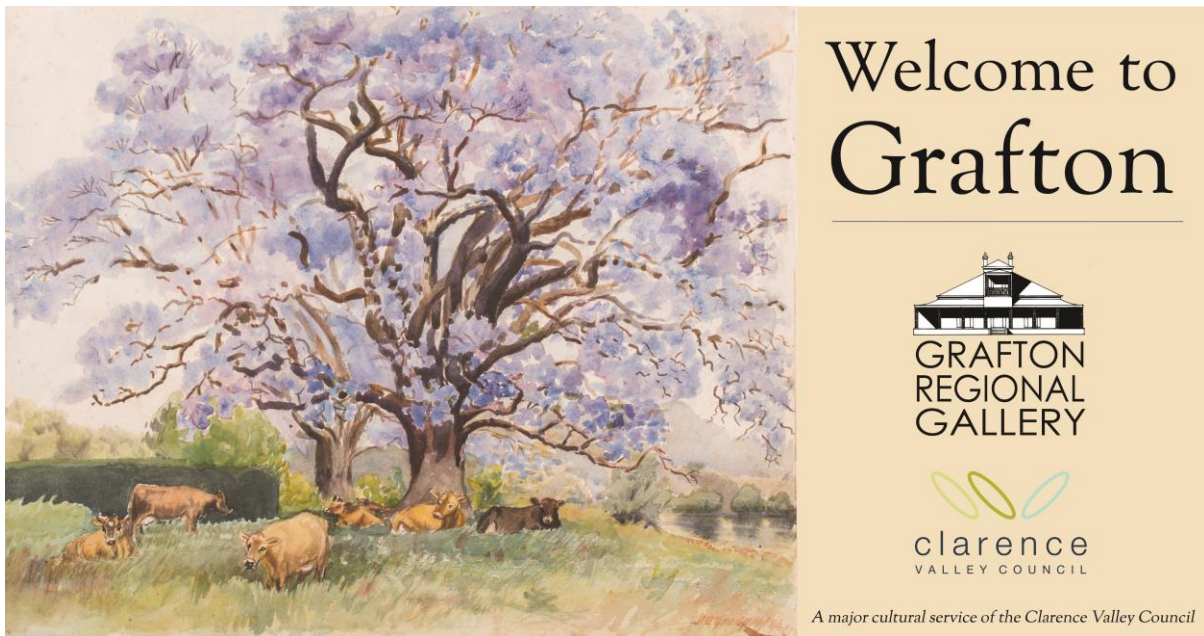


## Doris O'Grady *Cattle under the Jacaranda at Tristania* 1961

*Cattle under the Jacaranda at Tristania* by Doris O'Grady is part of the Grafton Regional Gallery's O'Grady Collection. The majority of the collection of over 1,500 works was gifted to the gallery in 1988 by Doris O'Grady and is comprised of watercolours, drawings, landscapes, still life, sketch books, note books, field studies and bark collages completed over the sisters' lifetimes, along with memorabilia.

Doris O'Grady (1902-1994) and Gladys O'Grady (1894-1985) were keen observers of the natural environment. Most of their lives were spent on the family property *Tristania* at Seelands located on the inner bend of the Clarence River west of Grafton. The rainforest gullies and river banks, home to a myriad of native species of flora and fauna, and the rural and river landscapes of the Seelands peninsula were the sisters' main subject matter.

Doris O'Grady's artistic focus was on the landscape and flora studies. She painted and tabulated all native grasses, plants, flowers, and fungi of the region. This perhaps reflects how Doris carried out much of the outside farm work. Her vibrant loose watercolours and beautifully constructed bark collages demonstrate a great talent, confidence and highly developed skills in the medium and subject matter.



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