

Cairns women honoured in *In Her Name*



exhibition

Centacare FNQ Executive Director Anita Veivers (right) with photographer Cristina Bevilacqua at the opening of the *In Her Name* exhibition at NorthSite Contemporary Arts. The exhibition celebrates the stories of 10 inspiring Cairns women and runs until 8 August ahead of the **Women of the World (WOW) Festival** in September. Click [here](#) for image by Phil Gibb.

An exhibition celebrating the lives, leadership and contributions of remarkable Cairns women is now on display at NorthSite Contemporary Arts, providing a preview of the conversations to come when the **Women of the World (WOW) Festival** returns to Cairns Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 September.

Presented as part of the touring *In Her Name* exhibition, the display features portraits by **local photographer Cristina Bevilacqua** alongside the stories of **10 Cairns women** recognised by their community for leadership, resilience and service. Among them is Centacare FNQ Executive Director Anita Veivers, whose portrait reflects a lifelong commitment to empowering others. Growing up in England as the youngest of five children to hardworking Irish parents, Ms Veivers said she never doubted she could achieve whatever she set her mind to. After migrating to Australia almost 30 years ago, she found her calling in community services, where she has spent her career supporting women, children and families across Far North Queensland.

Ms Veivers said she was honoured to be recognised alongside nine other remarkable Cairns women whose stories reflected the quiet strength, compassion and leadership found throughout the community.

"Every woman featured has made a meaningful contribution to our community in her own way. Their stories remind us that leadership takes many forms and that positive change often begins with ordinary people doing extraordinary things," she said.

Ms Veivers said Centacare FNQ was proud to continue supporting the WOW movement as sponsor of the **WOW Men's Breakfast on Thursday 10 September** and through its role co-programming and managing the **WOW Marketplace Community Stage** during the three-day festival.

The Cairns women featured in the exhibition are Anita Veivers, Carolyn de Costa, Henrietta Fourmile Marrie, Jodie Duignan-George, Krista Watkins, Layla Schrieber and Naomi Wenitong, Rubina Kimilia, Semara Jose, Lucy Graham and Francoise Lane.

The ***In Her Name*** exhibition is open at NorthSite Contemporary Arts, Bulmba-ja until 8 August, ahead of the Women of the World (WOW) Festival, which returns to Cairns from 10–12 September. Centacare FNQ is proud to support the festival as sponsor of the WOW Men's Breakfast and co-programming partner for the WOW Marketplace Community Stage. Festival information is available at the WOW Australia website, www.wowaustralia.com.au

Media Assets: Click [here](#) for a selection of captioned images by Phil Gibb taken at the launch of *In Her Name* on Saturday 25 July at NorthSite Contemporary Arts, Bulmba-ja

The **WOW Men's Breakfast – Conversations That Matter: Men, Care & Community** is hosted by Mandy Nolan and featuring special guest Councillor Trevor Tim, with a panel facilitated by Glen Tozer from The Be There Group. The event will be held on Thursday 10 September from 6.30 am to 8.30 am at Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort. Tickets are \$40 from Humanitix at <https://events.humanitix.com/wow-cairns-2026>

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