

TEHO ROPEYARN – CV

b. 1988 | Lives and works in Cairns, Australia | Community: Injinoo, Clan: Angkamuthi & Yadhaykana, Blood Ties: Woppaburra.

EDUCATION

2009 Bachelor of Fine Arts, College of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Middle World: every change a continuation, every season a story*, Onespace Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
2025 *Current*, McClelland Gallery, Langwarrin, VIC
2022 *TRAVERSING THREE REALMS: The physical, natural and spiritual*, NorthSite Contemporary Art, Cairns, Queensland
2021 *Ayuva Meenah*, Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery, QLD
2020 *Ayuva Meenah*, Onespace Gallery, Brisbane, QLD
2020 *Ulada Ikya Ami*, Delmar Gallery, online exhibition
2017 *Ulada Ikya Ami*, KickArts Contemporary Arts, Cairns, QLD
2015 *Mandang Ikamba (strength of a crocodile)*, Eddie Koiki Mabo Library, James Cook University, Townsville, QLD
2013 *Mandang Ikamba (strength of a crocodile)*, Canopy Arts Space, Cairns, QLD
2010 *Exploring two worlds*, UMI Arts Exhibition Gallery, Cairns, QLD

ART FAIRS, GROUP + AWARD EXHIBITIONS (SELECTED)

2026 *Sydney Contemporary 2022*, Onespace Booth, Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW (Upcoming)
2026 *Alice Prize*, Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs, NT [finalist]
2026 *National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Art Awards*, Museum & Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin [finalist]
2025 *[re]connection: Culture, Country & People*, Mulgrave Gallery, Cairns
2025 *Spirits in the Ink*, Redcliffe Art Gallery, QLD
2025 *Skinship*, Cairns Art Gallery, QLD
2025 *Too Deadly: Ten Years of Tarnanthi*, Australian Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA
2025 *We Are Eagles*, TarraWarra Biennial 2025, TarraWarra Museum, Healesville VIC
2025 *Reimagining Queensland*, Rockhampton Museum of Art, QLD
2025 *High Colour*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
2024 *Printed Textiles: Collection in Focus*, Cairns Art Gallery, Cairns, QLD
2024 *How we remember tomorrow*, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane, QLD
2024 *Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 2024*, Onespace Booth, Cairns Convention Centre, QLD
2023 *Ramsay Art Prize*, Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA [finalist]
2023 *46th Freemantle Arts Centre Print Award*, Freemantle, WA [finalist]
2023 *The National 4: Australian Art Now*, Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
2023 *Island, Sea and Rain*, Artbank Window, Sydney, NSW
2023 *Origin Story*, Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, QLD
2023 *Valerie Taylor Art Award 2023*, Blue World, Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
2022 *Sydney Contemporary 2022*, Onespace Booth, Carriageworks, Sydney, NSW
2022 *Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 2022*, Onespace Booth, Cairns Convention Centre, QLD
2022 *National Works on Paper Award 2022*, Mornington Peninsula Regional Art Gallery, VIC [finalist]
2022 *rivus*, 23rd Biennale of Sydney, NSW
2022 *Nuit Blanche*, Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Toronto, Canada
2022 *Ter Incognita: inclusiveness is a good way*, Benetton Collection, Treviso, Italy
2022 *Queen Sonja Print Award*, MUNCH Museum, Oslo, Norway [finalist]
2022 *15 Artists*, Redcliffe Art Gallery, City of Moreton Bay, QLD [finalist]
2021 *Tarnanthi 2021*, Art Gallery of South Australia (AGSA), Adelaide, SA
2021 *22nd JAALA International Art Exhibition*, Tokyo, Japan
2019 *Invitational*, Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA [finalist]
2018 *Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 2018*, UMI Arts Stand, Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal, QLD
2017 *Mabo 10th Anniversary*, James Cook University Library, Townsville, QLD
2016 *8th International Printmaking Biennial of Douro*, Portugal
2016 *Fremantle Print Award Exhibition*, Fremantle Art Centre, Freemantle, WA [finalist]
2016 *Our Stories, Our Life*, Northern Peninsula Area Art Centre, New Mapoon, QLD
2016 *Salon Des Refuse*, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT
2016 *InkMaster's 3rd Biennial Print Exhibition*, Tank Arts Centre, Cairns, QLD
2016 *Thancoupie Busary Fund Exhibition*, Canopy Arts Centre, Cairns, QLD
2016 *TROPICS>TROPICS* (Cairns finest Art, Food, Performance & Entertainment), Johor Bahru, Singapore
2015 *GOMA Q: Queensland Contemporary Art*, Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA), Brisbane, QLD
2015 *ARTNOW FNQ 2015*, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, QLD
2015 *Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Textile Exhibition*, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, QLD
2015 *Warriors, Sorcerers, Spirits*, KickArts Gallery, Cairns, QLD
2014 *Rear Vision: stories from home*, Canopy Arts Centre, Cairns, QLD
2014 *National Works on Paper 2014*, Mornington Peninsular Regional Art Gallery, VIC [finalist]
2013 *Primavera Acquisitive Art Award*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, NSW [finalist]

