an opportunity to use art as a creative outlet and allow space for emotional expression, collaborating as a group in an artistic space encourages participants to reflect, connect and regroup.

Learn about the wide range of creative experiences they offer schools, retreats, universities, businesses, special needs and community organisations, including paint and sips, clay hand building, acrylic pour, resin and macrame. Experience what we can offer!

**"Affirmation Art" Creative Experience:** Saturday 15 July, 10.30am-12.30pm, \$40

**"Who we are" Creative Experience:** Sunday 16 July, 10.30am-12.30pm, \$40

Bookings essential. Both workshops are a special price for Studio Trail participants (usually \$65 each). Tour 1-4pm daily



**Location:** 3 Little Channon Street, Gympie  
**Phone:** 0412 959 160  
**Email:** info@heartandsoulsisters.com.au  
**Website:** www.heartandsoulsisters.com.au  
**Facebook:** Heart & Soul Sisters Creative Art Experiences  
**Instagram:** heartandsoulsisters





## 15. Pamela Black

Step into the world of award-winning artist Pam Black and discover a breathtaking variety of works. With acrylics, she brings landscapes to life, weaving together abstract mark-making and loose underpainting. Her moody ink on watercolor paper series is a stunning example of light and contrast. Visit her studio and take home your own mini-masterpiece.

Don't miss the chance to see why she's won countless awards and captured the hearts of art-lovers around the world. Affordable prints and original works are available for sale. Come and experience this talented artist's unique vision today.

**Minimalising the Landscape:** Wednesday 12 July, 9.00am-4.00pm, \$80.

**Ink Experimentation Workshop:** Thursday 13 July, 9.00am-4.00pm, \$80.

Workshop bundle price \$150.

**Location:**  
64 Groundwater Road,  
Southside

**Phone:**  
0438 522 389

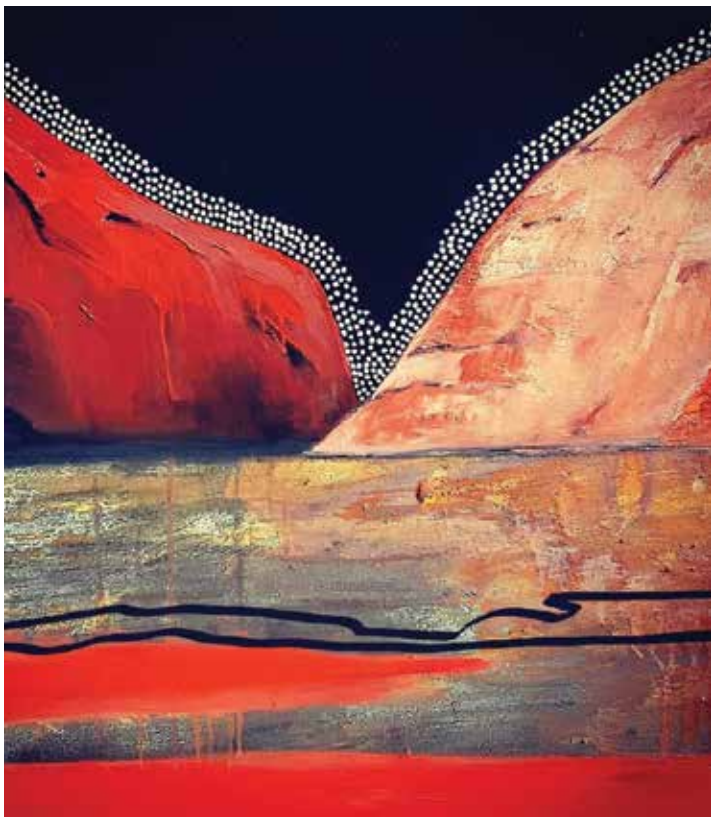
**Email:**  
pambob\_70@bigpond.com

**Website:**  
www.pamblack-artist

**Instagram:**  
pambob\_70



Visual arts



## 16. Cooloola Potters Group

The Cooloola Potters Group are a not-for-profit community organisation with members from a range of backgrounds who come together to enjoy pottery making. The members have a mixture of skills other than pottery but focus on encouraging creativity in many forms of clay and finishing touches. This year the Group celebrates over 50 years of ongoing activity! Visitors are encouraged to celebrate with a weekend of pottery demonstrations, tours of the space and equipment, and light refreshments.

