

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 'The Silence that Follows', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
2023 'Tracing a Line', Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS
2022 'Without a Sound', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
2021 'Without a Sound', Devonport Regional Art Gallery Solo Commission 2021, TAS
'Melissa Smith', Queenscliff Gallery, Queenscliff, VIC
'From there to here - 25 years', The Gallows Gallery, Launceston College, TAS
2020 'Beyond Thoughts', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
2018 'The Blue of Distance', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
'The Blue of Distance', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
2015 'Between Islands', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
'Between Islands', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
2014 'Touching Ground', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
'Touching Ground', Art Vault, Mildura, VIC
2013 'Touching Ground', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
'Dissolve II', The Little Gallery, Devonport Regional Gallery, Devonport, TAS
2012 'Dissolve', Sawtooth ARI, Launceston, TAS
2011 'Shifting State', Handmark Gallery, Hobart, TAS
2010 'Collective Traces (Selected Works 2004 - 2009)', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
'Collective Traces (Selected Works 2004 - 2009)', 146 Artspace, Arts Tasmania, Hobart
2009 'Trace Elements', Handmark Gallery, Hobart, TAS
2002 'Melissa Smith - Works on Paper', Main Street Gallery, Hahndorf, SA
1996 'Abintra', Snakepit Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 'Paula Jenkins / Melissa Smith / Clayton Tremlett', Queenscliff Gallery, Queenscliff, VIC
'Latitude', PCA Gallery, Melbourne
'Collaborative Print Project', Australian Print Workshop Gallery, Melbourne
Bay of Fires Art Prize, Panorama Hotel, St. Helen's, TAS
2023 Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS
Geelong Acquisitive Print Award, Geelong Gallery, VIC
WAMA Art Prize, Ararat Art Gallery TAMA, Ararat, VIC
'somewhere here', Megalo Print Studio, Canberra, ACT
'Works on paper - print makers', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
'Nowhereprint', Derwent Valley Arts Centre, New Norfolk, TAS
'Paper: The Permanence of the Temporary', Justin Art House Museum, Melbourne
2022 'Celebrating Tasmanian Printmakers', Handmark Gallery, TAS
'From Here II', Poimena Gallery, Launceston, TAS
'Distanced - nowhereprint, IMPACT 12', Centre for Print Research, Bristol, UK

- 2021 'Tidal.22', Devonport Regional Gallery, paranaple centre, Devonport, TAS
 'The Natural World', Australian Print Workshop Gallery, Melbourne
 'Intaglio Online Exhibition', Megalo Art Studio, Canberra
 Peebles Print Prize, Queenscliff Gallery, Queenscliff, VIC
 Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS
 Bay of Fires Art Prize, Panorama Hotel, St Helens, TAS
 'From a Distance', May Space Gallery Online, Sydney
 'From Here', PressWEST, Unconformity Festival, Queenstown, TAS
- 2020 'Celebrating our landscape', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
 Glover Prize 2020, Falls Park Pavilion, Evandale, TAS
 Megalo International Print Prize, Megalo Gallery, Canberra
 'Tidalectics – Print Portfolio', Southern Graphics Council International Printmaking Conference, Puerto Rico, USA
 Women's Art Prize Tasmania, Maker's Space, Burnie, TAS
 Sunshine Coast Art Prize, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra, QLD
 Swan Hill Drawing and Print Award, Swan Hill Art Gallery, VIC
 'Intaglio Online Exhibition', Megalo Art Studio, Canberra
 Blacktown City Art Award, Blacktown, NSW
- 2019 'Tidal.20', Devonport Regional Gallery, paranaple centre, Devonport, TAS
 'Herself: Inspiring Artists from the Collection', QVMAG, Launceston, TAS
 'Manly Dam Project', Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney
 Hadley's Art Prize, Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart
 Glover Prize 2019, Falls Park Pavilion, Evandale, TAS
 Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS
 St Kevin's College Art Show 2019, Melbourne
- 2018 Australian Print Triennial Print Award, The Art Vault, Mildura, VIC
 'Collins Place Summer Salon', Suite 19, 45 Collins Street, Melbourne
 Wyndham Art Prize, Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee, VIC
 Swan Hill Print & Drawing Acquisitive Awards, Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, VIC
 'Inkmasters – 4th Biennial Print Exhibition', Tanks Art Centre, QLD
 Stanthorpe Art Prize, Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, QLD
 Bay of Fires Art Award 2018, Tidal Waters Resort, St Helens, TAS
 'Habitat', West Thebarton Gallery, Adelaide
 'Burnie Regional Art Gallery: 40 Years', Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS
 'Eventide', New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale, NSW
- 2017 City of Whyalla Art Prize, Middleback Arts Centre, Whyalla, SA
 Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS
 'Nature', Australian Print Workshop Gallery, Melbourne
 Wyndham Art Prize, Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee, VIC
 Bay of Fires Art Award 2017, Tidal Waters Resort, St Helens, TAS
 Gippsland Print Award 2017, Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, VIC
 Banyule Award for Works on Paper, Hatch Contemporary Arts Space, Melbourne
 'Works on paper', Handmark Gallery, Hobart & Evandale, TAS
 'Spring Feast', Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne
- 2016 'Scratching the Surface', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
 Scope Galleries Art Award 2016 – Art Concerning Environment, Warrnambool, VIC
 'Eventide', Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington, VIC
 'Landscape Show', Handmark Gallery, Evandale, TAS
 Swan Hill Print & Drawing Acquisitive Awards 2016, Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, VIC
 'Contemporary Paper', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
 'Lola Greeno and Friends', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
- 2015 'Proof: The best of contemporary printmaking', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
 Glover Prize 2015, Falls Park Pavilion, Evandale, TAS

