



*CHRC Offices and Emerald Art Gallery, featuring Margaret Worthington's artwork 'Place-time Sticks'. Emerald's past, present and future are all represented here in every element. The shapes are based on roadside and water markers found throughout the region.*

Credit: Lisa McNamara



*Emerald Art Gallery Interior*

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*2011 Art Award - Judge Bill Gannon with winners Shona Nicholls, Irene Callaghan, Jet James, Leonie Hopgood and Sine McLaren.*

Credit: Ruth Haydon

### Emerald Art Gallery

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### Our Profile

Emerald Art Gallery provides the local community with a high profile exhibition space, located in the Central Highlands Regional Council offices in Emerald. The gallery is managed by a group of dedicated volunteers who promote art in the community through programs including exhibitions, floor talks, visiting artists, openings, competitions and workshops.

The exhibition space is large and bright with impressive hanging space and regularly shows paintings, photography and sculpture. The purpose of the gallery is to encourage, stimulate and promote local and regional cultural and artistic activities through an active and diverse exhibition program made up of touring shows and local artists.

The Emerald art collection was established as early as 1970 and has steadily grown through an annual acquisitive art award. The collection consists predominantly of oil or acrylic painting on canvas. The Emerald Art Award, the gallery's premier art event, attracts local and interstate artists and is held annually in November.

Other exhibitions include: solo exhibitions, group exhibitions and exhibitions from organisations and institutions. Exhibitors include: artists, art and craft groups, secondary and tertiary schools, community organisations and people wanting to exhibit social and historical material.

The Emerald Art Gallery has been bringing arts to the Emerald community for more than two decades since a former Shire Councillor recognised the need for arts and culture in the rapidly growing town. The visitors' book records that the gallery is appreciated not only by locals but also by the many visitors passing through Emerald while exploring the Central Highlands.

### Did you know?

The Emerald Art Gallery Art Award has just had its 20th Anniversary in 2013. The original Art Gallery committee was formed in 1993 and they held their first Art Prize in the November of that same year. The Art Award is still held in November Annually.

The Gallery was purpose built and opened in 2007 as part of the new Emerald Shire Council Building. It is light and airy and a fantastic space to display artworks. Now as part of the CHRC, the Emerald Gallery is the Flagship Gallery for the region. The Gallery Committee build a comprehensive Exhibition Calendar of local, regional, school and touring exhibitions annually and is funded by Council.

In 2011 the Emerald Art Gallery won a Gallery and Museum Achievement Award (GAMAA) for the exhibition *OBJECT: Uncovering the Significant Objects held in the Historical Collection of the Central Highlands*.

### What the Standards Program has meant for our gallery

**The understanding of a need for a MOU between Council and the Gallery Committee:** While verbal communication has sufficed in previous years, the importance of having an understanding in writing between the two parties for the future of the Gallery has been realised.

**Awareness and Significance of the Collection:** A recent valuation on a significant painting in the collection, by a qualified art valuer, has enlightened Council and progress is being made on having the whole collection assessed.