

## Bailey hosts feature artist, Anne Jillett

5 May 2021

Crystalbrook Bailey welcomes feature artist, local ceramicist and fibre artist Anne Jillett, at exhibition opening on 7 May 2021.

An advocate for the arts, Crystalbrook Bailey plays host to an ever changing and evolving array of art. The art-loving hotel is passionate about making art accessible, inclusive, and empowering by providing artists the opportunity to showcase their talents and have their work featured on display and for sale within the hotel gallery, with all proceeds going directly to the artist.

Local artist Anne Jillett's solo exhibition titled 'Washed up' will be on display from Thursday 6 May until Monday 28 June in the Crystalbrook Bailey atrium.

The body of works will feature 31 ceramic and fibre artworks that are inspired from the changing nature of beachscapes in the Cairns and Cape York regions. An established textile artist, Jillett has recently included ceramics to express her fascination with the forces of water and the intractable durability of life in this natural world.

Crystalbrook Bailey will host an exhibition opening and artist talk with Anne Jillett on Friday 7 May. The event will take place in the lobby from 6:30-7:30pm. Open to all, from hotel guests, locals and the Cairns arts and cultural community.

Anne Jillett said, "During the last twelve months as the world, and we, have grappled with bush fires, drought, floods, and a pandemic, my own creative practice has undergone a quantum shift. I have pursued a different direction by enrolling and studying ceramics and have found that as I explore the new medium of clay, my work continues to be informed and inspired by a love of the sea and its shoreline."

Lisa Brown, General Manager Crystalbrook Bailey said, "Jillett has been a key art supporter for Crystalbrook Bailey from the beginning. Her artwork is currently on display at level one of the hotel and we're delighted to have Jillett explore her new artistic direction as our feature artist exhibition."

## Key dates

6 May: Exhibition opens

7 May: Exhibition launch night 6:30 - 7:30pm in the lobby

28 June: Exhibition closes

## Crystalbrook Bailey and the arts

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Find out more or enquire now [crystalbrookcollection.com/bailey/offers/feature-artist](https://crystalbrookcollection.com/bailey/offers/feature-artist).

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