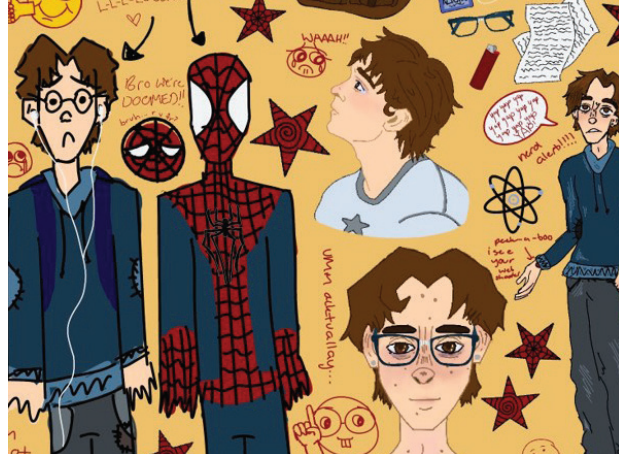


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Gympie Regional Gallery

# Exhibition Program





Gwen Stapleton, *My name is Peter Parker* (detail), 2024 finalist.

## Hi-Artworks

26 Jun - 2 Aug  
Official opening Thu 26 June, 6pm

An annual celebration of the artistic achievements of senior students from the Gympie region. Selected and curated by Gallery staff, the exhibition highlights the diversity of techniques, materials and themes that our young artists explore in their art studies.

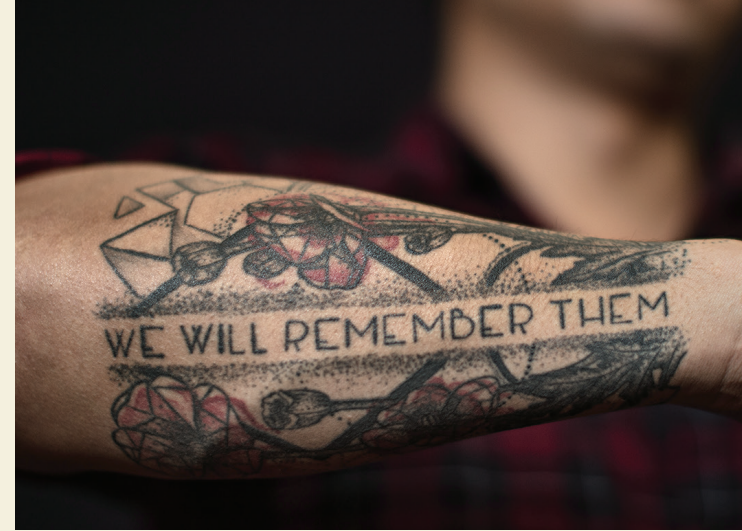
## Ink in the Lines

8 Aug - 2 Oct  
Official opening Fri 15 Aug, 6pm

Tattoos are a conversation starter. Many members and veterans of the Australian Defence Forces have tattoos, and while their reasons for getting tattooed are as varied as the people themselves, self expression and belonging play a part. They also share a common purpose in getting inked: to remember.

Featuring more than 70 portraits detailing the experiences of 22 Australian servicemen and servicewomen, the exhibition is thought to be the first in Australia to explore the use of tattoos in the military.

Ink in the Lines - An Australian War Memorial Touring Exhibition.



## Du Rietz Art Awards

11 Oct - 21 Nov

Official opening and winner announcements  
Fri 17 Oct, 6pm

Judges Talk Saturday 18 Oct, 10.30am

The Du Rietz Art Awards are the premier art competition for the Gympie region, named in honor of the architect of the historic School of Arts building that is home to the gallery.

With a prize pool of over \$15,000, the Awards showcase exceptional 2D and 3D artworks by artists from across Australia.

Online entries close 4pm, 1 Aug 2025.



## A Bestiary of Reverie

26 Jun - 9 Aug  
Official opening Thu 26 Jun, 6pm

*A Bestiary of Reverie* is a collection of artworks representing human/animal hybrid creatures by artist Dr Nicola Hooper.

A number of these creatures have historical origins whilst others represent potential hybrids created from interspecies virus transmission.

In this exhibition Nicola uses the traditional storytelling method of lithography, used in conjunction with photography and paint to create wallpapers, chandeliers, and 2D and 3D artworks. This is done in order to create an environment in which past, present and future representations of 'bestiary' are explored.

Dr Nicola Hooper, *Kyra*, 2024.

## A Bit Extra

14 Aug - 2 Oct  
Official opening Fri 15 Aug, 6pm

Odessa Mahony-de Vries explores excess, indulgence, and unapologetic presence through bold abstract works. Paint spills beyond the canvas onto plinths, sculptures and walls. The work is bold, playful, and at times overwhelming, it's an invitation to revel in the mess, the joy, and the unpredictability of it all.



Odessa Mahony-de Vries, *Bloom* (detail).



David Thorogood, *Two Birds with Two Stones* (detail), 2024 winner, 2D Acquisitive Award.

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## The Whisper in the Leaves

28 Nov – 24 Jan 2026

Official opening Fri 28 Nov, 6pm

Bringing together works by Shelley Pisani, Bronwyn Davies and Joolie Gibbs, this contemplative exhibition explores the stories trees might tell – of migration, memory, culture, and deep time.

Through painting, installation, and mixed media, the artists give form to the forest's whispers, encouraging reflection on our relationship with nature and the enduring wisdom it holds.



Joolie Gibbs, *QLD Kauri* (detail).

## Alice and I

28 Nov – 24 Jan 2026

Official opening

Fri 28 Nov, 6pm

Danny Bickmore's art reflects his deep connection to Alice Springs, where he was born and spent his early years. Danny's paper, canvas and vintage glass works capture the Central Australian landscape, bringing the outback to life.



Danny Bickmore,  
*Macdonnell Ranges*, 2025.

## Gallery activities

The Gallery offers a diverse range of art classes, artist talks, exhibition openings, and more, catering to all ages and skill levels.

### Art stars

Family friendly art group, first Saturday of each month, 10.30am – 12pm.

### Art after school

Art classes for 7–18 year olds, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3.30pm – 5pm during school terms.

### Art groups

Social and creative art groups for adults that meet weekly.

### More information and bookings

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



## Gallery shop

Open during normal Gallery hours, featuring unique hand-crafted gifts by local and regional artists.



Cover image: Bronwyn Davies, *Into My Arms* (detail).

## Gallery information

### Opening times

Tue to Fri 10am – 4pm  
Sat 10am – 2pm

Closed Sunday  
and public holidays

Entry is free

### Visit

39 Nash Street Gympie.  
Parking at rear

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