

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

JOHN COBURN

Born 1925 in Ingham, North Queensland, Australia

- 1942 Joined the Royal Australian Navy
- 1947 Studied at the National Art School in Sydney
- 1953 Married fellow art student, Barbara Woodward
- 1957 Co-organised a landmark exhibition at the David Jones Gallery with Tom Gleghorn and Robert Dickerson
- 2006 Died on November 7th from a long-term illness

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2004 Solander Gallery, Canberra, 'Fifty Years of Printmaking by John Coburn'
- 1991 Grahame Galleries, Milton, QLD, 'Works on Paper'
- 1978 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Paintings, Drawings, Prints and a Tapestry'
- 1975 Stadia Graphics Gallery, Sydney, 'Screenprints Retrospective'
- 1973 Bonython Gallery, Sydney, 'Paintings and Tapestries'
- 1972 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'John Coburn: Tapestries, Paintings and Prints'
- 1971 Bonython Gallery, Sydney
- 1967 Von Bertouch Galleries, Newcastle, NSW
- 1963 Hungry Horse Gallery, Sydney
- 1958 Macquarie Galleries, Sydney

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries Celebrates 70 Years: 1956 – 2026 Group Exhibition'
- 2023 PG Gallery, Melbourne, 'Contemplating Australia: Collectable prints of the 20th century'
- 2022 Australian Print Workshop Gallery, Melbourne, 'Abstract, line & colour'
- 2012 Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD, 'Coburn to Whiteley: Master prints from the Fred Genis collection'
- 2011 British Museum, London, England, 'Out of Australia: Prints and drawings from Sidney Nolan to Rover Thomas'
- 2009 Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW, 'Spirit: Works from the Margaret Carnegie Print Collection'
- Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW, 'MONO uno: Australian Monotypes in the Charles Sturt University Art Collection'
- Peter Pinson Gallery, Sydney, 'Modern Colourists: John Coburn, Col Jordan, Chris Gentle, Graham Kuo, John Martin, Peter Travis'
- 2006-7 S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney; Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor, NSW; Tamworth Regional Gallery, Tamworth NSW, 'Sydney Prints: 45 Years of Sydney Printmakers'
- 2003 Kensington Gallery, Adelaide, 'Australian & International printmakers'
- 2002 Grahame Galleries, Milton, QLD, 'Figure / Form'

- 2000-01 Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga, NSW, 'The Australian print collection of Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery: Australian identities in printmaking'
- 1993 Solander Gallery, Canberra, 'Major Printers and Printmakers'
Editions Southbank Galleries, Melbourne, 'The Artist, the Printmaker: New Prints and Paintings'
- 1982 The Borough Galleries, Eaglehawk, VIC, 'Australian Graphic Art Second half of the Twentieth Century'
- 1975 Holdsworth Galleries, Sydney, 'Selected Graphics'
- 1974 Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth, 'From Woodcut to Serigraph'
Gallery Huntley, Canberra, 'Exhibition of Australian Graphics'
- 1963-64 Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide; Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney; Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle, NSW; Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth; Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane; Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart; Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS; National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 'Australian Print Survey' (travelling exhibition)
- 1962 Argus Gallery, Melbourne, 'Sydney Printmakers exhibition'
- 1960 David Jones' Art Gallery, Elizabeth Street, Sydney, 'Contemporary Art Society: First Australia-Wide Graphic Art Exhibition'

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2004 National Art School, Sydney, Honorary Doctorate
- 1977 Liverpool Powerhouse, Blake Prize for Religious Art, Winner
- 1991 James Cook University, Cairns, QLD, Honorary Doctorate
- 1980 Order of Australia (AM)
- 1960 Liverpool Powerhouse, Blake Prize for Religious Art, Winner

SELECTED COMMISSIONS

- 1999 Australian Post Christmas Stamp Series, 'Madonna and Child', 'Tree of Life', and 'The Christ Child'
- 1970 Kennedy Centre, Washington D.C, USA, 'The Seven Days of Creation'
- 1969 Sydney Opera House, Sydney, 'Curtain of the Sun' and 'Curtain of the Moon'

COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Australia
 Art Gallery of New South Wales
 National Gallery of Victoria
 Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art
 Art Gallery of Western Australia
 Vatican Museum, Rome
 Kennedy Centre, Washington D.C.
 Various private and university collections globally