
CURRICULUM VITAE

RUBY SPOWART



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Born in Numurkah, Victoria 1928.

Wife of the late Mervyn Spowart and Mother of Doug, Peter and Garry.

Resident in Brisbane since 1968.

Associate Diploma of the Arts (Visual Arts), Brisbane College of Advanced Education ~ 1988.

Certificate in Introductory Art and Design, Queensland College of Art ~ 1990.

Recipient of a **Queensland Government Arts Grant** for a mid-career survey exhibition ~ 1992.

Awarded **Don Fraser Fellowship** ~ Queensland University of Technology 2003.

Honored **-International Womens Day of the Year** Australian Institute of Professional
Photography 2009

ACTIVITIES IN PHOTOGRAPHY

Co-Director of Imagery Gallery from 1980 ~ 1995.

Executive Director of the Australian Photographic Society 1983 ~ 1988.

Awarded the **APR Medal** for Service to Photography in 1981.

Awarded the **S.S.A.P.S. Honour** by The Australian Photographic Society, 1982.

Awarded the **L.A.P.S. Honour** by The Australian Photographic Society, 1989.

Awarded **Associate** Status ~ the Australian Institute of Professional Photography in 1991.

Awarded **Master of Photography** ~ the Australian Institute of Professional Photography in 1994.

Awarded **Honorary Fellowship** ~ the Australian Institute of Professional Photography in 1997.

Awarded **Fellowship** ~ the Australian Institute of Professional Photography in 1999.

Awarded **Industry Lifetime Achievement Award** ~ the Australian Institute of Professional
Photography in April 2009.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2009 **BRINGING HOME THE GRAIN** ~ Artists' Book

2008 **WHEN I WAS YOUNG** ~ Artists' Book

2007 **ROIDSCAPES** ~ Artists' Book

POLARGRAMS ~ Artists' Book

SOSSUSVLEI ~ Artists' Book

2006 **MYSTIC LIGHT** ~ Artists' Book

2005 **ROCKSCAPES NEW ZEALAND** ~ Artists' Book

2002 **MYSTIC LIGHT** ~ Queensland University of Technology Art Museum

LANDSCAPE ~ Toowoomba TAFE

1997 **EARTH WORKS** ~ Chermside Library Gallery, Brisbane.

A DIFFERENT EYE ~ Brisbane City Council Travelling Exhibition.

1992 **PATTERNS IN TIME** ~ Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.

1989 **TERRA FIRMA** ~ Shades of Ochre Gallery, Darwin.

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- 1988 **GROUND EFFECTS** ~ Imagery Gallery, Brisbane + Mackay City Library Gallery.
- 1987 **AUSTRALIAN WIDE-WALLSCAPE** ~ Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- 1985 **ROIDSCAPES** ~ Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
~ Toured by the Queensland Arts Council in 1986.
~ The Centre Gallery, Gold Coast Art Complex, 1987.
~ Brisbane City Library Exhibition Room, 1987.

JOINT EXHIBITIONS

- 2004 **DUET** ~ Winton Regional Gallery (with Marianne Irvine)
- 1994 **WORKS IN PROGRESS** (with Doug Spowart)
~ Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs.
- 1992 **THE SEEN AND THE UNSEEN**
~ Prospect Gallery, Adelaide.
- 1993 ~ Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- 1993 ~ The Photographer's Gallery, Sydney.
- 1991 **THROUGH THE LENS OF A CAMERA**
- Myer Exhibition Hall, Brisbane.
- 1990 **THE VISION SPLENDID** (with Doug Spowart)
~ AMP Foyer Gallery, Brisbane.
- 1989 **MADE IN CHINA** (with Doug Spowart)
~ Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
~ The Kodak Gallery, Sydney.
- 1986 **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS** (with Doug Spowart)
~ Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- 1984 **STRADBROKE- A Pictorial Record** (with Doug Spowart)
~ Island Hall Gallery, Stradbroke Island.
~ AMP Foyer Gallery, Brisbane.
~ Ipswich Civic Art Gallery.
- 1983 **CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN IMAGERY** (with Doug Spowart)
~ Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
~ 25 Regional Art Galleries toured by the Queensland Arts Council.
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GROUP EXHIBITIONS

1982 **INSTANTLY**

- Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- Polaroid Gallery, Sydney.
- 14 Regional Galleries toured by the Queensland Arts Council.

