I am an artist from the North Coast of New South Wales. I gained teaching qualifications from the University of Wollongong and for many years I taught intellectually and physically disabled children. I won the Rockdale art award when I was 12, at the time I was being tutored by well-known Australian artist Pamela Griffiths. I continued to study art on a part time basis at East Sydney Technical College, Seaforth Technical College and St George Technical College. I recently studied with the London college of Art and completed a diploma of painting and drawing and passed with distinction.

I have been teaching private students for 15 years. I have taught and studied painting overseas and I travel and study at every opportunity.

I have exhibited internationally, had many solo exhibitions and over 40 joint exhibitions.

I was a partner in an art gallery in Lennox Head, managing, teaching and curating exhibitions.

Secretary Ballina Arts and Crafts Centre Incorporated for 3 years

For 14 years I have curated major fund raising art exhibitions for the NSW Cancer Council Member of Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Member of PAN, Practising Artists Network, based at Byron Bay

Member Tweed Regional Gallery

2018 Studio Artist at "Ignite" Northern Rivers Community Gallery, (12 months)Ballina Shire Council

My work can be viewed on Facebook at Lennox Artspace, and Lesley Ryan Art or www lesleyryanart.com

## Some selected achievements include

- 2019 Finalist Woollahra small art prize
- 2019 Winner Bentley Art Prize
- 2018 Exhibition Duo Solo Ryan + Wright NRCG
- 2018 Completed Diploma of Drawing and painting distinction London Art College
- 2018 Certificate botanical drawing and painting Newcastle University
- 2017 Exhibition at Tweed Gallery in collaboration with digital artist Mark Davis
- 2017 Highly commended Coraki Art Prize
- 2016 Drawings published in "Strokes of Genius" number 8, international distribution.
- 2016 Finalist Caldera art exhibition
- 2016 May Exhibition Duo Solo Ryan + Wright NRCG
- 2016 Exhibition Lone Goat Gallery Byron Bay Ryan + Wright
- 2015 Finalist Border art prize
- 2015 Exhibition New Zealand Taranaki Art Gallery
- 2014 Winner packer Prize Ipswich Art Awards
- 2014 Winner People's choice PAN exhibition
- 2012 Highly commended the Border Art Prize, Tweed Regional Gallery
- 2012 Finalist Byron Bay Brewery Exhibition
- 2012 Finalist Caldera Exhibition
- 2012 Finalist Artfelt exhibition Northern Rivers Community Gallery
- 2012 Winner People's choice Ballina Arts Exhibition Northern Rivers Community Gallery
- 2011 Winner People's choice Ballina Arts Exhibition Northern Rivers Community Gallery
- 2011 Winner Ballina Art Society Exhibition
- 2011 Winner People's choice Marine Rescue Exhibition
- 2010 Solo Exhibition Northern Rivers Community Gallery
- 2010 Finalist Marine Rescue Exhibition Gallery
- 2009 Solo exhibition Northern Rivers Community Gallery
- 2002 Winner Ceramic Design Southern Cross Art Exhibition

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