

# CAIRNS TO THE CAPE

## Nathan David Kelly

26 July to 31 August 2008



*Cairns To the Cape; A Photographic Journey* started off as an idea, an excuse to go wandering, to talk to those I didn't know and see what is up the road and around the corner.

The series of images created during these wanderings is only a small portion of a much larger ongoing series of work.

Several landscapes will be displayed many of which were created using a compact Zeiss Ikon camera that is some 50 years old. The reason for using the camera is to slow the image making process, to make you think about the composition of the image more...the camera also creates a shallow depth of field making the images appear a little dreamlike.

The most striking images in the show are the portraits of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers created at The Laura Dance Festival. The portraits were shot using a makeshift black backdrop strung between two trees at the dance ground and using only available light. The results however look as though they were taken in a studio.

### Nathan David Kelly - Photographer

*Kelly has earned quite a reputation as a portrait photographer with his work being collected by major national institutions including the National Portrait Gallery, The National Library of Australia and commissioned works for the Australian War Memorial.*

*In 2007 Kelly was also named a finalist in the inaugural National Photographic Portrait Prize.*

**EXHIBITION LAUNCH: SATURDAY 26 JULY @ 2:30PM**  
**ARTIST TALK: SATURDAY 26 JULY @ 2:00PM**

Nathan David Kelly will discuss the ideas and images portrayed in his photographs, celebrating the distinctive region, Cairns to Cape.

The Janet Holmes á Court Artists Grant is a NAVA initiative, made possible through the generous sponsorship of Mrs Janet Holmes á Court and the support of the Visual Arts Board, Australia Council for the Arts.

Through the Community Exhibitions Program, Cairns Regional Gallery profiles the work of artists and organisations throughout Far North Queensland.



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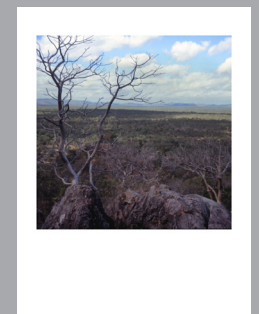
SUPPORTING ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF CAIRNS



Nathan David Kelly,  
'Benjamin Creek'



Nathan David Kelly,  
'Peter Perrmugna (Aurukun)'



Nathan David Kelly,  
'Landscape 7 Chillagoe'

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