

BEVERLEY BUDGEN

PAINTINGS OF HOME & ABROAD

A Cairns Regional Gallery Curated Exhibition

21 May
to
18 July 2010

Beverley Budgen: Paintings of Home and Abroad is a retrospective exhibition celebrating the artistic career of local painter Beverley Budgen.

Budgen's career stretches over fifty years and has encompassed a myriad of painting genres including landscape painting, architecture, portraiture, still life, abstraction and expressionism.

A long established Australian painter, Budgen has been exhibiting artwork since 1954 when, at the age of sixteen, she was awarded her first art prize, the Sunday Mail Art Prize for a small painting titled *Weigh in, Hamilton*, a work which has been included in this exhibition.

Like many women artists before her, Budgen has engaged in themes that present the richness of her surroundings, the love of family and her travels to distant ports and places around the world. *Paintings of Home and Abroad* continues her love of buildings, boats and water. From medieval France to the battlements of London to the atmospheric towers of America and the lush settings of Cairns, Budgen's prolific brush has captured them all – bright and joyful snapshots of a fresh, inexhaustible world taken by someone who has lived deeply and noticed much.

After five decades and numerous accolades as a painter, *Paintings of Home and Abroad* is an important step in her ongoing artistic career and for her many loyal patrons, the rare opportunity of sharing her personal journey in paint.

Brian Robinson - Exhibitions Manager

EXHIBITION LAUNCH

Friday May 28 - 6.30pm

ARTIST TALK

Saturday 5 June, time TBC

Significant local artist Beverly Budgen will discuss the exhibition *Paintings from Home and Abroad*, as part of the Gallery community day activities.



Beverley Budgen,
Alma Bay headland, Magnetic Island 2004
Oil on canvas



Beverley Budgen, *The silver rose bowl*
– watching the yachts on Hamilton Reach und
Oil on canvas



Beverley Budgen, *Palace of 4 winds, Jaipur* und
Oil on canvas



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