

TEHO ROPEYARN

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EDUCATION	2009	Bachelor of Fine Arts, College of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales
SOLO EXHIBITIONS	2025	<i>Middle Ground</i> , Onespace Gallery, Brisbane, QLD <i>Current</i> , McClelland Gallery, Langwarrin, VIC
	2022	<i>TRAVERSING THREE REALMS: The physical, natural and spiritual</i> , NorthSite Contemporary Art, Cairns, Queensland
	2021	<i>Ayuva Meenah</i> , Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery, QLD
	2020	<i>Ayuva Meenah</i> , Onespace Gallery, Brisbane, QLD <i>Ulada Ikya Ami</i> (online exhibition), Delmar Gallery
	2017	<i>Ulada Ikya Ami</i> , KickArts Contemporary Arts, Cairns, QLD
	2016	<i>Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 2016</i> , Curated Stand, Cairns, QLD
	2015	<i>Mandang Ikamba (strength of a crocodile)</i> , Eddie Koiki Mabo Library, James Cook University, Townsville, QLD
	2013	<i>Mandang Ikamba (strength of a crocodile)</i> , Canopy Arts Space, Cairns, QLD
	2010	<i>Exploring two worlds</i> , UMI Arts Exhibition Gallery, Cairns, QLD
GROUP EXHIBITIONS	2025	<i>[re]connection: Culture, Country & People</i> , Mulgrave Gallery, Cairns <i>Spirits in the Ink</i> , Redcliffe Art Gallery, QLD <i>Skinship</i> , Cairns Art Gallery, QLD <i>Too Deadly: Ten Years of Tarnanthi</i> , Australian Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, SA <i>We Are Eagles</i> , TarraWarra Biennial 2025, TarraWarra Museum, Healesville VIC <i>Spirits in the ink</i> , Northsite Contemporary Arts, Cairns, QLD <i>Reimagining Queensland</i> , Rockhampton Museum of Art, QLD <i>High Colour</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, NSW
	2024	<i>Printed Textiles: Collection in Focus</i> , Cairns Art Gallery, Cairns, QLD <i>How we remember tomorrow</i> , University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane, QLD <i>(re)connection: Culture, Country and People</i> , Mulgrave Gallery, Cairns, QLD
	2023	<i>The National 4: Australian Art Now</i> , Carriageworks, Eveleigh, QLD; Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, NSW; Campbelltown Arts Centre, NSW; and the Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW. <i>Island, Sea and Rain</i> , Artbank Window, Sydney, NSW <i>Origin Story</i> , Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, QLD
	2022	<i>rivus</i> , 23 rd Biennale of Sydney, NSW <i>Nuit Blanche</i> , Toronto, Canada
	2021	<i>Tarnanthi 2021</i> , Art Gallery of South Australia (AGSA), Adelaide, SA Children's Art Centre, Queensland Art Gallery Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane, QLD <i>22nd JAALA International Art Exhibition</i> , Tokyo, Japan
	2019	<i>Invitational</i> , Cossack Art Award, Cossack, WA
	2018	<i>Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 2018</i> , UMI Arts Stand, Cairns, QLD

