

City of Townsville Art Collection: Recent Acquisitions

2 December 2022 - 5 March 2023

Australian Government's Cultural Gift Program

An anonymous patron of the Gallery made a significant donation in 2020 of 104 artworks by 44 Australian artists through the Australian Government's Philanthropic Program, including works by Hermannsburg artists, historical and contemporary etchings, and paintings by Queensland and nationally renowned artists, including Joe Furlonger. In 2021 an additional 14 artworks on paper, including 11 gouache paintings by Joe Furlonger, 2 historical etchings by Sydney Long and Austin Platt, and a drawing by artist Anne Hall, were made to the City of Townsville Art Collection through the Australian Government's Cultural Gift Program.

The City of Townsville Art Collection holds 48 works by Joe Furlonger, a mix of ceramics, works on paper, and paintings. This recent body of work compliments and celebrates his painting style, a blend of energetically painted figurative and abstractions, and the Queensland landscape. Although Furlonger has a long relationship with North Queensland and Papua New Guinea, he is not as celebrated as his artist peers.

The City of Townsville Art Collection holds one of Australia's largest public collections of Furlonger's work. This donation is a significant addition to the City of Townsville Art Collection in line with collection priority 6.2 Australian Art, Australian Modern and Contemporary Art, and Australian Colonial and Historical Art.

You can see a range of artworks donated by this anonymous patron in the City of Townsville Art Collection: *Recent Acquisitions* exhibition on display at Perc Tucker Regional Gallery
2 December 2022 – 5 March 2021.