

All In! *Artists of the Toowoomba Region*



Original Work in Group Exhibition (Visual Arts)

Featured artists: **Beata Batorowicz**

Curated by Tiffany Shafran

Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery

[Original Work Submission Year: 2022]



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All In! is a group exhibition at the Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery exploring the diverse practices of artists from the Toowoomba region.

Artists include: **Beata Batorowicz** (UniSQ)

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RESEARCH STATEMENT

All In! at Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery



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Background

While there has been a growing visibility of regional artists across the arts sector, according to the Australian Arts Council (2021), Australian regional artists often have less career opportunities than that of their metropolitan counterparts. This heightens the current focus on health and wellbeing within the regions and its various representations by creative practitioners.

Contribution

In foregrounding regional art practices, the hand-stitched photograph 'Mending with Fiction' (2022) alongside the wearable 'Fox Armlet' (2022) explores women's ritualised notions of self-care through personal agencies that elicit fairy tales. The work takes on a darker turn, and plays on the tension between caring and wounding in the process of mending itself.

Significance

This exhibition has been well received with attendance of over 60 visitors at the Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery with further invited exhibitions being subsequently held in other Queensland Regional Areas. The exhibition has featured high profile artists such as Linda Clark and Ellie Coleman. The impact of this exhibition is demonstrated through a continuation of a series of exhibitions that focus on creating works which encourage the viewer to rethink their understanding of their region and notions of wellbeing.



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Beata Batorowicz

Mending With Fiction (Detail), 2022

Handstitched Cotton Thread Platinum/Palladium Photograph
28 cm (H) x 19.5 cm (L) (Unframed)



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Beata Batorowicz

Mending With Fiction, 2022

Handstitched Cotton Thread Platinum/Palladium
Photograph

56.0cm (H) x 48.3 cm (L) (framed)



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Beata Batorowicz

Fox Armlet , 2022

Leather, thread, Leather Thonging

14 cm (H) x 24 cm (L) x 10 cm (W)



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