

*Michelle Dawson*

Byron Gateway Wall  
Public Art Concept



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## ARTWORK INSPIRATION WATER DRAGONS (INTELLAGAMA LESUEURII)

I have a deep and abiding interest in and love of animals and a passion for natural history drawings and artwork. When depict a creature which was endemic to the area.

The water dragons seemed the perfect choice, not least for the way they move over surfaces and could be moulded into the space of the wall in a pleasing visual way. But also because they seem to coexist with humans in a very easy way and be held in great affection by most humans who encounter them.

It is not unusual to see water dragons in very public spaces... very often on the streets of Bangalow or inhabiting the plant nurseries in Byron.

In fact over the last, very hot, summer a particularly cheeky one practically moved into my house...which afforded me the opportunity to take many photos, upon which I have based the drawings and designs for the mural.

*Michelle Dawson, 2017*



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PRELIMINARY ARTWORK CONCEPT



# PRELIMINARY COLOUR PALETTE



## THE ARTIST

### MICHELLE DAWSON

Born in New Zealand, Michelle Dawson moved to Australia in 1985. She has been working as a professional artist since 1996 and has studied in both Australia and the UK.

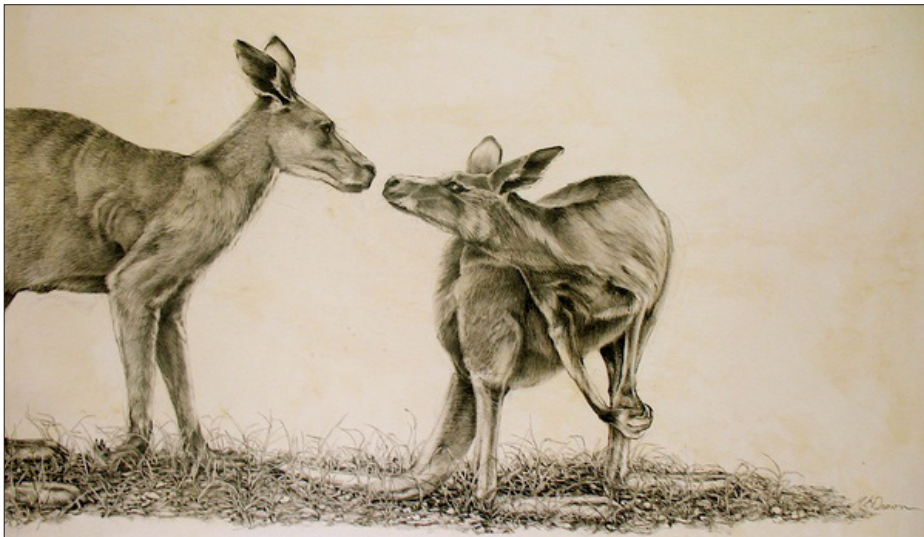
She has twice represented Australia at the Inter-Continental Biennale of Small Graphics and has been shortlisted for many major prizes including the Portia Geach Prize (Highly Commended), The Bendigo Drawing Prize, The Wilson Art Award, The Northern River's Portrait Prize, The Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize and the Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award.

Michelle lives in the Byron Shire and is a lifedrawing teacher at The Byron School of Art.

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**PREVIOUS ARTWORKS**  
**MICHELLE DAWSON**





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## PROPOSED BUDGET

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST
Artist Fee	Michelle Dawson	\$4,000
Artist Assistant Fee	Rene Bolton	\$1,000
Project Management	Creative Road	\$1,000
Materials	Enviro Choice Resene paints and equipment	\$1,000
Byron Bay Painters	Wall preparation and UV coating	\$1,000
	Total ex. GST:	\$8,000



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