

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

WAYNE EAGER

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1976-79 Fine Art (Painting), Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Field Notes'
2024 The Australian Club, Melbourne, 'A Collector's Survey: Wayne Eager'
2023 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Continuum'
2022 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Through the Decades'
Elgee Park, Merricks North, Melbourne, 'Wayne Eager – A Collector's Survey'
2021 Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, 'Bitumen and Dirt Survey Exhibition'
Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, 'Paper Trail'
2020 Charles Darwin University, Darwin, 'Bitumen and Dirt Survey Exhibition'
2017 Eastgate Gallery, Melbourne, 'Recent Paintings'
2015 The Residency, Alice Springs, 'From the Studio'
Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, 'Desert Works'
2014 Art Images Gallery, Adelaide, 'Wayne Eager'
2013 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
2011 Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne
2010 Eva Breuer Gallery, Sydney
2008 Chapman Gallery, Canberra
Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
2007 Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne
2006 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
2005 Raft Artspace, Alice Springs
2004 Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne
Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane
2003 Greenhill Galleries, Perth
2002 Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne
2001 Araluen Art Centre, Alice Springs
1995 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne
1994 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne
1992 Coventry Galleries, Sydney
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GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries Celebrates 70 Years: 1956 – 2026 Group Exhibition'
Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Abstract'
Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Autumnal'
2025 Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Darwin, 'From the Ground Up'
Water Through Reeds Gallery, Bungendore, NSW, 'Wayne Eager and Marina Strocchi'

- 2024 Water Through Reeds Gallery, Bungendore, NSW, 'Christmas Exhibition'
 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'A small selection of large paintings'
 Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, 'Ground Swell: Araluen at 40'
 Water Through Reeds Gallery, Bungendore, NSW, 'Wayne Eager and Marina Strocchi'
- 2022 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Abstraction & Bronze'
- 2021 Justin Art House Museum, Melbourne, 'Storylines + Songlines: Contemporary Australian Art from the Arthur & Suzie Roe Collection'
- 2017 The Residency, Alice Springs, 'Having a Voice'
- 2016 Charles Darwin University Art Gallery, Darwin, 'print@CDU: Printmaker's Perspective'
 Araluen, Alice Springs, '39th Alice Prize'
 Art Images, Adelaide, 'The Big Landscape'
 Eastgate Holst, Melbourne, 'Diversity'
 WWS Foundation Art Show, Mittagong, NSW, 'Eclectica'
 Eastgate Holst, Melbourne, 'Out of the stockroom'
- 2015 Alice Springs, 'Studio Five'
- 2014 Ross Park Fundraiser pop-up, 'Marina Strocchi and Wayne Eager'
- 2013 Metropolis Gallery, Geelong, VIC, 'Contemporary and Collectable'
 Geelong Gallery, Geelong VIC, 'Australian Printmakers'
 Martin Browne Gallery, Sydney, 'Homage to Roy Jackson'
 Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, 'Iggy, Marina, Neridah and Patsy'
 Fortyfivedownstairs, Melbourne, 'Uproar'
- 2012 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, 'Small Works'
 Art Images Gallery, Adelaide
- 2011 Armadale, Melbourne, 'Roar: 30th Anniversary Exhibition'
- 2010 Museum of Contemporary Aboriginal Art, Utrecht, The Netherlands, 'Breaking with Tradition: Cobra and Aboriginal Art'
 Alice Springs, 'The Alice Prize'
 Touring regionally and nationally: 'Northern Impressions'
 Charles Darwin University Art Collection, Darwin, 'In Print'
 Raft, Alice Springs, 'Stockroom Show'
 Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, 'Tactile'
- 2009 Deutscher and Hackett, Charity, Melbourne, 'For Pete's Sake'
 Charles Darwin University, Darwin, 'Prelude'
- 2008 Charles Darwin University, Darwin, 'The Other Thing – A Survey Show',
 Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, 'Big Country'
 Araluen Arts Centre, Alice Springs, 'Eyes on the Centre'
- 2007 A P Bond Art Dealer, Adelaide, 'Alice 5'
 Charles Darwin University, Darwin, 'Marina Strocchi and Wayne Eager'
 Greenhill Galleries, Perth, 'Squared'
 Michael Reid, Sydney, 'Marina Strocchi and Wayne Eager, Etchings'
 Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, 'Big Country'
- 2006 Counihan Gallery, Melbourne, 'Art for Peace'
 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, 'The Sound of the Sky'
 Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, 'Big Country'
 Plimsoll Gallery, Hobart, 'The Artist, the Community and the Land'
 Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne, '2 x 1 Group Show'
 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, 'Christmas Show'
- 2005 Peter Walker, Adelaide, 'Group Show'
 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, '10 Year Exhibition'
 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, 'Christmas Show'
 Raft Artspace, Alice Springs, 'End of Year Show'
- 2004 Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne, 'Floranova'
 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, 'Christmas Show'
- 2003 Nellie Castan Gallery, Melbourne, 'Red Spot Special'

