

Emma Ward

Born 1977

Lives and works in Rockhampton, Queensland

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Artist Statement

Emma Ward is an early career artist working in Central Queensland. In 2018 Emma began a new series of paintings exploring the power of mundane objects: how a simple object can connect us to strong emotions and evoke memories from our personal pasts. Using familiar 'things' as symbolism Emma's narrative weaves stories about identity, love and family. These objects are often items collected from nature, or are domestic in some way, forming the inspiration for a modern take on the Still Life painting genre.

This contemporary view point plays homage to the social media aesthetic of the 'flatlay' in which objects are viewed from a topographical position.

In her larger practise, Emma's work also explores the impact of imagery in social media on the feminine psyche and the changing identity of what it means to be female.

Emma is also well known for her feminine figurative works, and characterful birdlife and animal paintings, focusing on imbuing hew work with energy, empathy and emotion.

EDUCATION

Still Life Drawing Short Course	2017 Rockhampton Art Gallery
Urban Arts Project Workshop	2017 Rockhampton Regional Council
Australian Artists Appreciation Short Course	2017 Rockhampton Art Gallery
Life Drawing Short Course	2016 Central Qld University
Artists Transformation School	2015 Auspicious Arts Incubator, Melbourne
Watercolour Portrait Workshop with Cherry Hood	2010 Artworkshops Australia
Life Drawing Classes	2000 Brian Kehoe Artist from Emu Park

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Collection Intervention, Rockhampton Art Gallery, Rockhampton
- 2017 Draft, Rockhampton Art Gallery, Rockhampton
- 2017 Playtime, Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery, Biloela
- 2015 Birds of a Feather, Banana Shire Regional Gallery, Biloela
- 2012 Lovers & Daydreamers, My Sisters House Store, Rockhampton

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Caravan of Curiosities, Gympie Art Gallery
- 2017 Caravan of Curiosities, Gladstone Regional Art Gallery
- 2016 Caravan of Curiosities, Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery, Biloela
- 2016 Caravan of Curiosities, Mill Gallery, Yeppoon
- 2015 My Sisters House Store, Rockhampton
- 2013 Artists of SE Queensland, Art & Design Precinct Brisbane
- 2013 Inspirations, Royal Qld Art Society, Rockhampton
- 2013 Fresh Paint, Mill Gallery, Yeppoon
- 2011 Members Exhibitions, Mill Gallery, Yeppoon

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2019 Finalist in Contemporary Art Awards
<https://www.contemporaryartawards.com/finalist-exhibition-2019>
- 2019 Finalist in Artlovers Australian Prize
<https://artloversaustralia.com.au/art-lovers-prize-2019/>
- 2018 Finalist in CQU Creates Art Prize, Central Queensland University
- 2018 Finalist in Lethbridge 10000 Small Scale Art Award, Brisbane
- 2018 Finalist in Ravenswood Australian Women's Art Prize
- 2017 Finalist in the Bayton Award, Rockhampton Regional Art Gallery
- 2017 Finalist for CQU Creates University Prize, Central Queensland University

EMPLOYMENT

- 2018 Judge of Art Mix Students Art Prize, Banana Shire Regional
- 2018 Faces of Del, masterclass with Rockhampton Art Gallery
- 2018 Workshops and Pop Up at Artists Village, Rockhampton River Festival
- 2018 St Peters Primary Artist in Residency, 9 weeks
- 2017 Monthly Watercolour classes, Rockhampton Art Gallery
- 2017 Collage workshop, Capricornia Printmakers
- 2016 St Peters Primary Artist in Residency, 9 weeks
- 2016 Arts in the Park, children's workshops

2016 Creative workshops, Rockhampton Regional Council

2015 St Pauls Primary Artist in Residency, 9 weeks

COLLECTIONS

Banana Shire Regional Gallery, Biloela 2017

Private collections across Australia & Internationally