**Location:** Jean Beattie Hall, Cooina Aged Care Centre, 2 Cooina Street, Gympie

**Phone:** 0402 505 198

**Email:** cooloolapottersgroup@gmail.com

**Facebook:** Cooloola Potters Group



Pottery,  
sculpture





## 17. Jan Lawnikanis Artist and Art Tutor

A multi award-winning visual artist with 27 years of experience teaching classes and workshops in a range of media. Jan's specialty is painting florals in watercolour, but she also paints portraits, still-life, abstracted landscapes and many other subjects.

Visit Jan's home studio to see artist demonstrations across the weekend, and a range of original paintings, prints and gifts for sale.

**Watercolour Magic:** Monday 17 July, 9.30 am-4pm. BYO materials for \$130 or materials supplied for \$150. Bookings essential.

Watercolour classes are held weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays. More information online.

**Location:** 49 Red Hill Road, Gympie  
**Phone:** 0410 819 926  
**Email:** [www.janlawnikanis@gmail.com](mailto:www.janlawnikanis@gmail.com)  
**Website:** [www.janlawnikanis.com](http://www.janlawnikanis.com)  
**Facebook:** Jan Lawnikanis Fine Artist  
**Instagram:** artistjan1

Visual arts,  
watercolour,  
pencil



## 18. Curra Art Group

Curra Art Group call the architecturally designed Curra Community Hall home and welcome visitors to this gathering space nestled in picturesque bushland. The collective comes together weekly in a collegiate environment to practice their craft and challenge the notion of what it means to create art and to be an "artist".

Visitors will be able to view works in progress, gain hands-on experience at the various working tables from, pastels, water colour, ink wash, acrylics and junk journaling.

Young artists are welcome to explore the space and a fully-set up activity table will be offered.

**Location:** Curra Community Hall, 12 David Drive, Curra  
**Phone:** 0428 320 462  
**Email:** [curraartgroup@gmail.com](mailto:curraartgroup@gmail.com)

Visual arts





## 19. Kerrie Atkins

Inspired by nature and the Sandy Creek that runs beside her studio, Kerrie is an award winning artist whose work ranges from miniature studies to large works on canvas. A lover of most mediums, Kerrie draws and paints in a variety of acrylics, gouache, watercolours and pastels. Kerrie has held many solo and group exhibitions, and accepts commissions. Drop by for a cup of tea and watch Kerrie at play during artist demonstrations throughout the weekend.

**Location:** 1783 Sandy Creek Road, Downsfield  
**Phone:** 5486 5187

Visual arts,  
drawing,  
paper,  
canvas



## 20. Sally Spencer

Explore the studio and garden of Sally Spencer, sculptor, installation artist and image maker. Storytelling, mythology, symbolism, the ancient history and mythology of the Eastern Mediterranean, and in particular the Neolithic period of early agricultural societies has provided much inspiration for her creative practice.

Immerse yourself in the natural world and wind your way through Sally's sculpture garden before heading inside for a cup of tea to hear stories of studying art and living abroad in London, Vienna and Cyprus.

Sculpture,  
visual arts



**Location:** 15 Lady Mary Terrace, Gympie  
**Phone:** 5483 6758  
**Email:** [sallysculpture@gmail.com](mailto:sallysculpture@gmail.com)  
**Website:** [www.sallyspencer.net](http://www.sallyspencer.net)



## 21. Alicia Murphy Art

One of the Sunshine Coast's top selling artists, Alicia makes small batch ceramic art. Explore her uniquely whimsical, playful portraits, sculptures and planters for the garden and home. Before you leave, don't forget to explore her sculpture garden and enjoy the vistas from which she takes inspiration.

