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Environment Art Exhibition Opening in Townsville

Townsville, North Queensland. North Queensland Conservation Council's (NQCC) Postcard Art Exhibition opening is **Friday 17th May, Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts (380 Flinders St, Townsville City), 6pm.**

Over 50 artists have donated their postcard-sized artworks for the environment-themed exhibition. Contributing artists include nationally-acclaimed print-maker Alan Owen, prominent Melbourne artist Lynda Britten and Townsville's own Marion Gaemers.

The donated art pieces will be auctioned off on Friday 21st June to generate much-needed funds for NQCC's local campaigns in a joint project with Umbrella Studio Contemporary Arts.

"We are really impressed with the quality of artworks that have been donated to us from people across North Queensland and from all around Australia," says Crystal Falknau, NQCC's Community Campaigner.

"There is such an incredible variety of paintings, sketches, photographs and textiles, containing subject matter ranging from the marsupial to the mystical."

"Umbrella Studio works with NQCC every two years to hold this fundraising event which supports the important environmental work that we do," she said.

The exhibition will be open for viewing from 17th May until 21st June, when they will be auctioned off. Umbrella Studio's opening hours are 9-5 Monday to Friday and 9-1 Sunday.

Potential bidders who cannot attend the auction can email us at community@nqcc.org.au to arrange a proxy.

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NQCC is the voice for the environment in North Queensland, campaigning as the peak non-government environmental organisation in our region since 1974.

We protect the environment through advocacy and education, promote the values of the natural environment, and engage with policy and planning processes to advocate ecologically sustainable development.



Sandy Fisher, *Numbat*, etching



Marc Roth, *Rainforest Dreaming*, digital manipulation of photograph



Annette Sibson, *Reef II*, paper and textile