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## *CURRICULUM VITAE*

Sylvia Ditchburn's love of colour and country is reflected in her art. A peripatetic artist spanning the continent from Townsville to Broome, Alice to Adelaide and beyond searching for the wonderful and sublime in nature for her art. An energetic and prolific artist Sylvia continues to hold regular solo exhibitions in regional and capital cities, international art districts in China and New York, group exhibitions and art residencies, one of the most notable being Arthur Boyd's Bundanon Trust as well as Redgate China. The beauty and diversity of country is experienced and intellectual stimulation by way of academic study with a Doctorate of Philosophy in visual arts, informs her work. Sylvia is a professional business woman and artist with her own boutique gallery in Townsville city since 2008.

### STUDIES

- 1993-1998      Doctoral Studies, James Cook University (JCU) Townsville (awarded 2000)  
 Thesis: *Women's Art in Tropical Landscapes: 11 Women Artists in Townsville, north Queensland, exhibit and talk about their work*  
**Exhibition: *Plenty: 11 Women Artists of Townsville***, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville (1996) curated by S. Ditchburn  
 Exhibition catalogue, video and CDROM documents the work, a web site was created for the duration of my PhD studies at JCU
- 1990-1992      Master of Creative Arts JCU **1st Class** awarded 1992  
 Thesis: *Keeper of the Garden: a technical and creative response by a visual artist to the north Queensland landscape*  
**Exhibition: *Keeper of the Garden*** 1991
- 1988            Graduate Diploma of Museum Curatorship **Distinction** awarded 1989  
 Material Culture Unit JCU  
Subjects: Material Studies, Museology  
Placement: Queensland Art Gallery Curatorial & Support Services and Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville  
Museum Curatorship Projects: Collections Management - *The Henry Collection: Catalogue and design analysis of selected artefacts*, Collections Utilisation: *Marketing Strategies for the Visual Artist* (published by JCU see publications)
- 1987            Instructional Skills Course, Townsville College of TAFE
- 1984-1987      Diploma of Fine Arts (awarded 1987) Townsville College of TAFE  
Major: Painting, Second Major: Printmaking  
Core Subjects: Drawing/Design, History & Philosophy  
Other Subjects: Communication & Literature, Photography, Ceramics, Sculpture, Gold & Silversmithing, Illustration, Graphic Design, Hand-Made Paper
- 1973-1987      Vacation Art Schools: Ann Thomson, Bela Ivanyi, John Peart, John Davidson, Colin Lanceley, Kevin Connor, Andrew Sibley

- 1975 Art Theory & Practice, Gordon Samstag Cairns  
 1973-1980 [Australian Flying Art School](#): Mervyn Moriarty, Roy Churcher, Bela Ivanyi  
 1949-1956 [Pianoforte & Theory of Music](#): Australian Board and Trinity College

