



FOUNDATION

of the

CAIRNS REGIONAL GALLERY

supporting artistic excellence in the heart of Cairns



Major acquisition - Donald Friend

When the opportunity arose for the Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation to acquire a nationally significant artwork, intrinsically linked to Cairns, by one of Australia's most renowned artists, the Foundation Board wasted no time in ensuring the work came into the Gallery's Collection.

The acquisition of *Bed on the Verandah, Cairns 1954* by Donald Friend is a major addition to the Gallery's Collection. Coordinated by Cairns Regional Gallery and Foundation board member Mr Martin Lee, the addition provides a rare glimpse into this prolific artist's practice in Far North Queensland in the 1950s.

"Interest in this piece was extremely high, with similar pieces featured in the Collections of various state Galleries. It is fitting that this piece has found its way to Cairns Regional Gallery," said Mr Lee.

The artwork will be unveiled at a Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation event in coming weeks.



Bed on the Verandah, Cairns 1954 by Donald Friend

A family affair...

For Cairns Regional Gallery Benefactor, Marie-Claire Nemeč OAM, a love of culture and the Arts has always been a way of life.

From an early age, Marie-Claire and her sister, well known artist Joy Stewart were instilled with an appreciation of the Arts by their mother, herself an amateur artist.

Marie's support and generosity for Cairns Regional Gallery goes far beyond her recent monetary donation.

A founding fundraising committee member, Marie played an integral role in raising the capital to purchase and renovate the stunning, historical Gallery building.

An early committee member of the Friends of the Gallery, Marie has been instrumental in generating support and community engagement for the Gallery. Her energy, passion and advocacy continue to promote the valuable role the Gallery plays in the Cairns Community.

The wonderful contribution made by Marie's cultural interests was recognized in 2008 when she received the Order of Australia Medal.

We are grateful and proud to welcome Marie-Claire Nemeč as a Bronze Benefactor of Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation.



Bronze Benefactor - Marie-Claire Nemeč OAM.



A partnership of style...

A unique partnership between Cairns Regional Gallery and Audi Centre Cairns heralds exciting opportunities.

Audi Centre Cairns has joined the Foundation as a Bronze Benefactor. With Audi also joining forces

with the Gallery as a major sponsor, we look forward to a fruitful partnership. The generosity and vision of local businesses such as the Audi Centre Cairns provides a priceless legacy for the Cairns community.

"Audi Centre Cairns is delighted to support the Cairns Regional Gallery and its programs. The two organizations are well aligned and we are looking forward to many exciting events in the years to come."
said Audi Centre Cairns Dealer Principle, Alan Baxter.

A celebration

We were delighted to welcome so many of our Foundation members and supporters to the Gallery in March for cocktails during the launch of *Malu Minar: Art of the Torres Strait*.

The evening was a great success and guests were thrilled to learn that the exhibition will continue its global travels throughout New Zealand. This is just another example of the Cairns Regional Gallery punching above its weight and taking the art of far north Queensland to a global audience.

By supporting the Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation, Benefactors can ensure the Gallery's achievements and reputation continue to flourish.



farewell...



In August, Cairns Regional Gallery will bid farewell to long serving Director, Paul Brinkman.

"I have been privileged to lead Cairns Regional Gallery over the last 5 years through an unprecedented period of growth. I leave with the knowledge that the Gallery has an enviable reputation both nationally and internationally and is strongly supported by the community of Cairns," said Mr Brinkman.

Under Brinkman's directorship the Gallery's fine art collection has grown significantly with key acquisitions of works by Tim Storrier, Margaret Olley, Peter Kingston and Ray Crooke. Mr Brinkman secured major touring exhibitions from national institutions and oversaw a rebranding of the Gallery in 2008. In 2010 Brinkman coordinated the development of the first international touring exhibition from Cairns, titled *Malu Minar: Art of the Torres Strait*, travelling to New Caledonia, New Zealand and Canada.

"We congratulate Paul on his outstanding achievements during his tenure as Director," said Roy Payne, Chairman of the Gallery Board of Directors. *"We thank him for his dedication and vision, and wish him every success in his new position."*

Mr Brinkman leaves the Gallery to take up the position of Director at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, a multi-million dollar facility that includes a gallery, interpretive centre, theatre and library, currently under construction in Katoomba, New South Wales.

Cairns Regional Gallery benefactors form

Thank you for accepting our invitation to become a Cairns Regional Gallery Benefactor. To make your contribution please complete this form and return it with your cheque to the **Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation, PO Box 7137, Cairns Qld 4870.**

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