

ArtsNational NOOSA Newsletter Number 32

Lecture 29th June 2024

Your committee is delighted to present the following lecture:

FROM MIAMI TO MERRICKS – THE RISE AND ROLE OF THE MODERN SCULPTURE PARK

Presented by
Geoffrey
Edwards –
ArtsNational
President



**Saturday 29th June 2024 at 4:00 pm
(please be seated by 3:50 pm)**

Venue. This presentation will be held at the usual venue, St Mary's Church, 17 William Street Tewantin. Please arrive early, between 3.30 and 3.45, to enable registration before the 4:00 pm start of the lecture, and to buy raffle tickets if you wish to do so. Additional parking is available in Butler Street.

Lecture. As one of the oldest art forms, monumental sculpture has been presented in spectacular outdoor settings since antiquity. The princely estates of Renaissance and Baroque Europe were populated with marble nymphs and classical deities. Major art museums throughout the world feature large-scale sculpture in their gardens and courtyards. But the idea

of a park or garden conceived expressly for the display of sculpture is essentially a modern phenomenon.

From Miami to Merricks is an account from the mid-twentieth century onwards of the creation of public and private sculpture parks in Europe, the US and Japan including more recent and remarkable examples in New Zealand and Australia.

Lecturer. Geoffrey Edwards was Director of the Geelong Art Gallery, one of Australia's oldest and largest regional galleries. Prior to this appointment, he held Senior Curatorial positions at the National Gallery of Victoria where he oversaw the collections of International and Australian sculpture and Melbourne's celebrated holdings of ancient, antique, and modern glass. He is the author of various monographs, numerous exhibition catalogues and contributes to journals in Australia, Japan, Britain, and the US.

Raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale before the lecture. The raffle will be drawn immediately after the lecture. 50% of raffle profits will go to Young Arts; the other 50% towards defraying ArtsNational Noosa operating costs.

Members. Please wear your badge to ArtsNational lectures and functions and complete the ICE section on the reverse of the badge with contact details of your next of kin.

ArtsNational Noosa Lecture on Saturday 17th August 2024. This will be a double lecture starting at 2:30 pm, so please mark your diaries and plan to arrive by 2:15 pm.

ArtsNational Noosa Excursion to GOMA on Wednesday 21st August 2024. This will include mid-morning bus travel to Brisbane, a visit to GOMA (and possible guided tour) during late morning and early afternoon, and late afternoon travel back to Noosa. Cost will be \$70 for ArtsNational Noosa members and \$80 for guests.

ArtsNational Sunshine Coast members have also been invited.

An expression-of-interest (EOI) form will be available at the entrance to the lecture venue on Saturday 29th June. Please enter your name on the EOI form if you are interested in joining this excursion.