

# Robyn Sweaney

## professional experience

- 2009-1999 Part-Time Teacher of Fine Arts, TAFE, Lismore and Murwillumbah Campus's  
2007 Radio Conversation on *Emoh Ruo* exhibition, By Design, ABC Radio National  
2006-2002 Co - Director and Curator c.a.s.e. Inc @ Piece Gallery,  
Artist Run exhibition Space and studio, Mullumbimby  
2003 Radio Program...*The language of flowers...* ABC Radio North Coast.

## qualifications

- 2003 Certificate IV. Assessment & Workplace Training, NCI, TAFE  
1978 B.Ed. Arts and Crafts. State College of Victoria at Melbourne.

## solo exhibitions

- 2009 Iain Dawson Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
2007 *Emoh Ruo*, Tim Olsen Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
2006 *The house beautiful*. Lismore Regional Gallery, Lismore, NSW  
2004 *a rose is a rose....*Portland Bay Press, Portland, VIC.  
2003 *Sub rosa series*. Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW.  
2003 *Sub rosa*. Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton, NSW.  
1994 *From my life at home*. Griffith Fine Art Gallery, Condong, NSW  
1992 *Connections*. Cape Gallery, Byron Bay, NSW

## commissions and collections

- 2008 Grafton Regional Gallery - *Affordable Housing?*  
2007 Tweed River Gallery - *Bungalow of Dreams*  
2006 Lismore Regional Gallery - *Night in her Silence 1*.  
2005 Lismore Regional Gallery - *Light Imaginings* and *Roseate*  
2003 Grafton Regional Gallery - *A passionate affair*  
2001 Lismore Regional Art Gallery - *Erotica [ e ] Perfume*  
1993 Mater Hospital, Crows Nest, Sydney - *Interior*

## awards and grants

- 2008 Border Art Prize, Open Second Prize, Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah  
Quick Turnaround Grant, NSW Regional Arts  
2007 St Johns Art Festival, Open Prize  
Southern Cross Arts Festival. Second Prize, Watercolour.  
Third prize, Works on Paper.  
2006 NAVA Marketing Grant – Exhibition Catalogue  
2005 Southern Cross Arts Festival. First Prize, Painting.  
Southern Cross Arts Festival. First Prize, Miniatures.  
2003 Southern Cross Arts Festival. First Prize, Mixed Media.  
Pink Poodle Art Prize. Commended. Bond University Gallery, QLD,  
2002 Southern Cross Arts Festival. Highly Commended, Printmaking  
2002 Border Art Prize. Tweed Regional Art Gallery. Highly Commended, Painting.  
2001 St Hilda's Festival of Arts. Highly Commended, Painting  
2001 Southern Cross Arts Festival. First Prize, Painting.  
2000 Byron Easter Art Classic. Second Prize, Printmaking  
1998 Byron Print Prize. Barebones Art Space. Local's Award

## residencies

- 2008 Hill End Artists In Residence Program – Murray's Cottage, May-June  
2004 The June Hedditch studio-apartments @ The Arts Company, Portland, Victoria