2017	<i>Mabo 10th Anniversary</i> , James Cook University Library, Townsville, QLD
2016	<p><i>8th International Printmaking Biennial of Douro</i>, Portugal</p> <p><i>Fremantle Print Award Exhibition</i>, Fremantle Art Centre, Freemantle, WA [finalist]</p> <p><i>Our Stories, Our Life</i>, Northern Peninsula Area Art Centre, New Mapoon, QLD</p> <p><i>Salon Des Refuse</i>, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT</p> <p><i>InkMaster's 3rd Biennial Print Exhibition</i>, Tank Arts Centre, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>Thancoupie Busary Fund Exhibition</i>, Canopy Arts Centre, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>TROPICS>TROPICS</i> (Cairns finest Art, Food, Performance & Entertainment), Johor Bahru, Singapore</p>
2015	<p><i>GOMA Q: Queensland Contemporary Art</i>, Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA), Brisbane, QLD</p> <p><i>ARTNOW FNQ 2015</i>, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Textile Exhibition</i>, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>Warriors, Sorcerers, Spirits</i>, KickArts Gallery, Cairns, QLD</p>
2014	<p><i>Rear Vision: stories from home</i>, Canopy Arts Centre, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>National Works on Paper 2014</i>, Mornington Peninsular Regional Art Gallery, VIC [finalist]</p>
2013	<p><i>Paper (works on and of)</i>, Tanks Art Centre, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>30th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Art Awards (NATSIAA)</i>, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin, NT WINNER – Telstra Works on Paper Award [Apudthama]</p> <p><i>11th Nationwide Academies of Fine Arts Printmaking Biennial</i>, Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts Art Museum, Guangzhou, China</p> <p><i>Essential Character of Queensland</i>, Queensland Regional Art Awards Touring Exhibition, Queensland Regional Galleries</p> <p><i>Naissance: Far North Queensland's Emerging Artists</i>, Cairns Regional Gallery (the Loft), Cairns, QLD</p>
2012	<p><i>Cairns Regional Art Gallery's 2012 Start Collecting Art: affordable art auction</i>, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>Primavera 2012</i>, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Sydney, NSW</p> <p><i>Wollotuka Acquisitive Art Prize 2012</i>, University of Newcastle, Newcastle, NSW [finalist]</p> <p><i>Queensland Regional Art Awards</i>, online exhibition, Flying Arts, WINNER - Young Artist Development Award</p> <p><i>Where the Art Leads: New exploration by Queensland Indigenous Artists</i>, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Exhibition, Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>29th NATSIAA</i>, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin, NT [finalist]</p> <p><i>Small Prints – Exhibition by Indigenous Printmakers</i>, Canopy Arts Centre, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>InkMasters' Inkfest Print Exhibition</i>, Tanks Art Centre, Cairns, QLD</p> <p><i>11th Nationwide Academies of Fine Arts Printmaking Biennial</i>, Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts - Art Museum, Guangzhou, China</p>
2011	<i>Pathways 2</i> , UMI Arts Annual group exhibition, Exhibition Ready Program Artists, UMI Arts Gallery, Cairns, QLD

		<i>Storyboat</i> , Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Exhibiton, <i>Cairns Regional Gallery</i> , Cairns, QLD
	2009	Gab Titui Indigenous Art Awards, Gab Titui Cultural Centre, Waiben (Thursday Island), QLD
		<i>Coming Together – Aboriginal Artists’ Exhibition</i> , St Scholastica’s College, Sydney, NSW
	2008	<i>Nanima</i> , Indigenous COFA Students’ Exhibition, KUDOS Gallery, Sydney, NSW
		<i>Dislocations</i> , COFA Students’ Exhibition, KUDOS Gallery, Sydney, NSW
		<i>Golden Ticket</i> , COFA Students’ Exhibition, KUDOS Gallery, Sydney, NSW
ARTS FAIRS	2022	<i>Sydney Contemporary 2022</i> , Sydney Australia
	2021, 2022 & 2024	Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Cairns, QLD
AWARDS & GRANTS	2023	Finalist, Ramsay Art Prize, Art Gallery of South Australia, SA Valerie Taylor Art Award, <i>Blue World 2023</i> , Australia 46 th Fremantle Arts Centre Print Award, WA Australia
	2022	National Works on Paper 2022 [artwork acquired], Mornington Peninsula Regional Art Gallery 15 Artists (shortlisted), Redcliffe Art Gallery, Moreton Bay Regional Council Queen Sonja Print Award (shortlisted) Norway
	2021	Art Queensland: Queensland Arts Showcase Grant Program
	2015	Australia Council for the Arts: Individual Projects
	2013	Primavera Acquisitive Art Award, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, NSW 30 th NATSIAA, Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin, NT. WINNER - Telstra Works on Paper Award [Apudthama]
	2012	Career Development Grant – Arts Queensland, supported by participation in the Australia Delegation to China Queensland Regional Art Awards – WINNER - Xstrata Young Artist Development Award Australia Council for the Arts: ArtStart Grant
	2011	Youth Arts Queensland/Australia Council for the Arts – JUMP, National mentoring program for young and emerging artists
	2010	Northern Peninsula Art Show Logo 2010 – Northern Peninsula Area, Bamaga, QLD Peninsula Development Award, Bamaga State High School (N.P.A. State College), Tanks Art Centre, Cairns, QLD
	2004	Peninsula Development Award, Bamaga State High School (N.P.A. State College), Tanks Art Centre, Cairns, QLD
ARTWORK/PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS	2026	<i>Ataga Ulumu</i> – Escalator wall, Cross River Rail, Boggo Road, Station Art, Brisbane, QLD (In fabrication stage)
	2022	<i>NEON Reconciliation Action Plan</i>
	2016	Shield St City Heart Project, public artwork commission on stone for garden bed walls
	2015	Gallery Column Drape (textile fabric), Cairns Regional Gallery, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair – Textile Fabric
COLLECTIONS	NATIONAL	National Gallery of Australia