- Rick Amor Print Prize, Montsalvat, VIC
 Mildura BMW Australian Print Triennial Prize, Mildura, VIC
 Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS
 Hutchins Art Prize, Long Gallery, Hobart
 'Parallel Prints AUST/NZ', Art Gallery of Ballarat, VIC
 Gippsland Print Award 2015, Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, VIC
 'Paper Contemporary', Sydney Art Fair, Carriageworks, Sydney
 'Northern Artists', Handmark Gallery, Evandale, TAS
 'Works on paper', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
- 2014
 Tidal: City of Devonport Art Award, Devonport Regional Art Gallery, TAS
 SCOPE Galleries Art Award - Art Concerning Environment, Warrnambool, VIC
 Bay of Fires Art Award, Tidal Waters Resort, St Helens, TAS
 Silkcute Award, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne
 Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra City Chambers Gallery, Sydney
 'Evolving Conversations', Ultimo Festival, University of Technology, Sydney
 'Works on Paper Art Fair', Science Museum, London, UK
 'Tasmanian Landscape', Academy Gallery, TCotA, Launceston, TAS
 'Prints 25', Print Council of Australia, Whitehorse Artspace, Melbourne
 'Kyoto Hanga International Print Exhibitio'n, Australia and Japan 2014, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum, Kyoto Municipal Museum, Fukuyama Art Museum, Japan
- 2013
 'Tasmania Today: An Island State', Academy Gallery, TCotA, Launceston, TAS
 CPM National Print Award, Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW
 'Think.Make.Change', Design Centre, Launceston, TAS
 Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS
 'Living Data: Art from Climate Science', The Muse Gallery, Ultimo TAFE, Sydney
 Muswellbrook Art Prize 2013, Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Muswellbrook, NSW
- 2012
 Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize, South Australian Museum, Adelaide
 Silkcute Award, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne
 'Living Data: Animating Change', The Muse Gallery, Ultimo TAFE, Sydney
 'Launceston NOW', New Gallery, University of Tasmania, TAS
 'Beautiful Soup', St Hellers Street Gallery, Abbotsford Convent, Melbourne
 Scope Galleries Art Award - Art Concerning Environment, Warrnambool, VIC
 Bay of Fires Art Prize, Parnella Gallery, St. Helens, TAS
 'New prints from Tasmania', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
- 2011
 Biennial International Print Show, Art at Wharepuke, Kerikeri, NZ
 Geelong Acquisitive Print Award, Geelong Gallery, Geelong, VIC
 16th International Print Biennial Varna 2011, Bulgaria
 Sunshine Coast Art Award, Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, QLD
 'Esk Collection 2001-11 Collecting Contemporary Australian Art', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
 CPM National Print Award, Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW
 Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS
 'Colour and Movement', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
 'The Delicate Art of Woodcut and Linocut printing', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne
 'Contemporary Australian Printmaking', James Makin Gallery, Melbourne
 'The things we denote to keep', Sawtooth ARI, Launceston, TAS
 'Think Tank – the visual diary', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
- 2010
 Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2010, Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, QLD
 Silkcute Award, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne
 Williamstown Festival Contemporary Art Prize, Williamstown, VIC
 'Something in the Water – Tasmanian Printmakers', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne

