

Jul-Dec
2026

Gympie Regional Gallery

Exhibition Program



Walking Art Now: A Survey of Australian Walking Art

17 Jul – 27 Aug
Official opening Sat 18 Jul, 11am

Walking Arts Now presents works by artists who incorporate walking as a central component of their creative practice. The exhibition is informed by walking both as a literal act and a metaphorical exploration. The works span urban, rural, wild, and conceptual environments and showcase the diversity of contemporary practice by local and national members of Australian Walking Artists.



Patricia Casey, *Went to the Mountain, And it Swallowed Me Whole* (detail), 2025.

The Wildflower Letters

17 Jul – 27 Aug
Official opening Sat 18 Jul, 11am

The Wildflower Letters explores wildflowers as quiet correspondences between land and human experience. Through oil paintings and charcoal works, Jasmine Veronique reflects on the subtle imprints held in soil, seed, atmosphere, and season. Moving between expansive flora-scapes and intimate botanical moments, the exhibition invites viewers into a quiet dialogue with place, time, and the subtle language of wildflowers.



Jasmine Veronique, *Guardian* (detail), 2026.

Du Rietz Art Awards

5 Sep – 9 Oct
Official opening and winner announcements
Fri 11 Sep, 6pm

The *Du Rietz Art Awards* are the premier art competition for the Gympie region, named in honour 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 the Gympie Region and across Australia.

Sascha Tillsley, *Requiem* (detail), 2025.
Winner 2025 People's Choice Award.



Assigned to Bloom

16 Oct – 21 Nov
Official opening Sat 17 Oct, 10.30am

Jan Lawnikanis explores the meanings carried by flowers through symbolism, spirituality, medicine, food and identity.

Through botanical watercolour paintings and other media, the exhibition celebrates flowers as both natural forms and vessels of human meaning, revealing the enduring connections between beauty, belief, healing, and culture.

Jan Lawnikanis, *Alchemy* (detail), 2026.



Harry Fitzsimmons, *On the Farm*, 2025 Hi-Artworks finalist.

Hi-Artworks

16 Oct – 19 Nov
Official opening Thu 22 Oct, 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.

Waves of Colour

27 Nov 2026 – 30 Jan 2027
Official opening Fri 27 Nov, 6pm

Light on landscape has long been the topic of Trish Callaghan's artwork. The science of colour perception fascinates this artist who has now turned her eye to K'gari, 'Paradise' to the Butchulla People.

Callaghan has remembered and recreated times and places on the island with pure pigment on board.



Trish Callaghan, *Midday Turning Tide* (detail), 2026.

Peter Hughes: Remembering the Past

27 Nov 2026 – 28 Jan 2027

Official opening Fri 27 Nov, 6pm



A long-standing Gympie artist and self-taught painter, Peter Hughes is renowned for richly detailed works that reflect a deep connection to remembering the past, particularly within the local region.

Prolific throughout the 1980s and 1990s, his paintings capture the rhythms and character of rural life through a distinctive swag of themes, including timber cutters, drovers, horses, hotels and windmills. His work recalls both familiar scenes and re-imagined histories, drawing viewers into the spirit of days gone by.

This retrospective brings together works from public and private collections, offering a rare opportunity to reflect on Hughes' lasting contribution and his vivid portrayal of place, time and memory.

Top image: Peter Hughes, *Bullock Team* (detail), cir. 1980. Gympie Regional Council collection.

Below: Peter Hughes, *Off Down the Track a Bit*, 2023. Private Collection.



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 6–17 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



Gallery shop

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



Cover image:
Therese Wilkins, *Captured - The Darter on the Lake* (detail), 2025. As featured in *Walking Art Now*.

Gallery information

Opening times

Tue to Fri 10am – 4pm
Sat 10am – 2pm

Closed Sunday
and public holidays

Entry is free

Visit

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Parking at rear

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