

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

JOHN WOLSELEY

Born 1938, United Kingdom

- 1962-69 Study at St Martins and Byam Shaw Schools of Art, London, UK
1958-59 Diploma of Agriculture, Cironcester, A.C.
1962-69 Study with S.W. Hayter, Paris, France
1962-70 Lived in Hoxton Street, London, UK, work at Birgit Skiolds print workshop
1969 Began Nettlecomb Studios Sommerset, UK, an artists' and farmers' collective
1970 First Prize, Biennale Internationale de la Gravure, Krakow, Poland
1972 Florence Print Biennale, Italy, winner of Kantos Prize, also Print Biennale Buenos Aires, Brazil
Organised with Niel Dunn, Nettlecomb Poetry Festival & Poster Prize
Spent six months in the Spanish Pyrenees and went on expedition up the Skrang river, Borneo
1976 Settled in Australia, Artist in Residence, Newcastle CAE. Moved to Thorpedale, Gippsland, Lecturer Gippsland CAE, VIC

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 'Two old artists looking for shellfish', With Mulkun Wirrpanda, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
'John Wolseley: One hundred and One Insect Life Stories', Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
2018 'The Life of Inland Waters', Australian Galleries, Melbourne
2015 'Heartlands and Headwaters', The Ian Potter Centre, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
2011 'Lines for Birds', book launch and exhibition, Australian Galleries, Stock Rooms, Melbourne
2010 'Carboniferous', Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
2008 'Natural Selection: MALLEE/MAQUIS', Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
'Two Wolseleys in the Mallee: Art, Artefacts and Memorabilia from the studio of John Wolseley', Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, Swan Hill, VIC
2007 'Travelling west to Sunset Tank', Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Melbourne
'John Wolseley: Land Marks II', book launch and exhibition, Australian Galleries, Works on Paper Melbourne
2006 'The wood, the world and the parrot', Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
2005 'Bird on the Wire, John Wolseley', Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
'Firebird', Chapman Gallery, Canberra
2004 'John Wolseley', Australian Galleries, Works on Paper, Melbourne
2003 'The Memory of Fire', Australian Galleries, Works on Paper, Melbourne
2002 'Six months in the Royal National Park', Edmund Barton Room, Sydney Grammar School Artist in Residence, Sydney
2001 'Tracing the Wallace Line', Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
'Tracing the Wallace Line', Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo, VIC
'The Lie of the Land', Gabrielle Gallery, Melbourne
1998 'Selected Works 1968 – 1998', Australian Galleries, Works on Paper, Melbourne
1996 'Patagonia to Tasmania: Origin Movement Species tracing Southern Continents', Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney

- 'Patagonia to Tasmania: Origin Movement Species Tracing Southern Continents', Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS
- 'Patagonia to Tasmania: Origin Movement Species Tracing Southern Continents', Ian Potter Gallery, University of Melbourne, Melbourne
- 1993 'Desert: A catalogue of hidden things in sand and paper', Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- '1993 million drawings: Being an examination of Australia's flora and fauna since the Proterozoic Era', Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS
- 'Simpson Desert Survey', Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne
- 'Paintings, lithographs and sedimentary prints from the Simpson Desert', Rex Irwin Art Dealer Sydney
- 1991 'Life in mud and sand', Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 1989 'The Pearl Fisher's voyage from Ise Shima to Roebuck Bay, and other recent paintings', Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney
- 1988 'Nomadism: John Wolseley, Twelve years in Australia', University of Melbourne, Melbourne and Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
- 1987 'From Wittenoom to Broome – Paintings of North West Australia 1984 – 1989', Joye Art Foundation / Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney
- 1984 'From Bendigo to Kyoto', Bendigo Regional Art Gallery, Bendigo, VIC
- 'From Bendigo to Kyoto', Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney
- 1982 'A Journey from Mt Solitary to the Charles River', Realities Gallery, Melbourne
- 1980 'The Larapinta Land Journey paintings and the Emily Gap Survey', Geelong Regional Art Gallery, Geelong, VIC
- 1974 'Selected prints', South West Arts Council, touring exhibition in East Anglia, Realities Gallery, Melbourne
- 1971 Mayor Gallery, London, UK
- 1965 Mayor Gallery, London, UK
- 1962 'A survey trip down the Dordogne River in a collapsible dinghy', Architectural Association, London, UK
- 'The Larapinta Land Journey', Rex Irwin Art Dealer, Sydney