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2014 Artist in Residence, (3 weeks) New Norfolk, **Tasmania**  
 2012 Basil Hall Editions, Printmaking workshop, **Greece**  
 2012 **External Examiner**, School of Creative Arts (SOCA) James Cook University Townsville  
 2011 Artist in Residence Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan  
 2010 **ARTescape Cairns** Art Society, Tanks Cairns, Guest Tutor  
 2010 **Foshan China** Sister City Cultural Exchange  
 2008 Invitation to nominate to participate in **Australia 2020 Summit**  
 2007 Artist in Residence Red Gate Gallery **Beijing**  
 2006 Artist in Residence **Mulgara Gallery Sails in the Desert, Ayres Rock Resort** Central Australia  
 2004 Artist in Residence Port Douglas Gallery of Fine Art, Port Douglas  
 2004 Artist in Residence **Mulgara Gallery, Sails in the Desert, Ayres Rock Resort** Central Australia  
 2003 [Selection Panel Education Minister's Awards for Excellence in Art 2003](#)  
 2003 [Northern Region Senior Art Exhibition Pinnacles Gallery, Thuringowa](#)  
 2003 [Public Art Advisory Group Flinders St East redevelopment Townsville](#)  
 2001 *Artist in Residence* Radisson Treetops NQ  
 2000 ***Artist in Residence* Arthur Boyd Bundanon Trust NSW**  
 2000 *Artist in Residence* Radisson Treetops Port Douglas NQ  
 1997-98 **Appointment Arts Office Cultural Advisory Council to the Minister**  
 1998 *Artist in Residence* Radisson Treetops Port Douglas NQ  
 1996 **Curator: *Plenty: Women Artists of Townsville***  
 1994-1996 RADF Committee Townsville  
 1993 *Artist in Residence* Queensland Artworkers Alliance Brisbane Studio  
 1991-1995 Umbrella Studio Assoc. Inc. Board (President 1995)  
 1991-1994 Townsville Art Society Inc. (President 1992-94)  
 1988-1994 Queensland Arts Council Artlink Programme  
 1988 Townsville Museum Curator  
 1988 Material Culture Unit JCU Research Assistant  
 1988 **Work Experience for Graduate Diploma in Museum Curatorship:**  
**Queensland Art Gallery Brisbane, Curatorial & Support Services**  
**Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville**  
 1987-1990 Townsville TAFE painting teacher  
 1982 Moresby State School Artist-In-Schools programme  
 1981-1984 Innisfail Gallery 33 Director  
 1980 **Europe and Britain 4 month travel/study tour**  
 1979 Townsville CAE Women's Workshops in Cairns: painting teacher  
 1977 Innisfail Children's Workshop painting teacher  
 1977-1983 Innisfail TAFE painting teacher  
 1975-1984 Innisfail Opera and Choral Society scenic artist  
 1974-1975 Innisfail Art Society President

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS (over 50 solo exhibitions including the following):

- 2014 ***Time of Falling Leaves***, Aspects of Tasmania, Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery  
 2011,12,13 - Art from Wild Places and Tropical Coast NQ - **continuing** changing exhibition at SDFAG  
 2010 Art from Wild Places – Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery  
 2009/08 Australian Landscapes – Tomsk Region touring 5 solo shows  
 2008 Australian Landscapes – Tomsk Regional Art Gallery Russia  
 2008 Art on the Wild Side –Framed Gallery Darwin  
 2007 Wildlife Wilderness + Wonder Flinders Gallery Townsville  
 2006 *Painting Up Country* RM Galleries Hamilton Brisbane  
 2006 *Post Cards from Townsville* Niche Gallery PTRG Townsville  
 2006 *Landscapes* Mulgara Gallery Sails in the Desert Ayres Rock Resort Central Australia  
 2005 *Journey into Red Country + Beyond* Flinders Gallery Townsville  
 2005 ***Romancing the Desert*** Ascot Gallery Hamilton Brisbane  
 2005 *Landscapes from the Centre* Hotel Grand Chancellor Brisbane presented by Qld Arts Council  
 2004 MacDonnell Ranges Suite, MacDonnell Solicitors presented by Umbrella Arts  
 2004 ***Journey into Red Country: Landscapes from interior Australia***, Civic Centre Mt Isa  
 2004 *From the Beach to the Bush*, Charters Towers World Theatre  
 2004 *Coast to Coast* Hi Tide at The Peninsula Port Douglas

- 2004 Exhibition and Artist in Residence Mulgara Gallery Ayres Rock Resort Central Australia  
 2003-4 *Rainforest to Desert in search of the Sublime*, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 2001 *Home & Away: Paintings from the Kimberley, Bundanon & Wet Tropics* Flinders Gallery Tv  
 2001 *Artist in Residence* Radisson Treetops Port Douglas NQ

