

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE
CAIRNS REGIONAL GALLERY COLLECTION

JUNE 2011

Ray Crooke. *Laura River*
Donated to the Cairns Regional Gallery by
Denis Savill of Savill Galleries, Sydney

The Cairns Regional Gallery is proud to announce that Denis Savill of Savill Galleries has generously donated a work of art by Ray Crooke. *Laura River* will take its place in the Collection alongside some 30 other works by one of North Queensland's best known artists.

Although Ray Crooke has been continually painting the Australian landscape since the early 1950s, he is perhaps best known for his life long affiliation with the Pacific and Fijian Islands. Since the late 1960s his images of the tropical north of Australia and the Pacific islands have enticed and enchanted viewers.

Ray Crooke was honoured by a national touring retrospective of his work in 1997-98. Savill Galleries held a major exhibition of Crooke's work in 2006, an exhibition that corresponded with a regional touring exhibition of his landscape paintings from the 1950s to 2004.

The donated work '*Laura River*' is a part of *The People & The Land*, an exhibition exclusively of Ray Crooke's work, currently on show at Savill Galleries.



Denis Savill and Ray Crooke with 'Laura River'



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