### **RIVER MUELLER**

## My life has changed a lot since I spoke to you last

#### **Artist Statement**

When I was 9 my dad went missing. I tried to contact him through his family, but nobody knew where he was, I thought that he had passed away. After school one day my mum took me out for ice-cream. Over a boysenberry waffle cone from sweet pea, she handed me a letter. It was from my dad.

This exhibition is an interpretation of the letter my dad wrote to me nineteen years ago. I love him, and I love the things that he has taught me. Homelessness and the housing crisis are a constant threat due to capitalism, global warming, and mental health. It was an issue then and it is still an issue now. The people you cross in the street are important to someone, whether a mother, a father, a child or a sibling, somebody cares about them, and somebody misses them.

#### **Artist Bio**

River Mueller is a Trans and non-binary artist living, working, and creating on Bundjalung country.

They recently graduated from the Bachelor of Art and Design course at Southern Cross University in 2024 and will be travelling to Mexico for a four month artist residency in September of 2025.

River is the recipient of the 2024 Northern Rivers Community Gallery Graduate Prize for outstanding excellence in exhibited artwork or installation at the Southern Cross University Graduate Exhibition. This is their first solo exhibition.





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Gallery 2 | 26 June - 17 August 2025

|   | 1 | River<br>Mueller | Letter  | Un-<br>known | Ink on cartridge paper                              | 29.7 x 21cm | NFS     |
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|   | 2 | River<br>Mueller | About the only thing I have to look out for are the cops                  | 2025         | Acrylic on Vinyl                                    | 270 x 430cm | \$2,000 |
|   | 3 | River<br>Mueller | Sometimes I go and wash car windows                                       | 2025<br>2023 | Acrylic and Charcoal on<br>Canvas                   | 120 x 120cm | \$500   |
|   | 4 | River<br>Mueller | My Best Friend's<br>name is Ken   | 2025         | Acrylic and Charcoal on<br>Canvas                   | 196 x 161cm | \$2,000 |
| 3 | 5 | River<br>Mueller | Since the day you<br>were born my love<br>for you hasn't got<br>anty less | 2025         | Acrylic and Charcoal on<br>Canvas                   | 196 x 161cm | \$2,000 |
|   | 6 | River<br>Mueller | I guess I'll love you till<br>the day I die                               | 2025         | Acrylic and charcoal on<br>Queen size mattress base | 223 x 151cm | \$500   |