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS contd**

- 2000 *Artist in Residence* Bundanon Trust NSW  
 2000 *Artist in Residence* Radisson Treetops Port Douglas NQ  
 1998 *Artist in Residence* Radisson Treetops Port Douglas NQ  
 1996 *Gardens of Colour* Mowbray Gallery Port Douglas NQ  
 1993 *Works from the Tropics* Town Gallery Brisbane  
 1992 *Just Looking - Forest Portraits & Altered States* Nava No Vacancy Project Townsville  
 1991 *New Work* Town Gallery Brisbane  
 1991 *Keeper of the Garden* Tonnoirs Fine Art Gallery Townsville  
 1990 *New Works* Painters Gallery Sydney  
 1990 *Rainforest & Metaphor* Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 1988 *Bay Series* Martin Gallery Townsville  
 1987 *Fan Series* Martin Gallery Townsville  
 1987 *Paradise Revisited* Christy Palmerston Gallery Port Douglas  
 1986 *Rainforest Music* Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 1986 *New Work* Christy Palmerston Gallery Port Douglas  
 1986 Queensland Country Life Townsville  
 1983 Northtown Gallery Townsville  
 1983 Gallery 33 Innisfail  
 1982 *Travelling North* Paddington Gallery Brisbane

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS – (Over 200 Invitation / Curated Shows)**

- 2015 **Carrousel du Louvre Paris** – Salon Art Exhibition  
 2015 *Looking Down Under* – Imago Mundi Australian Collection  
 2014 *Dexterity*, PTRG Press North Printmakers  
*Thru the Flower: Aspects of the Feminine*, SDFAG  
 2013 *Out from Down Under and Beyond: Fine Art from Australia and New Zealand*, AGORA GALLERY, CHELSEA, NEW YORK, USA  
 2013 RE.Turn SOCA Alumni exhibition eMerge Gallery JCU  
 2012 *Tropical Exotics*, SDFAG  
 2012 *Snapped: Not still Life* SDFAG themed group show  
 2012 *Umbrella Members Exhibition, Compact Prints, Percival Portrait Award 2012*, PTRG  
 2011 *Glimpse of China: Townsville Artists celebrate Foshan Autumn Festival*, PTRG, Townsville  
 2010 *Red Gate Studio to Umbrella Studio Umbrella Gallery* Townsville  
 Themed Group shows at Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery: *Be my Valentine: Mum's Day, Tropical Friday, Christmas Show of Small Works*  
 2009 *Q150 DITCHBURN, BRAY, BROWN; In the Fast Lane: V8Supercars Race; Christmas in the Tropics, Key Note Capers* at Sylvia Ditchburn Fine Art Gallery  
 2009 Art Spectular Rotary Brisbane (Invitation)  
 2008 *OlympicFineArt2008 Beijing China*  
 2008 Art Spectacular Rotary Brisbane (Invitation)  
 2007 Pickle Art Gallery, Beijing China  
 2007 *Picnic on the Strand with Lamingtons, Strand Ephemera* Townsville  
 2007 *Past in the Present* Finalist Ephemeral Art Riverway Festival Thuringowa  
 2006 Townsville Grammar School Art Exhibition by Invitation  
 2006 *The Exquisite Corpse* Pinnacles Gallery Thuringowa  
 2006 *C Art in Stores now* presented by Umbrella Contemporary Arts Townsville  
 2006 *Compact Prints* Umbrella Contemporary Arts Townsville  
 2006 *Percival's Vestments* PTRG Townsville  
 2005 *Art with a Heart* Inaugural Regional Art Exhibition **Toowoomba**  
 2005 Perc's Purses Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 2005 *The Art Card* Sharjah Art Museum United Arab Emirates  
 2004-5 *Birthdays* Umbrella 18th Birthday Celebration Members Annual Exhibition  
 2004-05 *Subjectivity Uncorked* High Street Gallery Willunga SA  
 2004 *C Art in Stores* presented by Umbrella Contemporary Arts Townsville  
 2004 *Heysen Prize for Australian Landscape*, Hahndorf Academy SA - Finalist  
 2004 *Linden Post Card Show* Melbourne

