

Love is all around at Tweed Regional Gallery

New exhibition all about love opens Friday 6 September

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There's so many kinds of love.

Romantic love, true love, enduring, affectionate, altruistic, selfless, platonic, erotic, obsessive and manic love. There's the agony of unrequited love and love lost. The memory of your first love, and the grief associated with those we've loved who are no longer with us. There's love for the land and our sense of place in it, and there's the special bonds of parental love. There's even love online. Is love only a matter of the heart, or the brain – or is it a cliché?

Curated by Gallery Director Susi Muddiman OAM, Tweed Regional Gallery's new major exhibition *Love* is an exploration of love in its multiple forms.

"Where would we be without love? Artists, writers and musicians have referenced love in their work for centuries. Just think about all the images, words and lyrics about love we all know and have responded to," Ms Muddiman said.

Responding to the theme of love, the exhibition features new and existing work by over 30 contemporary Australian artists, including Ben Quilty, Danie Mellor, Euan Macleod, Fiona Lowry, Guy Maestri, Joanna Braithwaite, Joshua Yeldham, Lucas Grogan, Maria Kontis, Michael Cook, Michael Zavros, Patricia Piccinini and Victoria Reichelt.

"The artworks I have included in this exhibition are extraordinarily diverse in their response to the theme. Some works will make your heart burst with empathic love, others will leave you heart-broken. Love is a universal concept that everyone can relate to on some level, and that's why I believe this exhibition will resonate with visitors."

To celebrate the opening of the exhibition, the Gallery is hosting the 'Heart on Your Sleeve' party on Friday 6 September 2019 from 5 to 8pm. Live entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Bookings essential to <https://trybooking.com/BEERK>

Additionally, On Saturday 2 November 2019 at 6.30pm, the Friends of the Gallery will host a special screening of Baz Luhrmann's classic film *Strictly Ballroom* at the Regent Cinema in Murwillumbah at 1 Brisbane Street, Murwillumbah. Enjoy refreshments and a glass of champagne on arrival. There will be prizes for best dressed. Tickets available at: <https://trybooking.com/BEIRT>

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Sophia Hewson, *Artist kisses subject* 2014, oil on board, 48 x 62.5cm. Private collection. Image courtesy of the artist and MARS Gallery.

Michael Zavros, *Phoebe is 11- Linda Farrow* 2017, 22.2 x 22.2cm. Collection of Andrew Pinder. Image courtesy of the artist.

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