

Gallery announces most ambitious acquisition in their history

Cressida Campbell's 'Hallway with kilims' acquired to mark the Gallery's 30th year

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A major artwork has been purchased for Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre after featuring in a milestone exhibition.

Three Decades: celebrating the Tweed Regional Gallery collection opened in August 2018, the year of the Gallery's 30th anniversary, and traces the development of the Gallery's collection since 1988. The exhibition includes significant works of art that acknowledge the Gallery's reputation in the arts sector and recognise the talent of artists living and working in our region.

An important highlight of the exhibition is the magnificent woodblock print *Hallway with kilims* 2017-18 by renowned Australian artist Cressida Campbell. A fundraising appeal was launched at the commencement of the exhibition by the Tweed Regional Gallery Foundation Ltd to purchase the work valued at \$110,000. The appeal was off to a tremendous start through a generous pledge of \$70,000 by the Foundation.

Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM said, "I am pleased to announce the success of the fundraising appeal. This was the most ambitious acquisition in the Gallery's history and it would not have been possible without the generosity of the Foundation and our visitors. The work will be a significant asset to the collection. If you have not been to visit the Gallery lately, I would urge you to come see this beautiful work."

Three Decades: celebrating the Tweed Regional Gallery collection is on display until Sunday 30 June.

Cressida Campbell draws her compositions on plywood, carves the outlines and paints the image in many layers of watercolour. The finished picture is sprayed with water and a single impression taken. The result is one unique print and one block.

Image credit:

- Cressida Campbell, *Hallway with kilims*, 2017-18, unique woodblock print, 120 x 80cm © Cressida Campbell. Image courtesy the artist and Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane.
- Installation view, *Three Decades: celebrating the Tweed Regional Gallery collection*. Image courtesy David Toyer.

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The Gallery and Café is open from Wednesday to Sunday 10am – 5pm.