2004 *Compact Prints* Umbrella Contemporary Arts Townsville  
 2004 Thuringowa River Festival Ephemeral Art  
 2004 *Walk this Way* Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 2004 *Objects of Desire* Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 2004 Townsville Grammar School Art Exhibition by Invitation

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2004 *Savvy Live* Townsville  
 2003-04 *Construction/Deconstruction: After the dust Settles* Members Exhibition Umbrella  
 2003 ***Strand Ephemera***, Townsville  
 2003 Citadel Gallery Grand Opening Townsville  
 2003 NQCC Postcard Exhibition Umbrella Townsville  
 2003 Townsville Business Women Trade Show  
 2003 Townsville Grammar School Art Exhibition by Invitation  
 2002 Townsville Grammar School Art Exhibition by Invitation  
 2002 ***Games*** Umbrella Townsville  
 2002 *TAGS* Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 2002 ***Inspiration NQ*** Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 2002 *Northern Woman Expo 2002* Entertainment & Convention Centre Townsville by invitation  
 2002 *Townsville Grammar School Art & Wine Show* -by invitation  
 2002 ***Highlights: James Cook University Art Collection*** Pinnacles Gallery Thuringowa  
 2001 *Parallax* Umbrella Annual members exhibition Townsville  
 2001 ***Out of the Shed 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Umbrella Townsville***  
 2001 ***Suburban Townsville Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville***  
 2000 *Postcard Exhibition* for North Queensland Conservation Council-by invitation  
 2000 *Wet n' Dry* members exhibition Umbrella Townsville  
 2000 *International Women's Week* Jupiter's Townsville  
 2000 *Timbre of the North* Pinnacles Gallery Thuringowa NQ  
 2000 ***Ideal Format #10*** - 24HR Art Darwin NT  
 1999 *Propaganda* members exhibition Umbrella Contemporary Arts Townsville  
 1999 Flinders Gallery Artists  
 1999 Mackay Scott's College art exhibition featured artist -by invitation  
 1996 ***Plenty: Women Artists of Townsville Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville.***  
 1996 ***Mossman Gorge: A Special Place.*** Mowbray Gallery artists Cairns Regional Gallery-by invitation  
 1995/96 ***Locate Yourself*** collaborative work with Marion Gaemers, Kick Arts Cairns travelling exhibition  
 Cairns Townsville Darwin Mount Isa  
 1995 ***Muse*** Umbrella Townsville curated show  
 1995 **Tattersall's Club Brisbane Landscape Art Prize Exhibition (invitation)**  
 1995 ***Natural Impressions: Ditchburn, Silver & Schloss*** Especially Australian Gallery Townsville  
 1995 20th anniversary International Women's Day Umbrella Townsville  
 1995 ***Women Artists of north Queensland 1880 to the Present*** Perc Tucker Regional Gallery  
 Townsville, part of the National Women's Art Exhibition celebrating 20th anniversary IWD  
 1995 Women Artists at Art Galleries Schubert Gold Coast  
 1994 ***Visions from the Tropics: Ditchburn, Wilson & Lord*** Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery Newcastle  
 1994 ***Townsville Artists in Japan Daikokuya Art Gallery Iwaki, Japan*** -by invitation  
 1994 ***Iwaki Japan/PTRG Townsville Sister City Cultural Exchange***  
 1994 *Year of the Family* International Women's Day Umbrella Townsville  
 1994 *Male Art* Umbrella Townsville  
 1993 ***Woman's Day*** Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 1993 *Crossing Borders* Umbrella Townsville  
 1993 ***18 Degrees South Perspectives*** Flinders Gallery Townsville  
 1993 ***Iwaki Japan/PTRG Townsville Sister City Cultural Exchange***  
 1993 *Art & Money* Umbrella Townsville  
 1992 *Light Structures*, Townsville  
 1992 ***Burnt Offerings*** Umbrella Townsville  
 1992/93/94 Logan Art Award  
 1992 Space Plenitude Brisbane/Umbrella Studio Townsville Exchange  
 1991 Suncorp Finalists' Exhibition Brisbane  
 1990-97 Town Gallery Artists  
 1990-92 Townsville Art Awards  
 1990 ***Opening the Umbrella*** Sixth Women in the Arts Festival Rockhampton  
 1990 ***Amnesty International Painters Gallery*** Sydney