		Artbank
STATE		Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory
		Art Gallery of South Australia
		Art Gallery of New South Wales
REGIONAL		Queensland Art Gallery Gallery of Modern Art
		Cape York Family Centre
		Cairns Art Gallery
		Morning Peninsula Regional Art Gallery
		Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery
		Geelong Gallery
UNIVERSITY		Maroondah City Council
		Art Collections – University of Newcastle
		College of Fine Arts – University of New South Wales
		Australian Catholic University
		University of NSW, Nara Gili Indigenous Unit
CORPORATE/PRIVATE		NITV Media Corporation
		Nura Gili Indigenous Unit
		Veolia Environment Corporate Collection
		Effective Change Consultancy Ltd
		Archaeological & Heritage Management Solutions Pty Ltd
MEDIA & PUBLICATIONS	2025	<i>Current</i> , McClelland Regional Gallery Catalogue
	2023	Peggy Kasabad Lane Catalogue
	2015	GOMA Q: Queensland Contemporary Art, QAGOMA
	2013	NATSIAA Exhibition Catalogue
		Featured Artist – NITV's Colour Theory with Richard Bell (Documentary)
	2012	Primavera 2012 Exhibition Catalogue
		DEEWR Industry Film, Commissioned by TPD Media (6-part television program series)
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	2024-25	Artistic Director, Cairns Indigenous Art Fair, Cairns, QLD
	2024	Kluge Ruhe Workshop, Sponsored by Getty Museum
	2023	Sydney Contemporary 2023, Artist Talk, Sydney Australia
	2018-21	Curator, Cairns Art Gallery, Cairns, QLD
	2017	First Nations Curators Exchange, Venice Biennale, Italy
		Assistant Curator, Cairns Regional Gallery
	2016	Author, National Indigenous Art Triennial, Defying Empire publication, National Gallery of Australia
		Curator, Our Stories – Our Life, Northern Peninsula Area Art Centre, New Mapoon, QLD
		Cairns Indigenous Art Fair Advisory Panel Committee – Deputy Chair, Committee Member
	2013	Participant – Wesfarmers Indigenous Arts Leadership Program, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, ACT
		Gallery Curator, UMI Arts Ltd, Cairns, QLD
	2012	Career Development Grant – Arts Queensland, Travel to attend Printmaking Biennial in China
		Australia Council for the Arts: ArtStart Grant – Arts Funding Division

	Link-Up QLD, Northern Peninsula Area Healing Camp Art Workshops
2011	Indigenous Development Officer (Visual Arts and Crafts), UMI Arts Ltd, Cairns, QLD
2010	N.P.A. College, Art Department Teacher Aide
2009	Cicada Press, Papunya Artwork Printmaking, Director Michael Kempson, College of Fine Arts, UNSW, Sydney, NSW
	N.P.A. College, Art Department Teacher Aide