- 2013 *Paper (works on and of)*, Tanks Art Centre, Cairns, QLD
- 2013 *30th Telstra National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Art Awards*, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin, NT
- 2013 *Essential Character of Queensland*, Queensland Regional Art Awards Touring Exhibition, Queensland Regional Galleries
- 2013 *Naissance: Far North Queensland's Emerging Artists*, Cairns Regional Gallery (the Loft), Cairns, QLD
- 2012 *Cairns Regional Art Gallery's 2012 Start Collecting Art: affordable art auction*, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, QLD
- 2012 *Primavera 2012*, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Sydney, NSW
- 2012 *Wollotuka Acquisitive Art Prize 2012*, University of Newcastle, Newcastle, NSW [finalist]
- 2012 *Where the Art Leads: New exploration by Queensland Indigenous Artists*, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, QLD
- 2012 *29th NATSIAA*, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin, NT [finalist]
- 2012 *InkMasters' Inkfest Print Exhibition*, Tanks Art Centre, Cairns, QLD
- 2012 *11th Nationwide Academies of Fine Arts Printmaking Biennial*, Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts Art Museum, China
- 2011 *Pathways 2*, UMI Arts Annual group exhibition, Exhibition Ready Program Artists, UMI Arts Gallery, Cairns, QLD
- 2011 *Story boat*, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Exhibition, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, QLD
- 2009 *Gab Titui Indigenous Art Awards*, Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Waiben (Thursday Island), QLD
- 2009 *Coming Together – Aboriginal Artists' Exhibition*, St Scholastica's College, Sydney, NSW
- 2008 *Nanima*, Indigenous COFA Students' Exhibition, KUDOS Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2008 *Dislocations*, COFA Students' Exhibition, KUDOS Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2008 *Golden Ticket*, COFA Students' Exhibition, KUDOS Gallery, Sydney, NSW

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2021 Arts Queensland, Queensland Arts Showcase Program, grant recipient
- 2015 Australia Council for the Arts, Individual Projects grant recipient
- 2013 30th Telstra NATSIAA Award, Winner- Works on Paper Category for artwork, *Apudthama*
- 2012 Queensland Regional Art Awards, online exhibition, Flying Arts, WINNER - Young Artist Development Award
- 2012 Arts Queensland, Career Development Grant, supported by the participation in the Australia Delegation to China
- 2011 Australia Council for the Arts: ArtStart Grant – Arts Funding Division

PUBLIC ART & ARTWORK COMMISSIONS (SELECTED)

- Current Cross River Rail – Boggo Road Station, Interior Façade, Brisbane, QLD [in fabrication stage]
- Current Arts in Health Queensland Design Suite, commissioned artist
- 2022 NEON Reconciliation Action Plan
- 2016 Shield St City Heart Project
- 2015 Commissioned Upholstery for Gallery Column Drape at Cairns Art Gallery, *Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 2015*

BOARDS & PANELS

- Current Artistic Director, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Cairns, QLD (2024 to current)
- 2016 Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Advisory Panel Committee – Deputy Chair, Committee Member

CURATORSHIP & PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Curator, Cairns Art Gallery (2018 – 2021)
- 2017 Assistant Curator, Cairns Art Gallery (2017 – 2018)
- 2016 Curator, *Our Stories – Our Life*, Northern Peninsula Area Art Centre, New Mapoon, QLD
- 2016 Author, National Indigenous Art Triennial, Defying Empire publication, National Gallery of Australia
- 2013 Gallery Curator, UMI Arts Ltd, Cairns, QLD
- 2011 Indigenous Development Officer (Visual Arts and Crafts), UMI Arts Ltd, Cairns, QLD

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & RESIDENCIES (SELECTED)

- 2024 Kluge Ruhe Workshop, Sponsored by Getty Museum
- 2017 First Nations Curators Exchange, Venice Biennale, Italy

FACILITATION & PROFESSIONAL LEARNING (SELECTED)

- 2021 Texture Printing with Teho Ropeyarn Children's Art Centre, Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, QLD
- 2013 Participant – Wesfarmers Indigenous Arts Leadership Program, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT
- 2012 Link-Up QLD, Northern Peninsula Area Healing Camp Art Workshops
- 2009 Cicada Press, Papunya Artwork Printmaking, Director Michael Kempson, College of Fine Arts, UNSW, Sydney, NSW
- 2009 N.P.A. College, Art Department Teacher Aide

COLLECTIONS (SELECTED)

Artbank	Cairns Art Gallery Collection	McClelland Art Gallery Collection
National Gallery of Australia	Mornington Peninsula Art Gallery	Australian Catholic University
Art Gallery of South Australia	Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery	Cape York Family Centre
Art Gallery of New South Wales	Geelong Regional Art Gallery	NITV Media Corporation
Museum & Art Gallery of Northern Territory	Hervey Bay Regional Art Gallery	NEON
Queensland Art Gallery Gallery of Modern Art	Maroondah City Council	Veolia Environment Corporate Collection
Queensland Children's Hospital	University of Newcastle	Effective Change Consultancy LTF
State Library of Queensland	University of New South Wales	Nura Gili Indigenous Unit