- 1989 **9 X 5 Heidelberg and Heritage Linden Gallery St Kilda Melbourne**  
 1989 *Mixed Media* Upstairs for Art Townsville  
 1988 **One Million Square Miles of Australia on Show in Melbourne Capricorn Gallery Melbourne**  
 1987 **Suncorp Biennial Art Awards Queensland Arts Council Brisbane**  
 1987 **Reef Encounters** Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 1986 Diploma of Art Graduation Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville

#### **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 1985 **S.G.I.O. Art Awards** Brisbane  
 1985 **Some Queensland Watercolourists** Alfred Street Community Arts Centre Cairns  
 1985 **For the Love of It A.F.A.S. Brisbane and Memphis Tennessee U.S.A.**  
 1985 **Ditchburn and Tucker - Paintings & Pots** Alfred Street Community Arts Centre Cairns  
 1985 **Opening Exhibition - Alfred Street Community Arts Centre Cairns**  
 1984 **Ditchburn and Forster** Gallery 33 Innisfail  
 1984 **Three North Queensland Environments - Ditchburn, Lord and Forster** Martin Gallery, Townsville Ipswich City Gallery Wickham Street Gallery Brisbane  
 1984 **Australian Watercolourists** Hilton Hotel Sydney  
 1983 **Australian Watercolour Institute Exhibition S.H. Ervin Art Gallery Sydney**  
 1983 Queensland Artists Group: Rockhampton Regional Gallery; Boston Gallery Brisbane  
 1982 Queensland Artists Group: Her Majesty's Theatre Brisbane  
 1982 **Self Portrait for Festival '82** Australian Flying Art School Brisbane  
 1981 **Paddington Gallery Artists, Brisbane**

#### **PRIZES & AWARDS (more than 50 awards)**

- 2011 **Individual Arts Award, Townsville City Council** (nominated two previous years)  
 2008 **Gold medal Beijing Olympic Fine Arts Beijing China**  
 2004 Cloncurry Ernest Henry Memorial Exhibition Open  
 2000 Mount Isa Open Award HC  
 1999 Mount Isa Watercolour Award  
 1997 Maryborough City Open Award Judge John Massy Queensland Art Gallery (QAG)  
 1997 Mount Isa HC Open  
 1996 Mount Isa Open Award  
 1995 Cloncurry Ernest Henry Memorial Exhibition Open (3rd prize)  
 1995 Mount Isa Open Award  
 1994 Mount Isa Open Award  
 1994 Townsville Art Society Local Artist Judge Tim Morrell QAG  
 1993 Cloncurry Ernest Henry Memorial Exhibition - Watercolour  
 1993 Townsville Art Society HC Open and Local Artist Judge Dr I Amos  
 1993 Mount Isa Mines Watercolour  
 1992 Townsville Grammar School Watercolour Judge Prof. Dianna. Davis  
 1992 Townsville Art Society Watercolour Judge Prof. John Eveleigh  
 1992 Wide Bay Watercolour  
 1992 Mount Isa Mines Watercolour  
 1991 Cairns Art Society Graphic Award, Open HC Judge Chris Saines  
 1989 Townsville Pacific Festival Catalogue Cover Judge Prof. E Cowie  
 1989 **Townsville Pacific Festival North Queensland Landscape Judge Prof. E Cowie**  
 1988 Mount Isa - HC Open Judge A. Thomson  
 1987 NORSAC Miniature Award Judge R. Searle  
 1987 Townsville PAIA Traditional Painting, Watercolour and Sculpture  
 1986 Townsville PAIA Print  
 1986 Wide Bay Capricorn Building Society Judge I Amos  
 1986 Townsville Local Artist HC  
 1986 Nerang Festival  
 1985 Cloncurry Ernest Henry Memorial Exhibition Open (3rd) Judge R Melish QAG  
 1985 Townsville HC Print Judge B Wright  
 1985 Cairns City Collection Acquisition  
 1985 Innisfail Catalogue Cover Award Judge R Croke  
 1985 Wide Bay Print Award  
 1985 Hinchinbrook Traditional  
 1985 **Brisbane Suncorp Painting (State Award + touring)**  
 1984 Innisfail Local Artist Judge J Rigby  
 1984 Mareeba Shell Drawing Award  
 1984 Mareeba Shell Open Award

