

# CAIRNS REGIONAL GALLERY FOUNDATION

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## Leading arts philanthropist Supports the Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation

One of Australia's most generous art benefactors has thrown his weight behind the Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation and will be the special guest at a fundraising dinner to be held at the Gallery on Sunday, October 3.

In a major coup, Allan Myers QC AO and his wife, Maria Myers AO will attend the formal dinner with the theme; Celebrating the spirit of philanthropy in the arts.

Allan Myers is one of Australia's most eminent lawyers, a notoriously successful investor and one of the most generous philanthropists in Australia. Mr Myers is the president of the National Gallery of Victoria Council of Trustees and has contributed \$9 million to the NGV's fundraising campaign. The couple recently donated \$1 million to fund a Law Chair at the Australian Catholic University and regularly serves as a benefactor to a range of other art and community initiatives.

In 2001, Mr Myers and his wife Maria were made Officers of the Order of Australia for professional and philanthropic work, including sponsorship of a range of educational, indigenous and art organisations.

"To attract arts supporters of the caliber of Mr and Mrs Myers is a real coup," said Paul Brinkman, Cairns Regional Gallery director. "Their generosity and support of the arts is well documented and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to welcome them to the Gallery. The fundraising dinner will aim to shine a light on the importance of the Cairns Regional Gallery and its collection, as a valuable community resource. The Gallery is an asset, owned by the people of North Queensland which provides the opportunity to enrich our lives."

The Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation was launched in 2000 to support the ongoing development of the Gallery and the establishment of a collection of important and relevant works of arts as a legacy for future generations of Far North Queenslanders. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

A portion of all funds raised by the Foundation are used to purchase works of art which have significance to this vast and unique region, a portion is used to support the on-going operation of the Cairns Regional Gallery and the balance is kept in perpetuity.

Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation Chairman, Kevin Byrne said, "We are encouraging members of the community to invest in their Gallery as a way of leaving a priceless legacy. The Gallery plays a critical role, with its education programs, exhibitions of significant works from Australia and overseas, as well as exhibits by local artists from Cairns, Cape York and the Torres Straits. A healthy arts community can help drive economic growth and the Cairns community, more than ever before needs to get behind the Gallery,"

The Cairns Regional Gallery Foundation's fundraising dinner, "Celebrating the spirit of philanthropy in the arts" will be held on Sunday, October 3 at 7pm at Cairns Regional Gallery. Tickets are strictly limited and Gallery supporters are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment.

**Tickets are \$150 per head**  
**Tickets available by contacting: [jbrinkman@ledanet.com.au](mailto:jbrinkman@ledanet.com.au) Phone: 0419 130 699**

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