1985 **DEJA VU**

- Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.

1986 **GREAT MOMENTS IN QUEENSLAND CONTEMPORARY ART**

- Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane.

VARIATIONS

- Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.

1987 **AGAINST THE GRAIN** - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.

TOURIST IMAGERY - Araluen Art Gallery, Alice Springs.

- Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- Kodak Gallery, Sydney.

1987 **A WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY EXPOSITION** - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.

1988 **VARIATIONS 3** - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.

KODAK ARALUEN TOURIST IMAGES PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

- Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs.
- Kodak Gallery, Sydney.

COLLABORATIONS - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.

A COMPLEMENTARY CASTE ; A HOMAGE TO WOMEN ARTISTS

- The Centre Gallery, Gold Coast.

1989 **ENHANCED POSITIVE IMAGE**

- Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- Kodak Gallery, Sydney.

SICHUAN AND WORLD FRIENDLY CITIES PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

- Chengdu, China.

A SHOT FROM DOWN UNDER - Osaka, Tokyo & Nagoya; Japan.

VARIATIONS IV - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.

WORLD DESIGN EXPO '89 - PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

- Nagoya, Japan.
 - Kodak Gallery, Tokyo Japan.
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GROUP EXHIBITIONS CONTINUED

- 1990 **PICTURES FROM JAPAN** - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- THE DOCUMENTS OF TEN YEARS** - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- ART DOCK - AUSTRALIAN ART EXHIBITION** - Noumea, New Caledonia.
- SMALL BUT FINE** - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- Kodak Gallery, Sydney.
- FROM OUT OF THE DARK** - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- JAPANESE EXCHANGE** - Kodak Gallery, Sydney.
- 1991 **KODAK PHR 120** - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHY** - Imagery Gallery, Brisbane.
- STATE OF THE ART - QUEENSLAND PHOTOGRAPHY** - Brisbane Warara Festival.
- 1992 **MASTER PRINTERS** - Manning Regional Gallery Taree.
- Muswellbrook Regional Gallery.
- Imagery Gallery.
- Gasworks Gallery Lismore.
- Toowoomba Regional Gallery.
- SOUTH STRADBROKE PROJECT** - The Centre Gallery, Gold Coast.
-.Toowoomba Regional Gallery.
-.Ipswich Regional Gallery.
-.Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Townsville.
-.Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum.
- Warwick Regional Art Gallery.
- Dalby Art Gallery.
- Brisbane City Hall Art Gallery & Museum.
- Noumea.
- THE IMAGE CAPTURED** - Brisbane Warara Festival.
- UNDER THE SOUTHERN SUN** - The Loading Bay, MOCA, Brisbane.
- SOME QUEENSLAND HELIOGRAPHERS** - Imagery Gallery.
- THE FAMILY - KODAK EXHIBITION** - Imagery Gallery.
- WALK ON THE WILD SIDE** - Parlimentary Annexe, Brisbane.
- 1993 **YESTERDAY'S & TOMORROW'S - EXCELLENCE IN TECHNOLOGY**
- Myer Centre Exhibition Gallery Brisbane.
- COLOUR MY WORLD** - Parlimentary Annexe, Brisbane.
- 1994 **HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?** - Brisbane City Hall Art Gallery and Museum.
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GROUP EXHIBITIONS CONTINUED