- 1984 Hinchinbrook Watercolour  
 1983 Cloncurry Ernest Henry Memorial Exhibition Open (2nd)  
 1982 Tully Open Award  
 1982 **Cairns City Collection Acquisition**  
 1982 Hinchinbrook Watercolour  
 1982 Mareeba Shell Open Award

**PRIZES & AWARDS (more than 50 awards (contd))**

- 1981 Cairns Art Society Watercolour  
**1979 Hinchinbrook Open Award Judge J Coburn**  
 1977 Cairns Art Society  
 1977 Cardwell Parliament House  
 1973 Innisfail Historical

**ART RESIDENCIES (AIR)**

- 2014 Artist in Residence, (3 weeks) New Norfolk, **Tasmania**  
 2011 Artist in Residence Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan  
 2010 **Foshan China** Sister City Cultural Exchange  
 2007 Artist in Residence Red Gate Gallery **Beijing**  
 2006 Artist in Residence **Mulgara Gallery Sails in the Desert, Ayres Rock Resort** Central Australia  
 2004 Artist in Residence Port Douglas Gallery of Fine Art, Port Douglas  
 2004 Artist in Residence **Mulgara Gallery, Sails in the Desert, Ayres Rock Resort** Central Australia  
 2001 *Artist in Residence* Radisson Treetops NQ  
 2000 ***Artist in Residence* Arthur Boyd Bundanon Trust NSW**  
 2000 *Artist in Residence* Radisson Treetops Port Douglas NQ  
 1998 ***Artist in Residence* Radisson** Treetops Port Douglas NQ  
 1993 ***Artist in Residence* Queensland Artworkers Alliance** Brisbane Studio

**COLLECTIONS**

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| * Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  | * Hinchinbrook Shire Council                    |
| * Gold Coast Regional Gallery Gold Coast Qld   | * Tomsk Regional Art Gallery, Siberia, Russia   |
| * James Cook University Townsville   | * Cardwell Shire Council                        |
| * Artbank  | * Mount Isa Mines                               |
| * Suncorp Brisbane   | * Wide Bay Building Society                     |
| * Shell Queensland   | * Maryborough City Council                      |
| * Cairns City Council  | * Townsville Grammar School                     |
| * Innisfail Art Society  | * State Library of Qld James Hardie Collection  |
| * Cloncurry Art Society  | * Iwaki City & Iwaki Jaycees, Japan             |
| * Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE Townsville  | * The Sharjah Arts Museum, United Arab Emirates |
| * Jupiters Townsville  | * Cairns Airport Departure Lounge               |
| * Townsville Entertainment & Convention Ctr  | * Holiday Inn Townsville                        |
| * Arthur Boyd Bundanon Trust, NSW  | * Qld Health Ayr Hospital                       |
| * Dept Main Roads Tvl - Qld Govt (Art Built in Public Art scheme)  |   |
| * Foshan Regional Art Gallery, China   | James Hardie Library, State Library of Qld      |
| * Townsville City Council Executive Offices  | * Thuringowa City Council Public Art Seating    |
| * Beijing Olympic Art Collection 2008  | * Tomsk Regional Art Gallery Russia             |
| * Corporate & Private Collections in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Japan, America, Arabia, Great Britain, Europe, Russia |   |

