

Toowoomba Art Society



Toowoomba Art Society – a brief history

The Toowoomba Art Club was established in 1925 by a small group of women in the studio of Miss Elise Aebi. The Club's aims were to "promote among its members education in pictorial art, foster friendly intercourse and assist members with expert advice" to be achieved through "monthly meetings, lectures and demonstrations." The emphasis then, as now, was on painting and drawing.

The Committee was soon led by quite high profile men such as Ralph Weppner and Herb Carstens and the Club became the Toowoomba Art Society. In the 1930s, much of their efforts went into the push for a City Art Gallery which opened in 1938 in the City Hall in Ruthven St, Queensland's first regional public art gallery. Occasional donations of art works to the City Art Gallery by TAS increased in the 1960s, and in the '70s winning works from TAS-organised exhibitions such as the Caltex Award were routinely acquired by TAS, often with Visual Arts Board assistance, and donated to the City Collection. By 1980 almost 50 works had been donated.

The Toowoomba Art Society moved into its new purpose-built premises in 2009 and currently offers a range of classes, some taught, others more socially oriented, occasional trips to galleries, monthly exhibitions for members, workshops, talks and other functions. It is unique in that it is a working gallery where current exhibitions surround artists at work. Other community groups such as U3A use the facilities which can be hired by affiliated groups. Major annual fixtures are the Members' Exhibition at Carnival of Flowers time, and the mid-year Toowoomba Art Society/Chronicle Junior Art Expo at the Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery.

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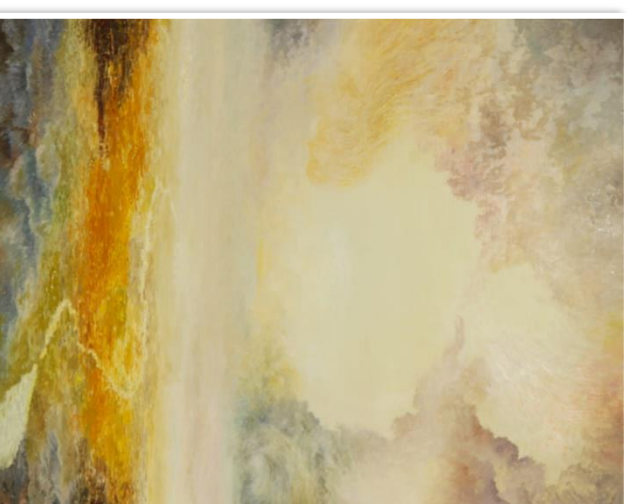


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2017 ART EXHIBITIONS



Quo Vadimus by Bruce Rodger
2016 Fred Gardiner Award

Entry is free

Artworks for Sale – Effpos available

GALLERY OPENING HOURS (February to November)

Tuesday to Friday

9am – 12noon

Saturdays and Sundays

10am to 2pm

Closed on Mondays & Public Holidays
unless otherwise advertised

2017 EXHIBITION CALENDAR

There are two exhibition spaces, Culliford Gallery and the Corridor. Exhibitions change monthly, works are for sale (Eftpos is available) and entry is free. You are welcome to view art works on display during gallery opening hours and to see artists at work as well as attend official openings where you can meet exhibiting artists.

MAY

2nd - 28th MAY
Culliford Gallery
ZENITH ARTISTS
'Breaking the Rules'
Corridor
BRUCE RODGER

Official Opening: 6pm Friday 5 May

SEPTEMBER

5th SEPTEMBER - 1st OCTOBER
Culliford Gallery & Corridor
ANNUAL MEMBERS' EXHIBITION
Selected works by TAS members and presentation of awards.

Official Opening: 6.30pm Friday 8 Sept

JUNE

30th MAY -2nd JULY
Culliford Gallery
CREATIVE ARTISTS BOOKS
'Skoob'
Corridor
SUSANNE WOOD

Official Opening: 1.30pm Sunday 4 June

OCTOBER

3rd - 29th OCTOBER
Culliford Gallery
SATURDAY PRINTMAKERS
'Under Pressure'
Corridor
Works by the Botanical Artists

Official Opening: 2pm Sunday 8 Oct

JULY

4th - 30th JULY
Culliford Gallery
JOY HOLT
'An Animal Story'
Corridor
ART IN BARK GROUP

Official Opening: 2pm Saturday 8 July

NOVEMBER

31st OCTOBER - 26th NOVEMBER
Culliford Gallery
PAINT AND SPATTER GROUP
'What Matters to Me'
Corridor
GAIL JINKS

Official Opening: 2pm Saturday 4 Nov

DECEMBER

7th MARCH - 2nd APRIL
Culliford Gallery
WEDNESDAY GROUP
'Wednesday's Wildcard'
Corridor
MARK PHILLIPS

Official Opening: 2pm Saturday 11Mar

APRIL

4th - 30th APRIL
Culliford Gallery & Corridor
MEMBERS' AUTUMN EXHIBITION
"45 X 45"

Unselected works limited only by the size of the canvas, 45 by 45 cm

Official Opening: 2pm Saturday 8 April

AUGUST

1st AUGUST - 2nd SEPTEMBER
Culliford Gallery
Peter Fitzpatrick, Sabine Kehoe, Vincent Parisi
'Essence'
Corridor
Brenda Richards, Ann Fogarty, Anne Stevens

Official Opening: 2pm Saturday 5 August

DECEMBER

28th NOVEMBER - 14th DECEMBER
Culliford Gallery & Corridor
YOUTH EXHIBITION
A vibrant and exciting exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculptures by the primary and secondary school students who attend Saturday and after school classes during the year

Official Opening 10am Saturday 2nd Dec