- 1994 **DAWN TO DUSK** - Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery.
- 1995 **DESTINATIONS** - Imagery Gallery.
LOGAN CITY: THE ESSENCE EXPOSED - Logan City Art Gallery.
DECADENCE - Dubbo Regional Gallery.
THE COLLECTION 1 - Lighthouse Gallery, Melbourne.
- 1996 **THE COLLECTION 1** - Brisbane City Hall Gallery
- Opera House Sydney
THE POWER TO MOVE - Queensland Art Gallery
THE COLLECTION 2 - Byron Mapp Gallery Sydney
- 1996 **THE COLLECTION 2** - Gallery spaces around Australia
- 1997 **THE COLLECTION 3** - Gallery spaces around Australia
- 1997 **THE COLLECTION 4** - Gallery spaces around Australia
- 1997 **TRANSFORMATION** - The Photographers Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 **MASTERS OF WEST ISLAND** - Fotofest, Wellington, New Zealand
HELIOTROPHISM - Gallery 482, Brisbane
- 1999 **THE Lord Mayors Photographic Award** - Brisbane City Hall
- 2001 **REAL WORLD ART; ART by QUT ALUMNI** - Queensland University of
Technology Art Museum
VISIONARIES Donors, Gifts and Bequests - Queensland University of
Technology Art Museum
PICTORIALISM A CONTEMPORARY VIEW - Shepparton Regional Art Gallery
- 2002 **OTHER VIEWS** - Griffith University Art Collection
- 2004 **ALL THAT GLITTERS** - The Centre Gallery Gold Coast
SURFACE - The Queensland Centre for Photography
- 2008 **BEST OF THE COLLECTION** - Showcase Gallery Vivid Photography Festival Canberra
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LECTURE PRESENTATIONS

- 2004-Presentation Seniors Week -Gold Coast City Art Gallery
-Presentation to students Queensland College of Art
- 2002- Fun With Fotos - Presentation to Camera Clubs Brisbane
Numerious Camera Clubs, schools, university and college groups
- 2001- Presentation Forum QUT
- 2000- Presentation to NSW Northern District Camera Club Convention
- 1999 - International Speaker : Photographic Society of New Zealand ~ National Convention
- Presentation to students from the Southbank Institute of TAFE
- Presentation to students from the Southern Qld Institute of TAFE
- O'Reilly's Nature Photography Week
- 1998 - Presentation to students from the Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE
- Presentation to students from the Southern Qld Institute of TAFE
- Presentation to students from the Southbank Institute of TAFE
- 1997 - Presentation to students from the Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE
- Presentation to students from the Southern Qld Institute of TAFE
- Series of lectures National Photo Training College - Sydney
- Presentation to students from the Southbank Institute of TAFE
- 1996 - Presentation to students from the Southern Qld Institute of TAFE
- 1995 - Presentation to students from the Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE
- Artist in Residency, Pittsworth State High School.
- Artist in Residency, Kimberley Park State Primary School
- 1994 - APSCON 94, Australian Photographic Society, Alice Springs.
- 1991 - Photography by Photographers, Queensland Art Gallery.
- 1989 - Northern Rivers Photography Convention, Ballina.
- Toyo College, Nagoya Japan.
- 1987 - Community College of Central Australia, Alice Springs.
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MAJOR CO-CURATORSHIPS

1980~95 Curator/Co-Curator of 71 Exhibitions at Imagery Gallery.

1998 **MASTERS OF WEST ISLAND** a selection of the photographs of masters of the AIPP ~ Fotofest, Fowler Centre, Wellington, New Zealand.

1997 **1997 AIPP PHOTOGRAPHS** a selection of gold and silver award photographs from the 1997 AIPP APPAwards ~ Gallery 3 Wintergarden Brisbane.

1997 **EMERGENCE** An exhibition of work from the photographic students from Griffith University and the Tafe Colleges of South East Queensland ~ Curated for the Wintergarden Brisbane.

1992 **The Image Captured.** An exhibition of the works of 43 contemporary Australian photographers. Co-Curated for the Brisbane Warana Arts Festival and the sponsor ~ Kodak (Australasia) Pty Ltd.

1991 **State of the Art ~ Queensland Photography.** An exhibition of the works of 32 contemporary Queensland photographers. Curated for the Brisbane Warana Arts Festival and the sponsor Kodak (Australasia) Pty Ltd.

Celebrating 150 Years of Australian Photography. An exhibition featuring the images of the 150th Anniversary Celebration event of the first photograph made in Australia at Macquarie Place in Sydney on May 13, 1842.

The Documents of TEN Years. Curator of an installation of exhibition ephemera celebrating 10 years of exhibitions at Imagery Gallery.

Sichuan and World Friendly Cities Photography Exhibition. Co-curatorship of a selection of 54 photographs representing Australian life for showing in venues around China. Curated for the Queensland Government's Premiers Department.

