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FINE ART AUSTRALIA

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Colour in Your Life, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4b-HFM8ltz4>;

Sylvia Ditchburn's love of the Australian natural environment is reflected in her art. A peripatetic artist she has spanned the continent from Townsville to Broome, Alice to Adelaide and beyond and for over 40 years held regular solo exhibitions in regional and capital cities. Her work has been included in many group exhibitions and participated in several art residencies, the most notable being Arthur Boyd's Bundanon Trust, Redgate Beijing and Foshan China. The beauty and diversity of country is experienced and intellectual stimulation by way of academic study with a Doctorate of Philosophy in visual arts, informs her work. Sylvia opened her own boutique gallery in 2008 and ran it with her husband Ken for 10 years. In 2019 the gallery moved to Shop 1/26 Flinders St Townsville City. The gallery closed in 2020 and Sylvia now has a Studio Gallery open by phone appointment and www site. Please call or text to enquire.

SELECTED CURRICULUM VITAE: Dr Sylvia Ditchburn www.sylviaditchburnfineartgallery.com

<u>STUDIES:</u> 1993-98	PhD James Cook University Townsville (conferred 2000)
1990-92	Master Creative Arts JCU (1st class)
1988	G.Dip. Museum Curatorship JCU (Distinction)x=
1987	Instructional Skills TAFE Townsville
1984-87	Dip. Fine Arts TAFE Townsville

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2021, 2022	Norfolk Island workshop Tutor
2019	Tutor Art Escape Cairns
2017- 2020	Arts & Culture Advisory Committee, Townsville City Council
2014	Art Residency New Norfolk Tasmania
2012-13	Represented by Agora Gallery NYC (exhibition 2013) Art-mine website
2010	Foshan China Townsville Sister City visit
2008 -2018	Owner/Manager: Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery, Metro Quays Townsville City
2018-2020	Owner/Manager Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery, Art on Flinders, 1/261 Flinders St, Townsville City
2008	Invited to nominate Australia 2020 Summit
2007	Artist in Residence Redgate Gallery Beijing
2006, 2004	Artist-in-Residence Mulgara Gallery, Ayres Rock Resort Central Australia
2003	Selection Panel Education Minister's Awards for Excellence in Art 2003
	Northern Region Senior Art Exhibition Pinnacles Gallery, Thuringowa
2000	Artist in Residence Bundanon Trust NSW
2001/2000/1998	<i>Artist in Residence</i> Raddison Treetops Resort Port Douglas
1997-98	Appointment to Arts Queensland Cultural Advisory Council to the Minister Qld Govt
1996	Curator: Plenty: Women Artists of Townsville (PhD research project)
1994-1996	RADF Townsville Grant Selection Committee
1993	<i>Artist in Residence</i> Studio Queensland Artworkers Alliance Brisbane
1991-1995	Umbrella Studio Assoc.Board & President 1995
1988-94	Qld Arts Council Artlink Program
1987-90	Townsville TAFE painting teacher
1988	Qld Art Gallery Brisbane Curatorial & Support services 3 weeks placement
1977-83	Innisfail TAFE painting teacher

SOLO EXHIBITIONS: 55 solo shows including the following selection

2021	Mapping Loam Island on the Ross PTRG Townsville Niche Space Panoramic view
2018	Gala Concert Australian Concerto and Vocal Competition
2014	Time of Falling Leaves, Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery Townsville
2011-2013	Art from Wild Places + Tropical Coast Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery

2009-12	Contemporary Landscapes Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery new and recent work
2008	<i>Australia Landscapes</i> Tomsk Siberia Russia (+ 5 travelling shows)
2008	<i>Art on the Wild Side</i> Framed Gallery Darwin
2007	<i>Wildlife Wilderness + Wonder</i> Flinders Gallery Townsville
2005	<i>Landscapes from the Centre</i> Hotel Grand Chancellor Brisbane presented by Qld Arts Council
2004	Mulgara Gallery Ayres Rock Resort Central Australia
2003-04	<i>Rainforest to Desert: In search of the Sublime</i> Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville
2001	<i>Home & Away</i> Flinders Gallery, Townsville
2001/2000/1998	Radisson Treetops Port Douglas – in conjunction with a one month Artist in Residence
1993/1991	<i>Works from the Tropics</i> Town Gallery Brisbane
1991	<i>Keeper of the Garden</i> Tonnoirs Fine Art Gallery Townsville - Masters Exhibition
1990	<i>New Works Painters Gallery Sydney</i>
1990	<i>Rainforest & Metaphor</i> Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville –Australia Council Project Grant
1982	<i>Travelling North Paddington Gallery Brisbane</i>

ART AWARDS: Over 50 awards including Suncorp Qld State Award for painting, Qld Govt Premiers Encouragement Award and 2011 Townsville City Council Art Awards –Visual Artist – Individual, Arts Queensland Culture Champion Wall of Fame 2013

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (participated in more than 200 invitation or selected group shows): (a selection)

2023	Session 3 GALERIA AZURE, BERLIN + on line exhibition 12 months
2022	<i>Art + Mind</i> , THE BRICKLANEGALLERY LONDON
2022	<i>Flowers and Grass</i> , Gallery 48 The Strand Townsville
2021; 2022	<i>Power : Cats V Dogs</i> - Umbrella members exhibition
2021	<i>Journey through Images</i> 40 years of Perc Tucker Regional Gallery
2021	PUNQ Gallery 48
2016-2017	Picturing Townsville, PTRG
2016	Past in the Present – T150 Townsville Anniversary Celebrations, Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery
2016	The Martin Gallery: Images of an Era, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville
2016	Percival Portrait Painting Prize, Finalist , Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville
2015-16	IMAGO MUNDI BENETTON COLLECTION Italy - <i>LOOKING DOWN UNDER</i> Contemporary Artists fom Australia- touring
2015	Paris 2015 <i>de Louvre Carrousel Salon; Contemporary Paradise</i> Villa Castelnuovo Palermo Italy
2014	<i>Through the Flower: Aspects of the Feminine</i> , Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery, <i>Dexterity</i> , Press North PTRG, <i>Colours of Coral</i> , Museum of Tropical Queensland , Townsville, Umbrella Contemporary Arts Members Exhibition
2013	<i>Out from Down Under & Beyond: Fine Art from Australia & New Zealand</i> , Agora Gallery NYC, USA
2012	Compact Prints, Umbrella, Townsville and touring
2011	<i>Glimpse of China: Townsville artists celebrate Foshan Autumn Festival</i> , PTRG Townsville
2010	<i>Redgate Studio to Umbrella Studio</i> , Umbrella Contemporary Arts, Townsville
2009	<i>In the Fast Lane: V8 Supercars Race Townsville 400; Keynote Capers, Christmas in the Tropics</i> Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery
2008	<i>OlympicFineArt2008</i> Beijing China
2007	<i>Individual Format</i> Pickled Art Gallery Beijing China
2006	<i>Fashioning the Exquisite Corpse</i> Pinnacles Gallery Thuringowa
2006/08/10/11/12	<i>Compact Prints</i> Umbrella Contemporary Arts Townsville
2005/04	Perc's Purses; <i>Walk this Way</i> Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville
2003/07	<i>Strand Ephemera</i> , Townsville
2003	<i>Rainbow Lorikeet Landscape Tapestry</i> created by Tableland Tapestry Weavers shown together with original painting at Sylvia's major solo exhibition <i>Rainforest to Desert: In search of the Sublime</i> Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville
2002	<i>Inspiration NQ</i> PTRG
2001	<i>Out of the Shed</i> Umbrella 15 year Anniversary Members Show
2000	Sharjah Arts Museum United Arab Emirates
2000	<i>Ideal Format #10 - 24HR Art</i> Darwin NT
1996	<i>Plenty: Women Artists of Townsville</i> , PTRG Townsville PhD Exhibition
1996	<i>Mosman Gorge: A Special Place</i> Mowbray Gallery Artists Cairns Regional Gallery
1995	<i>Muse</i> , Umbrella Studio, Townsville
1995	<i>Women Artists of North Queensland 1880 to the Present</i> PTRG
1994	<i>Visions from the Tropics</i> , Ditchburn, Wilson & Lord Lake Macquarie Gallery Newcastle
1994	<i>Townsville Artists in Japan</i> Daikokuya Art Gallery Iwaki Japan
1993/94	Iwaki, Japan/PTG Townsville Cultural Exchange Japan & Townsville
1990	<i>Opening the Umbrella</i> 6th Women in the Arts Festival Rockhampton
1990	<i>Amnesty International Painters Gallery Sydney</i>
1985/87/91	Suncorp Finalists Exhibition, Brisbane
1983	Australian Watercolour Institute Exhibition S.H.Ervine Art Gallery Sydney .

PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS:

2017-18	<i>Pulse</i> Townsville City Council Street Art <i>Garden of Earthly Delights</i> Ogden St City
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2017	Fringe Ephemera Oonoonba <i>'The Farm Revisited', Hestia</i> – Canefields Ephemera Home Hill
2016-2017-2018	SHIFT –elevator art project Civic Theatre, Townsville
2012	Masonic Care, Kirwan, Townsville, 2 major painting commissions for Administration Foyer
2007	Strand Ephemera 2007 <i>Lamingtons</i>
2007	Thuringowa River Festival <i>Iron Maiden – Past in the Present</i>
2004	Queensland Health Ayr Hospital; Dept Main Rds (art built-in) Qld Govt
2004	Thuringowa Castlemaine Street Renewal – Public Seating: <i>Lazy Days</i>
2000	Museum of Tropical Queensland Townsville Mural
1996	Cairns International Airport Tropics Restaurant
1994	Sheraton Hotel and Casino, Townsville Foyer (now The Ville)
1992	Gr Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority & Dept of Environment & Heritage, Cardwell

GRANTS:

2017	Pulse TCC Community Grants 'Garden of Earthly Delights' Street Art Ogden St Townsville City
2016	T150 Community Grants <i>Past in the Present</i>
2000; 1994	Arts Queensland Individual Professional Development
2000; 2008; 2010; 2012; 2013	Townsville City Council Grants for Excellence in Cultural Development
1994-97	Australian Postgraduate Research Scholarship (JCU); 1996 Head of School Research Award, School of Ed. JCU
1990	Premiers Encouragement Award Qld Govt;
1988	Australia Council VACB Project Grant Rainforest & Metaphor

COLLECTIONS: Art Bank Australia, Basil Hall Editions, Imago Mundi Benetton Collection Italy – *Looking Down Under, Contemporary Artists from Australia*,

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville, Gold Coast Regional Gallery, James Cook University, James Hardie Library, State Library Qld, Foshan Art Gallery, **China, Iwaki City & Iwaki Jaycees Japan**, Sharjah Arts Museum **United Arab Emirates**, Suncorp, Shell, Mt. Isa Mines, Townsville Grammar School, Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE, **Bundanon Trust**; Townsville Hospital; Museum of Tropical Qld Townsville, Tomsk Regional Art Museum **Russia**, **OlympicFineArt2008 Beijing China**; Foshan Regional Gallery, China **Councils**: Townsville, Cairns, Hinchinbrook, Cardwell, Maryborough, Innisfail and Cloncurry; **Corporate**: Jupiters / Sheraton Foyer and Restaurant Townsville, Centra Hotel Townsville, Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre; Cairns Airport Departure Lounge, private Art Patrons **collections in Australia and overseas** including Judy Watson Artist, Anne Lord Artist, David and Libby Koch, Tony and Merelee Ireland, Rose Broomhead, Sally Ann Atkins former Lord Mayor Brisbane and many others.

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