**Location:** 40 Winterleigh Way, Cootharaba Road, Greens Creek  
**Phone:** 0457 312 510  
**Email:** aliciamurphy@iinet.net.au  
**Facebook:** Alicia Murphy Art  
**Instagram:** aliciamurphyart

Ceramics,  
garden art,  
planters,  
totem poles



### Public Art in Gympie

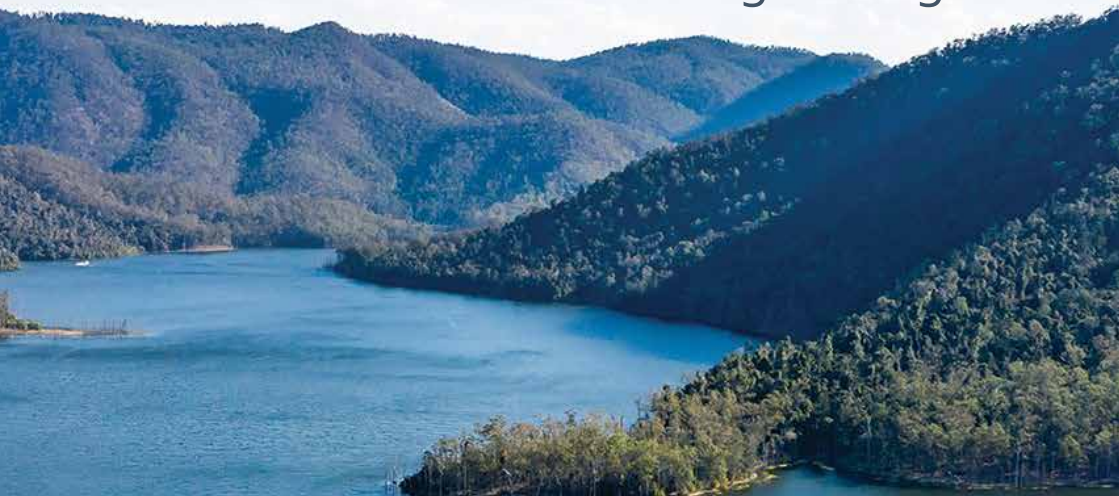
While touring the various artist studios take the time to admire some of the public art throughout Gympie.

1. Lady Mary, Mary Street
2. Gold City Centre Stage amphitheatre, Mary Street
3. River of Gold Balustrade on Smithfield Street
4. Alchemy, Smithfield Street
5. Memorial Laneway Murals, Mary Street
6. The Crate, Gympie Regional Gallery, Nash Street
7. The Pinnacles, Gympie Regional Gallery, Nash Street
8. Street Art Murals at River Road Market Place, Jaycee Way
9. ARC at the Aquatic Recreational Centre, Tozer Park Road