- 2002 Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, 'Christmas Show'
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, 'Windows on Australian Art'
- 2001 Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs, 'Two Painters'
Jan Murphy Gallery, Brisbane, 'Christmas Show'
Metro 5 Gallery, Melbourne, 'Roar Again'
Watch This Space, Alice Springs, 'Four Person Show'
- 1999 Alice Springs, 'The Alice Prize'
- 1988 Alice Springs, 'Northern Territory Art Award'
- 1997 Coventry Galleries, Sydney, 'The Melbourne Group 12 Years On'
Alice Springs, 'The Alice Prize'
- 1996 Coventry Gallery, Sydney, 'Diary Show'
Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, 'Contemporary Territory 1996'
Alice Springs, 'The Alice Prize'
- 1995 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin, 'A Territory Picture Show'
Alice Springs, 'NT Art Award'
Alice Springs, 'The Alice Prize'
- 1994 Campbelltown City Art Gallery, NSW, 'Coventry Collection: Works on Paper'
Alice Springs, 'NT Art Award'
Alice Springs, 'The Alice Prize'
- 1993 Campbelltown City Art Gallery, NSW, 'Coventry Collection'
Alice Springs, 'NT Art Award'
- 1992 Heide Art Gallery, Benalla, Ballarat, Shepparton, 'Roar Touring'
Linden Gallery, Melbourne, 'Ten Square Works for Wilderness'
- 1991 William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, 'Works on Paper Show'
Coventry Gallery, Sydney, 'New Art Five - Book Launch'
Gallery 2, Launceston, 'Seven Roar Artists 10 Years on'
William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, 'Nine Roar Artists Now'
- 1990 Linden Gallery, Melbourne, 'Greenpeace'
Coventry Gallery, Sydney, 'A Young Collector's exhibition'
- 1989 Linden Gallery, Melbourne, '9 x 5 Wilderness Exhibition'
William Mora Galleries, Melbourne, 'Preview 1990'
- 1988 Robb Street Art Gallery, Bairnsdale, VIC, 'Group Show'
Coventry Galleries, Sydney, 'Work from the Studio'
Figaro Café, Melbourne, 'Three Person Show'
Coventry Galleries, Sydney, 'Black and White Show'
- 1987 Coventry Galleries, Sydney, 'Colour 2'
Rhumbarella's, Melbourne, 'Group Show'
- 1986 Coventry Galleries, Sydney, 'Colour 1'
Rhumbarella's, Melbourne, 'Tea Chest Show'
- 1985 Coventry Galleries, Sydney, 'Melbourne Group Show'
Realities Gallery, Melbourne, 'Raw Realities'
- 1984 Roar Studios, Melbourne, 'Group Show'
Cockatoo Gallery, Launceston, 'Four Melbourne Painters'
Chameleon Gallery, Hobart, 'Melbourne Painters Show'
- 1983 Roar Studios, Melbourne, 'Almost Christmas'
- 1982 Roar Studios, Melbourne, 'Roar Opening Show'
Roar Studios, Melbourne, 'Five Artists'

COMMISSIONS

- 2022 NT Writers Festival artist
- 1986 Mural, Cleopatra's Restaurant, Fitzroy Street, St Kilda

Mural, Australian National Gallery, Canberra (Phillip Morris Arts Grant)

COLLECTIONS

Artbank
Araluen Art Centre, Araluen
The Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat
Charles Darwin University, Darwin
Coventry Collection
Crown Casino, Melbourne
Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
Myer Roar Collection
Museum & Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle
Shepparton Art Gallery, Shepparton
Smorgon Collection, Melbourne
Private Collections (national and international)

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