

Kathleen & Leonard Shillam

Life & Careers

- 1915 Leonard born in Brisbane, Queensland
- 1916 Kathleen born in Devonshire, England
- 1927 Kathleen arrives in Australia
- 1931-34 Leonard attends Brisbane Technical College
- 1932-33 Kathleen attends Brisbane Technical College
- 1932 Leonard and Kathleen meet at art school
- 1934-38 Kathleen works in a commercial art studio in Brisbane
- 1937 Leonard wins Carnegie Corporation grant
- 1938 Leonard studies sculpture in London at Westminster School with Eric Schilsky
- 1939 Leonard returned to Australia following outbreak of war and the close of art schools
Leonard and Kathleen run poultry farm till 1949
- 1942 Leonard and Kathleen married
- 1947 First exhibition at John Cooper's Moreton Galleries
- 1949-55 Kathleen and Leonard have 11 solo or 2 person exhibitions in Brisbane and Sydney
- 1958-59 Kathleen teaches at Stuartholme Convent, Brisbane
- 1959 Leonard awarded Queensland Centenary prize for sculpture
- 1960 Kathleen teaches drawing at Department of Architecture at the University of Queensland, Brisbane
- 1961-64 Kathleen and Leonard travel to Greece, Italy and England
Leonard and Kathleen complete course at the Academia di Firenze and another in bronze casting at the Royal College of Art, London
- 1966 National capital development commission installed
- 1974 Exhibited with Victor Mace
- 1975 Leonard began full time teaching
Headed new sculpture course at Queensland College of Art, Brisbane
Kathleen conducted workshops at Society of Sculptors Queensland and Brisbane Technical College
- 1979 Prize for religious sculpture St Alban's Art festival
- 1980s Perides Art Foundry began in Brisbane
The Kathleen and Leonard begun bronze works by wax method
- 1986 The Shillams awarded Member of the Order of Australia (AM)
- 1986 Leonard won Gold Coast Sculpture competition
- 1988 Kathleen won Redcliff Prize
- 1993 Leonard and Kathleen completed Jabirus bought by public subscription as memorial to the Johnstone Gallery, in Brisbane City Hall
Art Gallery Collection (joint)
- 1996 Queensland Art Gallery Tribute Exhibition
- 2000 Leonard and Kathleen awarded honorary doctorate for services to the arts from University of Queensland
Involved in establishment of the Redcliffe city art collection
- 2002 Kathleen dies
- 2005 Leonard dies

Commissions

The Southport School, Queensland
Brisbane Grammar School, Brisbane
St Hilda's School, Queensland
Villanova College, Brisbane
Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane

Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
Dalby Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
Home of the Arts Gallery, Queensland
James Cook University Townsville, Queensland
Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane
Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery, Tasmania



Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane
Redcliffe College, Queensland
Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
University of Tasmania, Hobart
Women's College, University of Queensland, Brisbane