1988 **The Kodak Araluen Tourist Images Photography Award.** Co-curation of an exhibition of Australian photography for this acquisitive award at the Araluen Art Gallery, Alice Springs.

AWARDS & COMPETITIONS

- 2001 - McGregor Prize for Photography - Exhibited.
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- Heritage Award - **Highly Commended.**
- 1997 - McGregor Prize for Photography - Exhibited.
- Heritage Award - **Highly Commended.**
- 1996 - McGregor Prize for Photography - **FIRST PRIZE.**
- 1995 - McGregor Prize for Photography - Exhibited.
- Muswellbrook Photographic Award. - **Highly Commended.**
- 1994 - McGregor Prize for Photography - Exhibited.
- 1993 - McGregor Prize for Photography.
- Downlands College Toowoomba..
- Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards (Gladstone) ~ Photography . **FIRST PRIZE.**
- Muswellbrook Photographic Award.
- 1992 - McGregor Prize for Photography - **THIRD PRIZE.**
- Muswellbrook Photographic Award.
- Downlands College Toowoomba.
- 1991 - McGregor Prize for Photography.
- Suncorp Bi-Ennial Art Award - School of Arts Brisbane.
- Downlands College~ Toowoomba.
- Muswelbrook Photographic Award.
- 1990 - McGregor Prize for Photography.
- T.S.S. Art Festival of St Alban - Southport.
- Downlands College - Toowoomba.
- Villanova College - Coorparoo.
- Redeemer Lutheran College - Rochedale.
- Muswelbrook Photographic Award.
- 1989 - McGregor Prize for Photography.
- The National Photographic Exhibition - Albury Regional Centre.
- Muswellbrook Photographic Award.
- 21st Gold Coast City Art Prize - The Centre Gallery, Gold Coast.
- National Womens Art Award - The Centre Gallery, Gold Coast.
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- 1988 - McGregor Prize for Photography.
- National Womens Art Award - The Centre Gallery, Gold Coast.
- Fletcher Photographic Award - Kyogle.
- Muswellbrook Photographic Award.
- Downlands College Art Exhibition - Toowoomba.
- 1987 - Suncorp Biennial Art Award - School of Arts, Brisbane.
- McGregor Prize for Photography.
- The National Photographic Exhibition - Albury Regional Centre.
- The Alice Prize* - Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs.
- **Muswellbrook Photographic Award - FIRST PRIZE**
- Muswellbrook Regional Art Gallery.
- **Caroline Barker Award** ~ Brisbane City Art Gallery, **COMMENDED.**
- 1986 - McGregor Prize for Photography - Exhibited
- 1985 - McGregor Prize for Photography - Exhibited
- 1984 - McGregor Prize for Photography - D.D.I.A.E., Toowoomba.
- 1983 - McGregor Prize for Photography - HIGHLY COMMENDED.**
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IMAGES & ARTICLES PUBLISHED

- Australian Photography - April 1982
Sunday Mail Color Magazine - March 25th 1984
Australian Photography - April 1986
Great Moments in Queensland Contemporary Art
- Catalogue, July 1986
Australian Photography - February 1987
The Centralian Advocate - July 1987
Kodak Pro-Talk - 1987
Australian Photography - September 1988
Wildlife Australia - September 1988
Complementary Caste A Homage to Women Artists
- Catalogue 1988
National Womens Art Award - Catalogue 1988
Sunday Sun - February 1989
Shot from down under
- Exhibition Catalogue September 1989
Selection 1989
- Book Published by Kodak Japan, 1989
World Photographic Exhibition
- Catalogue Nagoya Japan 1989
Downlands College - Catalogue, 1990
Art Dock Catalogue, 1990
Different Drum - Magazine, August 1990
Australian Photography - February 1991
Professional Photography Handbook, 1991
Australian Camera - September 1991
Australian Camera - March 1992
Australian Photography - April 1992
Daily News - April 1992
Weekend Review - April 1992
The Gold Coast Mail - April 1992
Photography International - Volume 1, Number 6.
Patterns in Time
- Monograph: Published November 1992
Courier Mail, November 1992
Sunday Telegraph, November 1992
Professional Photography Handbook, 1992
The Brisbane Review, November 1992
- In Focus - November/December
Small Works & Wide Visions - Sept, 1992
The Chronicle, January 1993
Australian Camera - March 1993
Professional Photography Awards 1993
Profess'l Photography in Israel, March 1994
The Chronicle, April 18, 1994
Australian Photography, May 1994
Photography International, August 1994
Professional Photography Awards 1994
Professional Photography in Australia
- September 1994
Australian Photography, December 1994
Logan City: The Essence Exposed
-Exhibition Catalogue July 1995
Commercial Photography, August 1995
Better Photography, October 1995
Fuji ACMP Photographers Collection 1
AIPP Australian Professional Photography
Awards 1995 Book
The Chronicle, January 15 1996
AIPP Australian Professional Photography
Awards Book 1996
The Power to Move-Catalogue 1996
AIPP 21st Australian Professional Photography
Awards Book
Fuji ACMP Photographers Collection 2,3 &4.
Wildlife Australia, Autumn 1999
Living Planet, Fall 2000
AIPP 22nd Australian Professional Photogra
phy Awards Book
Commercial Photography April 2001
Courier Mail Review November 2002
Arts Nexus Edition 54 April-June 2005
The Viewer & Viewed Catalogue 2006
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WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