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 'Australian Galleries: The Purves Family Business. The First Four Decades', Book Launch and Group Exhibition, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 'papermade', Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 'Midawarr | Harvest: The Art of Mulkun Wirrpanda and John Wolseley', Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, Melbourne
- 'Art Meets Nature', presented by WAMA, The Atrium, Sofitel, Melbourne
- 'ART+CLIMATE= CHANGE 2019', Geelong Gallery, Geelong, VIC
- 'Baldessin Studio – The Story', Montsalvat, Melbourne
- 2018 'Native Flora', Silver Leaf Art Box, Merricks, VIC
- 2017-18 'Midawarr | Harvest: The Art of Mulkun Wirrpanda and John Wolseley', National Museum of Australia, Canberra
- 2016 'Human / Animal / Artist: Art Inspired by Animals', McClelland Sculpture Park + Gallery, Langwarrin, VIC
- 'Birds: Flight paths in Australian Art', Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington, VIC
- 'Impressions', Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne
- 'Country & Western', Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington Peninsula, VIC
- 'Self Portraits on Paper', Bouddi Foundation for the Arts at Yellow House, Sydney

- 2015 John Wolseley with Mulkun Wirrpanda, 'Marrma dilakmala lurruma gurra ṛathawu - Two Old Artists Looking for Food', Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
'The Warming and An Anthropocene Cabinet of Curiosities', Australian Galleries, Stock Rooms, Melbourne
- 2014 'International Print Exhibition, Australia and Japan', Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art, Kyoto, Japan; Fukuyama Museum of Art, Hiroshima, Japan
'one of each', Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
- 2013 'Works from the Stock Rooms', Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
'Australian Galleries at Gallows Gallery', Gallows Gallery, Perth
- 2012 'Negotiating this world: Contemporary Australian Art', National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 2011 'large exhibition of small works', Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
'Nature of the Mark', Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
- 2010 'Summer stock show', Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
'Artists' Prints made with Integrity I', Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
- 2009-10 'Summer Stock Show', Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
'Summer Stock Show', Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
- 2009 'Reframing Darwin: evolution and art in Australia', Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne, Melbourne
'Refugia', Murray Darling Palimpsest, Mildura Arts Centre Regional Gallery, Mildura, VIC
- 2008 'Summer Stock Show', Australian Galleries Smith Street, Melbourne
'Wish you were here', Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah South, NSW
'The Ecologies Project', Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2007 'Summer Stock Show', Australian Galleries, Works on Paper, Melbourne
'The story of Australian Printmaking; 1801-2005', National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
'Small Pleasures', Australian Galleries, Painting & Sculpture, Melbourne
- 2006 'Summer Stock Show', Australian Galleries, Works on Paper, Melbourne
'A Bird in the Hand: paintings by Tony Clark and John Wolseley', curated by Robyn McKenzie, La Trobe Visual Arts Centre, Bendigo, VIC and Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
'Bookish', Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Melbourne
'Canberra's Sixth Annual Drawing Biennale', Australian National University Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra
'50th Anniversary Exhibition', 5th June, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Wynne Prize Exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2005 'Lost and Found, Peter Lyssiotis and John Wolseley, the adventures of two artists in the State Library of Victoria', State Library of Victoria, Melbourne
'Contemporary Works on Paper', Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Melbourne
'Newhaven Art Exhibition', Über Gallery, Melbourne
'This and Other Worlds, Contemporary Australian Drawing', National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
'Fireworks: Tracing the incendiary in Australian art', an Artspace Mackay exhibition, curated by Gavin Wilson; traveling to Artspace, Mackay, Mackay, QLD; Rockhampton Art Gallery, Rockhampton, QLD; Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD; Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum, Gladstone, QLD; Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery, Hazelhurst, NSW; Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW; Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, Bathurst, NSW; Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Ballarat, VIC; Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington, VIC; University Art Museum, Brisbane
'Ware & Tear', Andrea Hylands Gallery, Melbourne
'Notes from the Natural World', Australian Galleries, Works on Paper, Melbourne
- 2004 '2004: Australian Culture Now', The Ian Potter Centre, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
'In the Presence of All Creatures, Great and Small', Australian Galleries, Works on Paper, Sydney