- 2009 'Works on Paper', Handmark Gallery, Evandale, TAS
 'Annual Tasmanian Print Show', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
 'Beyond the Chalkboard', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
 Silkcute Award, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne
 Banyule Works on Paper, Banyule Arts Space, Melbourne
 Poimena Art Award, Poimena Gallery, Launceston, TAS
 Burnie Print Prize, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS
 'Tasmania 1:100,000 - Mapping the Island, Ten Days on the Island', IXL Atrium, Hobart
- 2008 'Works on Paper', Handmark Gallery, Hobart
 Silkcute Award, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne
 'Crossfire—Print and Glass', Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, NSW
 Swan Hill Print and Drawing Awards, Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, VIC
 'Making your Mark', Rockhampton Regional Art Gallery, Rockhampton, QLD
 'On My Street', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
- 2007 'Printmaking in Tasmania', Handmark Gallery, Hobart, TAS
 Outback Art Prize, Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery, NSW
 Poimena Art Award, Poimena Gallery, Launceston, TAS
 Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2007, Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, QLD
 Geelong Acquisitive Print Award, Geelong Gallery, VIC
 14th International Print Biennial Varna 2007, Bulgaria
- 2006 'Marks & Motifs - Selected prints from the PCA Archive', Touring Regional Galleries in QLD, NSW and RMIT, Melbourne June 2006 – Jan 2008
 2nd International Print Exhibition, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2005 'Fifty trees of Launceston', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
 'Melissa Smith, Chris Jones, Andrew Blake', Adele Boag Gallery, Adelaide
 International Print Biennial 2005, Bulgaria
 'Rhapsody 21C', Tasmanian Contemporary Art, Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
 'Exhibitionists, CAST' Touring exhibition, TAS
 'Distant Noises', Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney
 'Surface Tension - 21 Contemporary Australian Printmakers', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
- 2004 Alice Art Prize, Araluen Centre for the Arts and Entertainment, Alice Springs, NT
 'Surface Tension - 21 Contemporary Australian Printmakers', Gallery 101, Melbourne
 'Surface Tension - 21 Contemporary Australian Printmakers', National Arts Club, New York
 29th Shell Fremantle Print Award Exhibition, Fremantle, WA
 Festival Art Awards 2004, Cowra Art Gallery, NSW
 Swan Hill Print and Drawing Awards, Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, VIC
- 2003 'Flying Carpet - 1000 Women and I Work', Geneva, Switzerland, Spain, Iceland
 'Distant Noises', RMIT Faculty Gallery, Melbourne
 'Piping Lane', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
 'Royal Launceston Show Art Award', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
 'Material Girl', Tasmanian Regional Arts Touring Exhibition Program
 'Travelling the Roundabout', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, North-West University Gallery, Burnie, TAS, Plimsoll Gallery, Hobart
- 2002 'Hats off to Rain Lover', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
 Silkcute Lino Print Award, Melbourne
 27th Shell Fremantle Print Award Exhibition, Fremantle, WA
 Albury Art Prize, Albury Regional Gallery, NSW
 'Roget's Circular', Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
 'Roget's Circular', Tasmanian Regional Arts 2002 Touring Exhibition Program