ACMP Collection

A I P P Travelling Collection

Albury Regional Gallery

Alice Springs City Council

Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs

Brisbane City Council Art Gallery

Gold Coast City Art Gallery

Griffith University Photography Collection

Heritage Building Society Permanent Collection, Toowoomba

Hirakata City Council Japan

Logan City Council

Muswellbrook Art Gallery

National Gallery of Australia

Outback Regional Gallery, Winton

Pittsworth Council

Pittsworth State High School

Prospect Gallery Collection, Adelaide

Queensland Art Gallery

Queensland University of Technology Art Museum

Redeemer College Rochedale

St Alban Art Collection The Southport School

Toowoomba Art Gallery

Many Private Collections

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN PHOTOGRAPHY

JUDGING OF ART COMPETITIONS

- Winton Photographic Award 1997
- Muswellbrook Photographic Award 1996
- Lismore Trinity Art Award ~1996
- Casino Beef Week Photography Award ~ 1993
- Australian Postal Institute National Photographic Award ~ 1990
- Grape & Apple Festival Photography Acquisition, Stanthorpe ~ 1988
- Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers ~ 1984, 85, 86 & 87

INVOLVEMENT IN THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1990 - Joined Australian Institute of Professional Photography.
 - Divisional Treasurer of Queensland Division.
- 1991 - Elected Secretary/Treasurer of Australian Professional Awards Committee.
 - Achieved Associate Membership status.
 - Divisional Treasurer of Queensland Division.
- 1992 - Secretary/Treasurer Australian Professional Photography Awards.
 - Divisional Treasurer of Queensland Division.
 - Received Gold Award Australian Professional Photography Awards.
 - Queensland State Convention Treasurer.
- 1993 - Secretary/Treasurer Australian Professional Photography Awards.
 - Divisional Treasurer of Queensland Division.
- 1994 - Divisional Treasurer of Queensland Division.
 - Co-Ordinator Queensland State Awards.
- 1994-8 - Administrator/Secretary/Treasurer Australian Professional Photography Awards.
- 1999 - Administrator Australian Professional Photography Awards.
- 1995 - Awarded Master of Photography of the Australian Institute Professional Photography.
- 1997 - Awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Australian Institute Professional Photography.
- 1998 - Awarded "Double" Master of Photography of the AIPP.
- 1999 - Awarded a Fellowship of the Australian Institute Professional Photography.
- 2000 - Administrator Australian Professional Photography Awards.

INVOLVEMENT IN THE CAMERA CLUB MOVEMENT

- 1962~1982 - Served on management committees of Camera Clubs in Victoria & Queensland.
 - 1966 - Joined Australian Photographic Society.
 - 1982~1988 - Executive Director Australian Photographic Society.
 - 1978~1980 - Councilor Photographic Society of Queensland.
 - 1980~1982 - Vice President Photographic Society of Queensland.
 - 1981 - Convenor Queensland Photographic Society State Convention at Gympie.
 - 1981, 82 & 83 - Co-Convenor Brisbane Warana National Exhibition of Photography.
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