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Credit: Janine Mahady



"I'm Cactus" by Wally Peart

Credit: Karen Newman



The Fryer Library, UQ was named after Arts student John Denis Fryer (1895-1923), a former Springsure resident.

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Our Profile

The Bauhinia Bicentennial Art Gallery and Library at Springsure was built in 1988 by the former Bauhinia Shire Council and is well positioned for locals and tourists in the main street. For 25 years the art gallery has been an inviting community meeting place for cultural and arts events, becoming a cultural icon and focal point for the district.

The art gallery sits within a multi-purpose space incorporating the public library and local heritage collection. The gallery provides an attractive and well-designed venue for local and touring exhibitions. The annual exhibition program includes shows by individual artists, art groups, school groups, and annual competitions.

The gallery manages two important collections: artists' works from the Springsure and Rolleston districts and a local heritage collection of photographs and documents from the 1860s.

A major art piece acquired by council in 1997 by Tracey Dallas titled "Carnarvon Ranges- Land of Rainbow Gold" depicts her father George Dallas on horseback in the breathtaking Carnarvon Ranges. Contemporary acquisitions include a steel sculpture titled "Price of Life" by Wally Peart, the winner of the 2012 Springsure & Rolleston Districts Biennial Art Competition. The gallery also holds a display on a unique local horse stud put together by the Queensland Police Museum titled "Rewan: A Stud Farm for Breeding Police Horses 1909-1933".

Did you know?

In addition to viewing their collection of historical photographs, you can pick up a self-guide leaflet to a Springsure Heritage Walk that takes you to nine sites of interest including two on the Queensland Heritage Register.

The top floor of the School of Arts Building was removed and relocated by rolling it on 44 gallon drums and now is the RSL Hall. The Hall displays a collection of framed historical photos of returned servicemen and women from the district.

The Fryer Library, the special collections section of the University of Queensland, was named after John Denis (Jack) Fryer who was born in Springsure. He is featured in the historic photographic collection at the opening of the State School War Memorial. Jack was a student at UQ when he enlisted for service in World War I. Fortunately he survived the war and returned to university.

Wally Peart, winner of the 2012 Art Competition, depicts rural Queensland scenes using metal as a medium and belongs to the group known as Six Artists From Out of Nowhere.

What the Standards Program has meant for our gallery

Organisational Recognition: Through the Standards Review Program the Galleries and associated collections could be recognised as the valuable community assets they are. Standards offered direction as to the best preservation and maintenance practices for these assets, essential to organisational budgeting. The Reviewers were an invaluable resource for the establishment of new organisational frameworks for service delivery and strategic planning.

Community Support: The Standards Review Program highlighted the strength of community support for this valuable community space and highlighted the enormous contributions of existing volunteers as well as previously unrecognised associated workload. It emphasised the positive achievements and assisted with practical and strategic management support for best practice into the future.