

# THE PET SHOW

## Glen O'Malley

Cairns Regional Gallery  
Loft Emerging Artists' Program.

13 March  
to 18 April  
2010

I have been told that my dog likes having me for a pet. One of my dogs anyway - the white one with "a bit of bully in her"! The blue one's usually very content just to be a dog.

To elaborate, the relationship between a pet and a pet owner is not one-sided control by the owner. While photographing this series, the "pets" have not always complied with what I wanted. The "owners" however have gone out of their way to fit in, both with me, and their pets. In so many of the images, if you look hard, you can see a power struggle, but that's a game which both parties seem happy to play, in their mutual environment.

*Glen O'Malley - Artist*

Glen O'Malley has been based in North Queensland, Australia, for over 20 years and has exhibited nationally and internationally since 1975. He has had over twenty solo exhibitions, and has taken part in over sixty group exhibitions. His work, even when apparently dealing with the banal and everyday, has a surreal edge. Water, as an environment, is often depicted, and he often photographically refers to music.

O'Malley is represented in many Australian collections including Australian National Gallery, National Library, Parliament House Construction Authority, Queensland Art Gallery, Queensland University Of Technology, State Library Of Qld, Stockman's Hall Of Fame, University Of Southern Queensland, University Of Queensland.

### EXHIBITION LAUNCH:

Saturday March 12 from 2.30pm

### FLOOR TALK

Saturday March 12 from 2pm

Glen O'Malley will discuss his exhibition.



The Cairns Regional Gallery Loft Emerging Artists' Program is sponsored by the John Villiers Trust.



Through the Loft Emerging Artists' Program, Cairns Regional Gallery profiles the work of artists and arts collectives throughout Tropical North Queensland.



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