- 2001 'Material Girl', Tasmanian Regional Arts Touring Exhibition Program
 'Ars Electronica Cyber Arts', Austria
 'Quintessence', Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS
 'Fine Tasmanian Printmakers', Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS
 Hutchins Art Award, Hobart
 26th Shell Fremantle Print Award Exhibition, Fremantle, WA
 Tasmanian Art Award, Perth, TAS
 'Roget's Circular', Gallery 101, Melbourne
 Coverlet, Emerald Mill Gallery, Longford, TAS
 Tasmanian Icons, The Stables Gallery, Cleveland, TAS
 2000 'Review 2000 Exhibition', SQuaRE, Gallery 101, Melbourne
 'Images of Tasmania', Sidespace Gallery, Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart
 'Artists' Botanica', Discovery Centre, Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, Hobart
 Tasmanian Art Award, Perth, TAS
 'Five Relief Print Artists', Open Press Gallery, Denver, Colorado, USA
 'Group Show', The Stables Gallery, Cleveland, TAS
 'Feminine Expressions', Country Club Gallery, Launceston, TAS
 'Group Show', Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS
 1999 'Art Exhibition', Breakers Complex, Denver, Colorado, USA
 1998 Tasmanian Art Award, Perth, TAS
 'Flourishing Ecology, Tasmanian Printmakers', Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS
 1997 'Female Form - Tasmanian Female Print Show', Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS
 1996 'Plates & Plaques', Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS

AWARDS

- 2024 Winner, Women's Art Prize Tasmania, QVMAG, Devonport Regional Gallery, Moonah Arts Centre, TAS
 Winner, Bay of Fires Art Prize, Panorama Hotel, St. Helen's, TAS
 2022 Honourable Mention, Hadley's Art Prize, Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart
 2021 Winner, Inaugural WAMA Art Prize, Grampians, VIC
 2019 People's Choice Award, Pebbles Print Prize, Queenscliff Gallery Workshop, VIC
 2018 Highly Commended, TasArt 2018 Exhibition, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS
 2016 Winner, Mancell Financial Group Tas Art exhibition – City of Burnie Award, Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS
 2015 Highly Commended, Bay of Fires Art Award 2015, St Helens, TAS
 2012 Acquired, Fremantle Arts Centre Print Award, Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle, WA
 Commendation Award, Tasmanian Art Award, Perth, TAS
 2011 Acquired, Silkcut Award, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne, VIC
 2006 Winner, Tasmanian Art Award, Perth, TAS
 2004 Winner, Tasmanian Art Award, Perth, TAS
 2001 Acquired, Rena Ellen Jones Print Award, Warrnambool Art Gallery, VIC

COMMISSIONS

- 2024 Hush Foundation, Seeking Solace Album, Melbourne
 2023 Launceston Eye Doctors, Launceston, TAS
 2011 Print Council of Australia Commissioned Print
 Tasmanian Government Art Site Scheme, Holman Clinic, Launceston Hospital, TAS
 2010 Tasmanian Government Art Site Scheme, Albuera Street School, Hobart
 2005 Print Council of Australia Print Commission

1997 Patron Print, Snakepit Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS
1984 South Australian Institute of Teachers, Adelaide, SA

COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Australia, ACT
Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery, TAS
Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS
Devonport Regional Gallery, TAS
Tweed River Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC
Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, NSW
Warrnambool Art Gallery, VIC
Art Gallery of Ballarat, VIC
Federation University, Ballarat, VIC
Print Council of Australia
Silkcut Foundation Inc., VIC
University of NSW, NSW
University of Wollongong, NSW
Canson Australia Pty. Ltd., AUS
Charles Sturt University, NSW
City of Fremantle, WA
City of Whitehorse, Box Hill, VIC
Esk Collection, TAS
Eskleith Art Collection, TAS
Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW
John Curtin Gallery, Curtin University, WA
The Little Collection, Fremantle, WA
Malcolm Phillips - Corporate Collection, ACT Monash University, Melbourne
Justin Art House Museum (JAHM), VIC
Private collections (National and International)