# Discover

## The Mary Valley

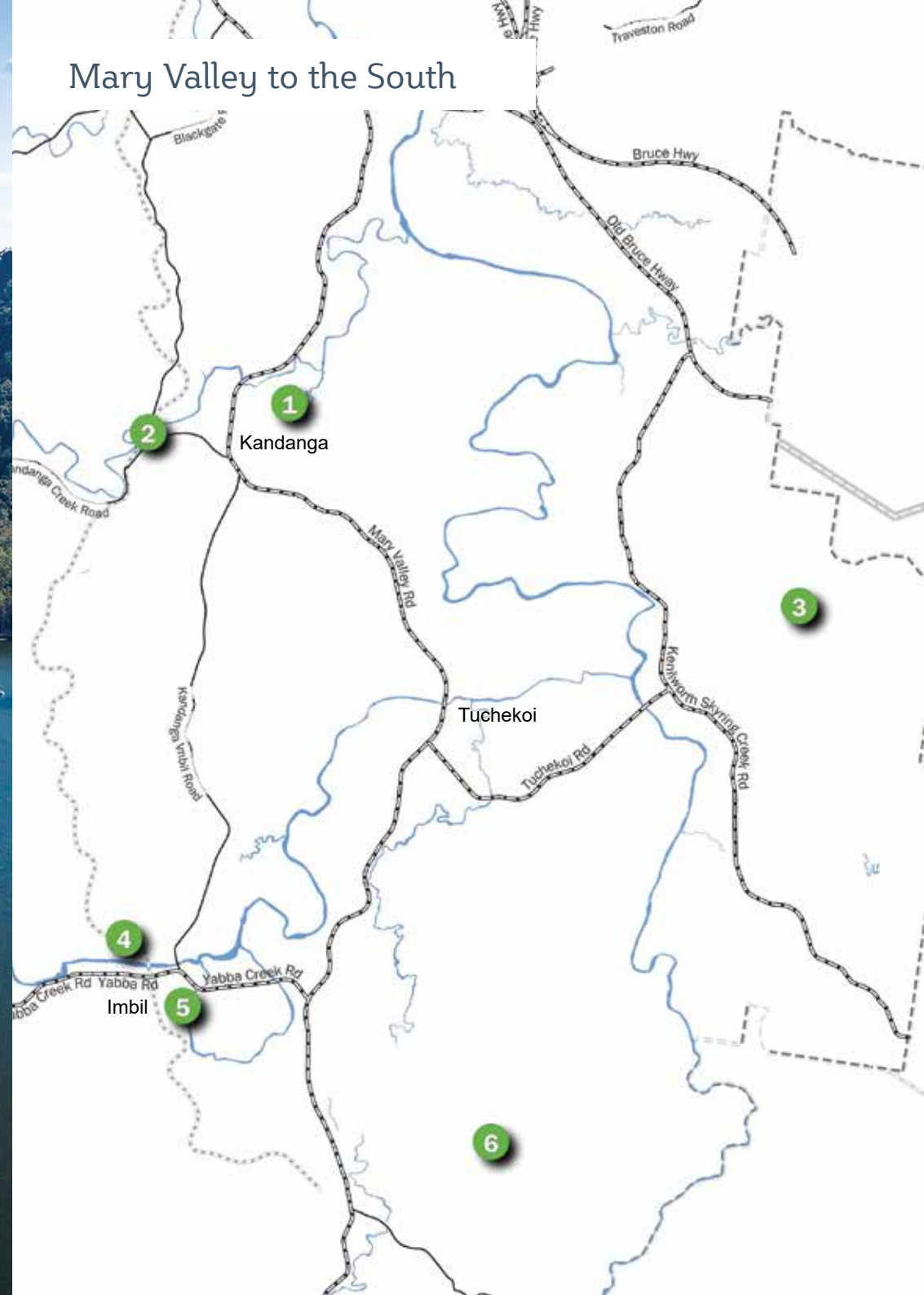


- Take a leisurely tour on the Mary Valley Scenic Drive
- Enjoy a wander through the Amamoor State Forest; a bird lover's paradise, with pristine creeks that are home to the elusive platypus
- Toss in a line, canoe, kayak or waterski or just take it easy with a picnic on the shore of the beautiful Borumba Dam
- Take a break and stay a while at one of the many B&B and farm-stays in the Mary Valley
- Ignite your taste buds with paddock-to-plate cuisine at one of the many local cafes

Find out more at the Gympie Visitor Information Centre located at 24 Geordie Road, Gympie or phone 1800 444 222.

Visit us online at [www.visitgympieregion.com](http://www.visitgympieregion.com)

## Mary Valley to the South





## 1. Kandanga Cemetery Association

Be surprised with the celebrations of colour at Kandanga Cemetery with extensive gardens featuring Canary Island Date Palms, standard Crepe Myrtles in bloom of pink and white, and clusters of bougainvilleas in a variety of colours. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Gardens were opened in March 2023 and stun all who visit.

**Location:** 2325 Mary Valley Road, Kandanga  
**Phone:** 0438 843 195  
**Email:** [secretary@kandangacemetery.com.au](mailto:secretary@kandangacemetery.com.au)  
**Website:** [www.facebook.com/KandangaCemetery](https://www.facebook.com/KandangaCemetery)



Gardens



## 2. Kandanga Country Club

Kandanga Country Club hosts rolling exhibitions of local artists and the occasional visiting artist. The works are displayed throughout the club and promote the artistic talent of the stunning art in the local community of Mary Valley.