## group exhibitions and selected shows

- 2009 **EMSLA, Still Life Award**, Selected Finalist, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, NSW  
**Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting**, Selected Finalist, Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW.  
**Sulman Prize**, Selected Finalist, AGNSW, Sydney  
**Salon Des Refuses**, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
**Industrialists**, Group show, QDOS Gallery, Lorne, Victoria.  
**Hot In The City**, Iain Dawson Gallery, Paddington, Sydney
- 2008 **HOME**, Selected Exhibition, Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW.  
**EMSLA, Still Life Award**, Selected Finalist, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery  
**JADA, Jacaranda Drawing Prize**, Finalist, Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW.  
**ArtPost**, ABC TV & Regional Arts, Web profile - <http://www.abc.net.au/tv/artpost/>  
**Wish You Were Here, Friends Exhibition**, Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah  
**Mosman Art Prize Exhibition**, Selected Finalist, Mosman Gallery, Sydney  
**Solstice**, a winter exhibition, Tim Olsen Gallery, Woollahra  
**Salon Des Refuses**, Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah  
**2 X 2**, Tim Olsen Gallery, Woollahra  
**Salon Des Refuses**, S.H.Ervin Gallery, Sydney  
**Countryscapes**, The Gunner, Woolloomooloo, Sydney
- 2007 **Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting**, Selected Finalist, Dubbo Regional Gallery  
**EMSLA, Still Life Award**, Selected Finalist, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery  
**Hutchins Art Prize**, Selected Finalist, Tasmania  
**MacarthurCook Art Awards**, Selected Finalist, Melbourne  
**Solstice**, a winter exhibition, Tim Olsen Gallery, Woollahra  
**Prometheus Art Exhibition**, Selected Finalist, Qld  
**JADA Traveling Exhibition**, Tamworth Regional Gallery  
**Come Hither: Interpretations of the Boudoir** Wagga Wagga Art Gallery
- 2006 **x 25**, Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby  
**AusGallery NSW**, Australian Government Trade Commission promotion DVD  
**Local Art**, LRG, Byron Bay Writers Festival, Byron Bay  
**FEHVA Exhibition and Auction**, Byron Bay Community Center, Byron Bay. NSW  
**Identity**, Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW.
- 2005 **countryscapes 2005**, Parliament of NSW Fountain Court Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
**Finalist. Country Energy Art Prize for Landscape Painting**, Grafton Regional Gallery  
**JADA, Jacaranda Drawing Prize Exhibition**, Wagga Wagga Regional Gallery, NSW  
**FEHVA Exhibition and Auction**, Byron Bay Community Center, Byron Bay. NSW  
**Print Night**. Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW  
**JADA, Jacaranda Drawing Prize**, Ken Done Gallery, Sydney, NSW  
**c.a.s.e...unpacked**. Tweed River Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW.  
**man's best friend**. next contemporary art space, SCUUniversity, Lismore.
- 2004 **JADA, Jacaranda Drawing Prize**, Finalist, Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW.  
**Lismore Regional Treasures**, Lismore Regional Gallery, NSW.  
**Chapter 11, an Artists Book Exhibition**, Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW.  
**Bishop Druit College Art Exhibition**. Coffs Harbour, NSW.
- 2003 **The Inaugural Print Night**. Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW.  
**The 2003 Postcard Show**. Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW.  
**Jaffa**. Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW.  
**Pink Poodle Art Prize**, Bond University Gallery, QLD
- 2002 **Art as Investment**. Lismore Regional Art Gallery, NSW  
**Erotica [ e ]**, Print Portfolio, Lismore Regional Art Gallery, NSW  
**Works in Progress**. Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW.  
**Doors of Perception**. Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW.  
**c.a.s.e. X-Mas show**. Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW.
- 2001 **First Show Pieces**. Piece Gallery, Mullumbimby, NSW.
- 2000 **Smalls**. Waywood Gallery, Byron Bay, NSW.  
**Recent Work** -TAFE Art Teachers. Lismore Regional Art Gallery,
- 1998 **Byron Printmaking Prize Show**. Barebones Art Space, Bangalow.  
**Elvis has left the building**. Barebones Art Space, Bangalow.
- 1997 **Rural Womens Show**. Mullumbimby Art Gallery, NSW.  
**Seasons of Women**. Artisans Gallery, Byron Bay NSW.
- 1996 **Colours of Summer**. Mary-Jo Voight Fine Art Gallery, Sydney.  
**Still Life**. Art Galleries Schubert, Marina Mirage, QLD.  
**Hair of the Dog**. Barebones Art Space, Bangalow, NSW.
- 1995 **Christmas Exhibition**. Griffith Fine Art Gallery, Condong, NSW  
**The Byron Bay Exhibition**. A.R.T. Gallery, Balgowlah, Sydney  
**Australian Women Artists**. Art Galleries Schubert, Marina Mirage, QLD.  
**A cow of an Exhibition**. Barebones Art Space, Bangalow, NSW.  
**Traveling Print Show**. Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW.
- 1994 **The Art of Still Life**. Art Galleries Schubert, Marina Mirage, QLD.  
**From the Artists Garden**. Lake Russell Gallery, Coffs Harbour.
- 1993 **The Art of Pastel**. Art Galleries Schubert, Marina Mirage, QLD.

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#### 2009

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#### 2007

8 December Radio National, By Design Conversation 'House Painter'  
<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/bydesign/stories/2007/2111763.htm>  
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30 November Byron Shire Echo article pg 23 Press

#### 1993

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