**GRANTS**

- 2008, 10, 12, 13 Townsville City Council Grants for Excellence in Cultural Development  
 2000 Arts Queensland Individual Professional Development  
 2000 Townsville City Council Grants for Excellence in Cultural Development  
 1996 Head of School Research Award School of Education JCU  
 1994/96 **Australian Postgraduate Research Scholarship JCU (3 year stipend for PhD studies)**  
 1994 Arts Queensland Individual Professional Development  
 1990 **Premier's Arts Encouragement Award Queensland Government**  
 1988 Australia Council Visual Arts Craft Board Project Grant

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS**

- 2012 **Masonic Care** Queensland, Kirwan, Qld  
 2004 Kirwan CBD – Castlemaine Street Seating **Lazy Days** Thuringowa Qld  
 2004 Queensland Health Ayr Hospital  
 2000 Soroptimist International Townsville Breakwater Inc.  
 painting for Rehabilitation Ward Townsville General Hospital  
 1999 Museum of Tropical Queensland Mural

- 1996 Cairns International Airport Tropics Restaurant
- 1994 Sheraton Breakwater Casino Townsville Foyer
- 1992 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority/ Department of Environment and Heritage, Marine Mural and Green Turtle Illustrations Cardwell Information Centre
- 1993 Soroptimist International Townsville Breakwater Inc  
Design for Chain of Office and Banner
- 1991 Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, Interpretative Murals Cardwell Information Centre

## COVERS

- 2014 Duo Magazine 'Culture' cover July 2014, p 96
- 1994 Townsville Art Society Inc. Catalogue Cover Award
- 1992 Readers Digest Australia & New Zealand October issue
- 1989 Townsville & the Magnetic North Tourist Information Booklet Cover
- 1986 Cathedral School Cookbook Cover Design and section Illustrations
- 1986 Innisfail Art Society Catalogue Cover Award

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Townsville Chamber of Commerce
- Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville Friends and Partners
- Umbrella Contemporary Arts Inc. Townsville Past President & Board Member
- Townsville Art Society Inc. – Past President (lapsed)
- Soroptimist International Townsville Breakwater Inc. Charter Member (lapsed)
- Townsville Businesswomens' Network (lapsed)
- Queensland Artworkers Alliance
- Womens Art Register Victoria (lapsed)
- National Association for the Visual Arts Australia (lapsed)
- American Biographical Institute
- International Biographical Centre Cambridge England
- JCU Alumni Association Inc.

## TRAVEL

- 2014 Tasmania
- 2013 USA, New York, Canada, Las Vegas, Grand Canyon
- 2012 Basil Hall Editions, Printmaking Workshop, Greece
- 2011 Ross River, East MacDonal Range, central Australia
- 2010 China – Foshan, Sister City Cultural exchange
- 2008 Russia: Tomsk Siberia, St Petersburg, Moscow; Tokyo Japan
- 2007 New Zealand, Palm Valley Central Australia, China, Singapore
- 2006 The Kimberley WA – Gibb River Road: El Questro, Mitchell Falls, Bell Gorge, Mornington Wilderness Park, Windjana Gorge, Geikie Gorge, Halls Ck, Wolfe Ck Crater, Bungle Bungles
- 2005 Fraser Island, Carnarvon National Park Qld, Norfolk Island
- 2004 Lawn Hill Boodjamulla National Park north west Queensland
- 2004 Alice to Adelaide - Painted Desert, Oodnadatta, Lake Eyre, Flinders Ranges, Adelaide
- 2004 Limmen National Park Southern Lost City NT
- 2003 Broome WA, Limmen National Park Found Lost City NT
- 2002 West MacDonnell Ranges, Finke River Central Australia
- 2002 Crossing the Simpson Desert, NT, SA, QLD
- 2002 Highlights of the central Australia: Uluru, Kata Tjuta, Mt Sonder, Gosse Bluff, Kings Canyon, Ochre Pits, Ormiston Gorge, Glen Helen Gorge, Ellery Gorge, Standley Chasm
- 2001 Ruby Gorge in the East MacDonal Ranges Central Australia
- 2000 The Kimberley and Bungle Bungles Western Australia.
- 1995 Indonesia (Bali)
- 1994 Kakadu, Northern Territory
- 1980 Europe and Britain
- 1969 Papua New Guinea
- 1969- Australia: extensive travel of coastal and western Queensland and N.S.W.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2010 *Here's to Love, Lust & Laughter* Opening for Uli Lisseman Umbrella Gallery, Townsville
- 2008 Tomsk Art Museum Siberia, Russia : several presentations to Artists + art Students
- 2004 *Women's Art in North Queensland* Guest Lecturer **JCU COMVAT**
- 2004 *Our First Exhibition* Townsville Stained Glass Townsville opened by Dr Sylvia Ditchburn
- 2003 *The Business of Art* **PROBUS** Port of Townsville Womens Club
- 2003 *Who Am I?* Townsville Business Womens Network