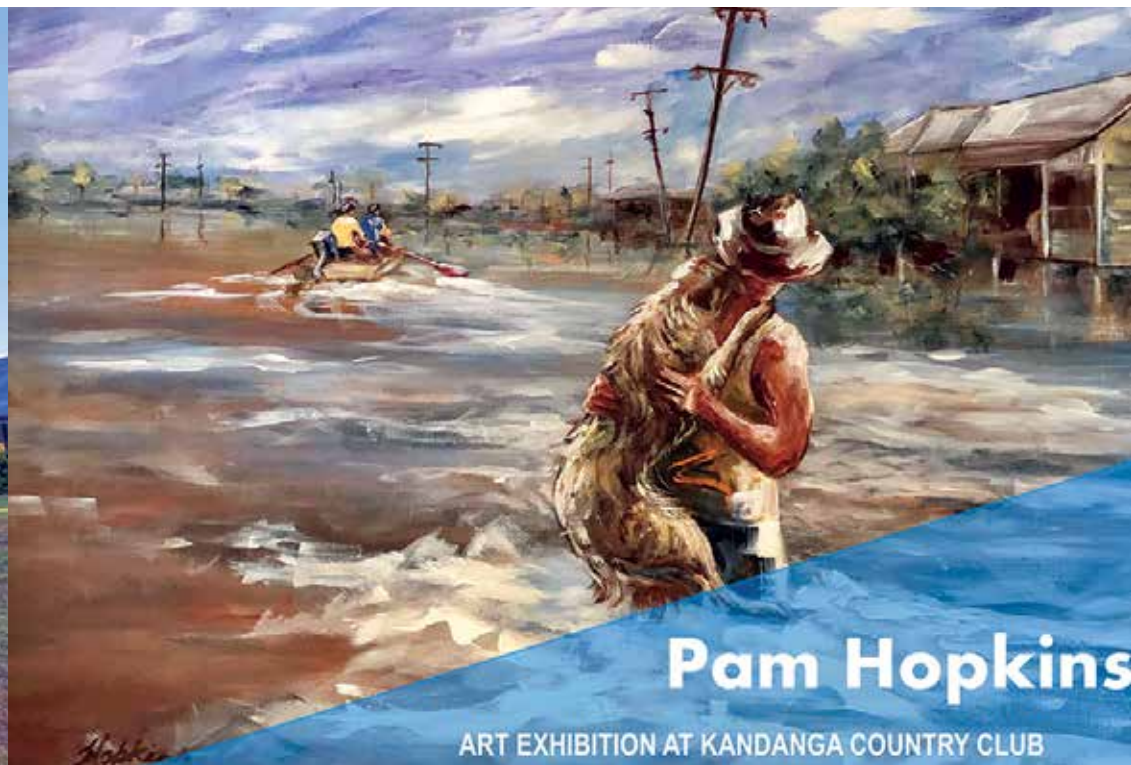
**Floral art workshop:** Sunday 23 July, 10am. \$20 includes a free cappuccino. Bookings essential.

All day breakfast daily from 9am.

**Location:** 4 Bowling Club Road, Kandanga  
**Phone:** 0438 843 195  
**Email:** [manager@kandangacc.com.au](mailto:manager@kandangacc.com.au)  
**Website:** [www.facebook.com/kandangacountryclub/](https://www.facebook.com/kandangacountryclub/)



Visual arts,  
floral art



**Pam Hopkins**

ART EXHIBITION AT KANDANGA COUNTRY CLUB



### 3. Raven Heart Art - Amanda Brierley

Join Amanda in her new studio to explore breathtaking textural botanic artworks. Born from grief, Raven Heart Art and Amanda's artistic process is a tribute to her son Kyan who died suddenly and tragically in an accident in 2022. Amanda found art as a way to process deep grief and established Raven Heart Art - encouraged by a memory of Kyan during which he said that if he was reincarnated he'd chose to come back as a raven, because they are the most intelligent birds.

Mixed media,  
visual art,  
textured,  
botanical art

**Paint and sip class:** 2 hours, \$80. Contact the artist to make a group booking.

**Location:** 236 Chinamans Creek Road, Tuckekoi  
**Phone:** 0415 184 193  
**Email:** amandabrierley@gmail.com  
**Instagram:** raven\_heart\_art



### 4. Art on Yabba Fine Art Gallery

Housed in an old bakery and residence from the 19th century, Art on Yabba is at the heart of the Wild Vine Café precinct in Imbil. Visit the gallery space to view the latest exhibition 'Animal Crackers' by local artist Fiona Groom, before enjoying an alfresco cafe experience. 'Animal Crackers' is a collection of animal portraits, a snap shot, a frozen moment. For Fiona, the eyes have always played an important role in the painting process as it is through them that she often adds a landscape, giving the viewer not just the animal but also a sneak peek into the world in which they live.