- 2003 'Species', Australian Galleries, Works on Paper, Melbourne
 'Bushfire: Our Community Responds', The Ian Potter Centre, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 2002 National Works on Paper Award, Mornington Peninsula Regional Art Gallery, Mornington, VIC
 'Meridian: Focus on Contemporary Australian Art', Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
- 2001 'The lie of the land', Gabrielle Gallery, Melbourne
 'Landscape and environment', Australian Galleries, Works on Paper, Melbourne
- 1997 'New Australian Images through British eyes', Australian National University Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra
 'A Constructed World: Collaborative works with Geoff Lowe', Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
- 1996 'Australian Watercolours', Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, touring exhibition
- 1995 AMCOR Paper Awards, Westpac Gallery, Melbourne, national touring exhibition
 'Seven Histories of Australia', Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne
 'The Derwent Collection: Australian Art of the 1980s and 1990s', Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart
- 1993 'To the surface: Contemporary Landscape', Plimsoll Gallery, Hobart
 'Poster Art in Australia', National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
- 1991 'Indo-Eco', regional Victoria touring exhibition
 'Off the Wall, In the Air, A Seventies Selection', Monash University Gallery, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne
 'Two hundred years of Australian Painting', Museums of Modern and Western Art, Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan
- 1989 Michael Johnson, Bernard Sachs, John Wolseley, Joye Art Foundation, Galerie Baudoin Lebon, Paris, France
- 1988 'The Face of Australia: The Land, the People, the Present, the Past', Australian Bicentennial Authority, touring exhibition
 'A Changing Relationship: Aboriginal Themes in Australian Art', S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 1984 'The centre: Works on paper by contemporary Australian artists', Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
- 1981 'Landscape Art: Two Way Reaction', Australian National Gallery, Canberra
 'Land marks', Victorian College of the Arts Gallery, Melbourne
- 1973 International Print Biennale, Buenos Aires, Brazil
 Artist as Selector, Oxford City Art Gallery, London, UK
 '1980 Lost and Found', George Paton Gallery, University of Melbourne, Melbourne
- 1972 Florence Biennale, Florence, Italy
 New Lane Gallery, Bradford (with Print Workshop)
- 1970 Krakow Print Biennale, Krakow, Poland
- 1969 Morley College (with Printmakers Council)
- 1965 Prints 1965, AIA
 Wardour Music Festival, UK (with Noah Morris)
- 1964 Hambleton Gallery, Blandford (joint exhibition with Julian Trevelyan)
 Prints 1964, AIA
 Californian Society of Etchers, Centenary Exhibition, California, USA
- 1960 Royal Academy (also in 1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971)
- 1959 London Group (also in 1960)

AWARDS

- 2008 Trustees' Watercolour Prize (winner), Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney
 Wynne Prize (finalist), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

- 2005 Australia Council of the Arts Visual Arts Emtus Award
 Honorary Degree, Doctor of Science, Macquarie University, Sydney
 New Work Grant, Visual Arts/Craft Board, Australia Council for the Arts
- 1972 Florence Biennale (Kantos prize), Florence, Italy
- 1970 Biennale Internationale de la Gravure (first prize), Krakow, Poland

COLLECTIONS

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
 Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
 Arts Council of Great Britain, UK
 Australian National University Art Collection, Canberra
 BHP Collection, Melbourne
 Cheltenham College, Melbourne
 Contemporary Arts Society London, London, UK
 Coopers and Lybrand Collection
 Derwent Collection, Hobart
 Girton College, Cambridge, UK
 Hamilton Gallery, Hamilton, VIC
 Harrogate Art Gallery, Harrogate, UK
 Hereford Museum and Art Gallery, Hereford, UK
 Huddersfield Art Gallery, Huddersfield, UK
 Joye Art Foundation, Sydney
 Kedumba Art Award, Blackheath, NSW
 Latrobe University Art Collection, Melbourne
 Ministry of Works, London, UK
 Museum and National Gallery of Northern Territory, Darwin
 Museum of Contemporary Art, Skopje, Macedonia
 National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
 Newnham College, Cambridge, UK
 Nuffield Foundation, London, UK
 Oxford City Art Gallery, Oxford, UK
 Parliament House Art Collection, Canberra
 Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS
 Sheffield Education Committee, Sheffield, UK
 State Bank Collection, Sydney
 State Library of Victoria, Melbourne
 Swinburne University of Technology, Melbourne
 Sydney Town Hall Collection, Sydney
 The Christensen Fund
 University of Tasmania Art Collection, Hobart
 Usher Gallery, Lincoln, USA

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Deeth, Jane; "A shared appreciation", Object 42, Sydney, 2003

Flynn, Paul; "John Wolseley: Natural convictions", Artist Profile, Summer 2007, pp. 28 - 37

Gage, Jenny; Restricting the Palette, Colour and Land, exhibition catalogue, Canberra School of Art, 2000

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Grishin, Sasha; "Multiplicity – collecting Australian prints", Australian Art Review, Issue 13, March-June 2007, pp. 52-55

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