- 2002 Vote of Thanks Geraldine Doogue and MP Lindy Nelson-Carr *Lunch with Geraldine Doogue*  
 2002 *The Business of Art PROBUS* Townsville  
 2001 **Identity:** 3<sup>rd</sup> yr exhibition by Helen Theocharous & Bronwen Abernethy opened by Dr S. Ditchburn  
 2001 Personal Profile and slide presentation *Artist Lunch Time Talk James Cook University*  
 1996 *Plenty Forum*, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery  
 1995 *Personal Profile and slide presentation*, Townsville Business Women's Network  
 1993 Townsville Art Society Annual Members Exhibition S. Ditchburn *President's Address*  
 1992 Townsville Art Society Annual Members Exhibition S. Ditchburn *President's Address*  
 1992 *Personal Profile and slide presentation*, Townsville Art Society  
 1992 *Gertrudes* Townsville Personal Profile and slide presentation

## JUDGING

- 2010 Cardwell Biennial Art Awards  
 2010 Artscape – Pimlico State High School, Visual Arts Section  
 2009 Burdekin Art Society Art Awards  
 2006 Cairns Art Society 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition  
 2006 Bowen Art Society 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition  
 2006 Ernest Henry Memorial 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show Cloncurry  
 2005 Hinchinbrook Acquisitive Art Prize Ingham  
 2003 Selection Panel Education Minister's Awards for Excellence in Art 2003  
 Northern Region Senior Art Exhibition Pinnacles Gallery, Thuringowa  
 2003 Public Art Advisory Group Flinders At East redevelopment Townsville  
 2002 Ingham Arts Festival (12<sup>th</sup>) - Art  
 2002 Calvary Christian College 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christian Art Competition Townsville  
 2000 **CARA** (Childrens Advocacy and Research Association) Child Protection Week Art Competition  
 1979 Innisfail Arts Festival

## SPONSOR

- Cancer research  
 Cyclone Larry Appeal Auction 2006  
 Townsville Business Woman of the Year and Corporate Woman of the Year Awards, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008  
 Music Squad Pimlico State High School Townsville 2005  
 Australian Festival of Chamber of Music Townsville 2005  
 Queensland Cancer Fund Relay for Life 2004  
 Unifem, SITB, Zonta International Womans Breakfast 2004,2005,2006,2007,2008,2009,2010,2011, 2012,2013, 2014  
 Collinsville & Scottville Community Preschool & Kindergarten Assoc 2003

## PUBLICATIONS

- Sylvia Ditchburn, 1996, *Plenty: Women Artists of Townsville*, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1991, *Marketing Strategies for the Visual Artist*, James Cook University Townsville  
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 Austrade, *Contemporary Australian Art* Ltd Edition ed. Joel Newman November 2005 Australian Government Australian Trade Commission (Los Angeles CA)  
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 Bock, Ellen, *'Vivid Collection of Rainforest Works'*, *Advertiser*, October 8, 1987.  
 Buckley, Graeme, 'Ditchburn's Landscape Glows' Review *Townsville Bulletin* Friday Sept 30 2005 p. 64  
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