Visual arts

**Location:** 116 Yabba Road, Imbil  
**Phone:** 0419 024 291  
**Email:** heinkebutt@hotmail.com  
**Website:** www.maryvalleyartslink.com.au  
**Facebook:** Art on Yabba





## 5. Mary Valley Art Festival

The annual Mary Valley Art Festival, now in its 22nd year, runs daily from Thursday 20 to Sunday 23 July featuring over 200 artworks by up to 100 artists. Experience what the creatives of Mary Valley have to offer with 2D and 3D works in a variety of mediums across 10 categories. Day Pass entry \$5.

This major festival is hosted by Mary Valley Artslink inc, a not-for-profit organisation run by local volunteers.

**Mary Valley Arts Festival Opening Night**, Friday 21 July, from 6pm. Celebrate with live music, licensed bar and finger food, \$15.

**Bush Poets**, Sunday, 8am-10am, \$5.

**Location:** 14 Edward Street, Imbil  
**Phone:** 0419 024 291  
**Email:** heinkebutt@hotmail.com  
**Website:** [www.maryvalleyartslink.com.au](http://www.maryvalleyartslink.com.au)  
**Facebook:** Mary Valley Art Festival

Visual arts,  
sculpture



## 6. Alpha and Omega Digital Recording Studios

Nestled in the Mary valley, Stephen's Recording Studios provides quality recordings at an affordable price. With over 25 years in the music industry producing and recording a mix of styles and genres, Stephen is ready to show bands and solo artists the ins and outs of the process with high quality microphones and effects.

Eager to try your luck? Have a brief recording to hear what stardom could sound like.

**Location:** 336 Whelan Road, Imbil  
**Phone:** 0412 485 174  
**Email:** [steve@stevegraham.com.au](mailto:steve@stevegraham.com.au)  
**Website:** [www.stevegraham.com.au](http://www.stevegraham.com.au)  
**Facebook:** Sunshine Coast Recording Studio

Music  
production,  
recording





### Looking for more ways to embrace the arts in Gympie?

There's so much art to see in Gympie beyond Studio Trails!

Did you know the Gympie Regional Gallery has been a hub for artists and the community for 25 years? The Gallery is free to visit and changes exhibitions every 5-7 weeks.

Grab a friend and come along to our next opening to hear artists talks, and explore a diverse mix of artworks by regional creatives and touring exhibitions from across Australia.

### Stay connected

Do you want to be the first to hear about exhibitions, art classes and evening events at the Gallery?

- Sign up to the Gallery's fortnightly e-newsletter via the website.
- Follow the Gallery on Instagram.
- Follow the Gallery on Facebook.

### What's on

The Gallery hosts a huge range of regular and one-off art classes and events for all ages and abilities!

- **Untutored Life Drawing** Fortnightly on Thursdays, 4pm-6pm. Adults.
- **Tuesday and Thursday Gallery Groups** Social art groups that meet weekly during school terms. Adults.
- **Art Stars** First Saturday of each month, 10.30am-12pm. Ages 15 and under.
- **Art After School** Tuesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm, during school terms. Ages 12 and under.
- **Teens Art Space** Fridays 3.30pm-4.30pm, during school terms. Ages 13 to 18.

### Exhibit with us

Help us celebrate 25 years of art at the Gallery in October 2023.

If you're an artist based in the Gympie region, jump onto the Gallery website to see how you can enter an artwork!

For more information and to stay up to date visit

[www.gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery](http://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery)

Instagram and Facebook: GympieRegionalGallery

# GYMPIE REGIONAL GALLERY SHOP

## If you are looking for a quality gift, look no further!

The Gympie Regional Gallery shop has a unique and exciting collection of hand-crafted gifts, by local and regional artists from Gympie and across south east Queensland.

If you are an artist or artisan that would like to sell your creations, please contact the Gallery.

**Open 10am-4pm, Tuesdays to Saturdays**  
**Closed Public Holidays**

**39 Nash Street, Gympie**

**5481 0733 | [gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery](http://gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery)**







To discover more visit [www.gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery](http://www.gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery)  
The Gympie Region Studio Trails is an initiative of Gympie  
Regional Gallery.