

# LIKENESS: Portraits from the Collection

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Over the centuries representations of men and women, as both two and three-dimensional forms have been a subject for art in all cultures. Portraiture is the visual representation of individual people either through the medium of painting, photography, or other artistic representations, in which the face and its expression is predominant. The intent is to display the likeness, personality, and even the mood of the person or sitter.

The history of portraiture spans the history of Western Art, from the art of ancient Egyptian and Greek civilizations to the modern art of Europe, America and Australia. During the 18th and 19th century Neoclassic, Romantic and Realist period, artists pushed the boundaries of this genre by firstly draping their subjects in the latest attire, producing exciting portraits of inspired leaders to the objective portraits of ordinary people.

The development of photography during the 19th century changed the way in which portraiture was used. Photographic portraits were based on the actual appearance of the subject whereas fine art portraits focused more on the interpretive depictions of the subject. As times have changed and with advanced technology, photographers now have the opportunity to experiment creatively with their subjects.

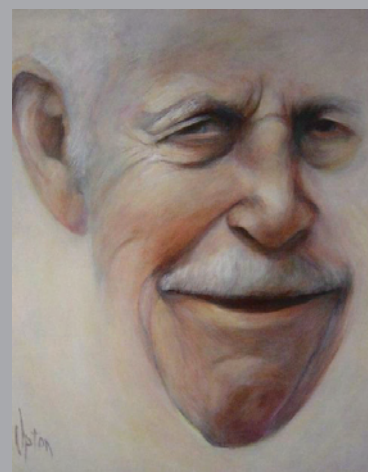
*Likeness: Portraiture from the Collection* highlights a selection of people portraits from the Gallery's growing art collection. Whether of local dignitaries, people of national significance, or just family and friends, these painterly expressions chart some of our region's most influential figures in recent decades.

Who do you know?

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A CAIRNS REGIONAL GALLERY COLLECTION EXHIBITION

SUPPORTING ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF CAIRNS



Margaret Upton  
'Essentially Ray' Acrylic on canvas  
2004



Elizabeth Barden,  
'Rosella Namok' Oil on canvas  
2003

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