

# Section E – Creative Arts

## Quirindi Show Creative Arts – A Celebration of Talent and Tradition

From Dame Edna to Dave Austin, the Quirindi Show Creative Arts section truly had an Australian celebrity feel this year! The 2024 show was a fantastic showcase of creativity, with artists of all ages and backgrounds coming together from across the Liverpool Plains. Whether you're a seasoned professional or a budding young artist, this year's event had something for everyone, thanks to the overwhelming support from the community and our sponsors.

### A Community Favorite: People's Choice Award

The People's Choice Award went to Robyn Marheine for her stunning oil painting, which depicted a horseman driving cattle through a creek bed. It resonated with many admirers and stood out as a crowd favourite. Robyn didn't stop there—she also claimed first place in both the Open Oil and Open Watercolour categories. Her mastery in capturing the essence of the Australian landscape and wildlife was truly remarkable.

### 2024 Creative Arts Highlights

Here are some of the standout winners across various categories:

#### OVERALL Art Show Awardees

- **Champion:** Robyn Marheine
- **Reserve Champion:** Wal
- **Judges' Choice:** Pippah Morgan
- **Encouragement:** Rosie Maybury
  
- **Open Oil:**
  - 1st: Robyn Marheine
  - 2nd: Marian Manson
  - 3rd: Robyn Marheine
- **Open Watercolour:**
  - 1st: Robyn Marheine
  - 2nd: Kristy Reid
  - 3rd: Wendy Davison
  - Encouragement: Savannah Peterson
- **Open Acrylic:**
  - 1st: Kristy Reid
  - 2nd: Wal
  - 3rd: Dave Austin
- **Under 18 Years:**

- 1st & 2nd: Isobel Dalton
- 3rd: Annika Foster
- **Under 13 Years:**
  - 1st: Rosie Maybury
  - 2nd: Ayla O'Rance
  - 3rd: Willow Forstrom
  - Highly Commended: Savannah Peterson and Chloe Fincham
  - Judges' Choice: Lianna Rutter
- **Under 10 Years:**
  - 1st: Pippah Morgan
  - 2nd: Lianna Rutter and Chloe Fincham
  - 3rd: Khloe Bain
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**"Piece of the Plains" Category:**

- 1st: Phoebe Morgan
- 2nd: Annika Foster
- 3rd: Evelyn-Rose Hird
- Highly Commended: Rosie Maybury
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**QUARCHIES: Quirindi's Version of the Archies:**

- 1st: Wal
- 2nd: Marian Manson
- 3rd: Maureen Houldsworth
- Judges' Choice: Georgie Traill
- Highly Commended: Annika Foster and Isobel Dalton
- Encouragement: Ayla O'Rance

**Thank You**

Art Steward, Lauren Maybury, would like to thank the parents who encouraged their children to participate and create. She also extended her thanks to the professional artists who consistently return to support the show each year, helping to elevate the ART section into a highlight of the event.

We are also incredibly grateful to our sponsor, Quantum X. Without their support, the opportunities for recognition and awards wouldn't have been possible. The positive reception from both professional and new artists was clear as they celebrated their achievements over the weekend. A big Thanks also to our Judge - Mr

Theo Maczi for his professional perspective! The entrants all enjoyed your constructive and effective feedback. We would like to thank Rodney and Tania Hartigan for lending us their display stands.

### **Looking Ahead to 2025: Local Legends and Landscapes**

As we close the curtains on this year's fantastic show, we're already planning for an even bigger and better 2025! The theme for next year's art section will be *Local Legends and Landscapes*, where students are encouraged to create works that celebrate the teachers or people they admire as well as the landscape we live in.

We hope this theme inspires you to keep creating throughout the year in preparation for the 2025 Quantum X QUARCHIE!