

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

WILLIAM ROBINSON

Born 1936, Brisbane, Australia

1954	Studied Queensland College of Teachers, Brisbane
1955-56	Studied Central Technical College, Brisbane (now part of Queensland University of Technology)
1957	Began teaching geometrical drawing, perspective, freehand drawing and colour study at Central Technical College, Brisbane
1958	Married Shirley Rees, lived at Gaythorne, Brisbane
1963-69	Moved to Coorparoo, Brisbane. Teaching at Kedron Park Teaching College, Brisbane
1970-75	Moved to Birkdale, near Brisbane. Teaching at Kelvin Grove Teachers' College, Brisbane
1975	Moved to Toowoomba. Teaching at Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education, Toowoomba, QLD
1976-82	Moved back to Birkdale. Teaching at North Brisbane College of Advanced Education, Brisbane
1982-89	Moved to Beechmont. Teaching at Brisbane College of Advanced Education, Kelvin Grove Campus, Brisbane
1989	Became a full time painter
1990	Travelled to Europe visiting galleries in Athens, London, Venice, Paris, Milan and Rome
1994	Moved to Kingscliff and the same year acquired the Springbrook studio. Travelled extensively in Europe
1996	Made lithographs in Paris with Franck Bordas. Visited Belgium and The Netherlands
1998	Made lithographs in Paris. Visited St. Petersburg and Greece
2000	Made lithographs in Paris at Studio Franck Bordas'. Travelled in Italy
2004	Made lithographs in Paris at Studio Franck Bordas'. Visited Scandinavia
2006	Made lithographs in Paris at Studio Franck Bordas'. Visited Italy

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026	Philip Bacon Gallery, Brisbane
2024	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Cows: Two paintings, a selection of drawings, lithographs and etchings 1979-2018'
2023-24	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'The Painter and the Printmaker'
2023	Philip Bacon Gallery, Brisbane, 'Moreton Bay'
2022	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'Love in Life & Art'
2021	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'William Robinson: Nocturn'
2021	Home of the Arts, Gold Coast, QLD, 'Lyrical Landscapes: The Art of William Robinson'
2019	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'Elixir of light'
2018	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'Nature Imagined'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Painted from my life'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Three bronze sculptures and extensive selection of lithographs and etchings made over 20 years in Australia and France'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Painted from my life'

	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'Five paintings from the personal collection of William and Shirley Robinson'
2017-18	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University Technology, Brisbane; travelling to Embassy of Australia, Washington DC; Embassy of Australia, Paris; Hamilton Gallery, VIC; S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Genesis'
	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'Eternal Present: The Still Life Paintings of William Robinson', curated by John McDonald
2017	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'Still lives and interiors'
2016	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'The artist's garden, house and memories'
2015	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'Inspirations'
2014	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'Infinite sphere'
	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'Paintings and pastels'
2013	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'The farmyards'
2012	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'Still life and landscape paintings 2010 – 2012'
	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'Insights'
2011	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'William Robinson: The transfigured landscape'
	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
2010	William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'Hinterland: The rainforest works of William Robinson'
	Phillip Bacon Heritage Gallery, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane, 'Ekka series 1-20'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'Twenty ink drawings, Eight paintings, One sculpture, New works 2009'
2009	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'Paintings 2009'
2007	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'Paintings and Lithographs 2000 – 2007'
	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'The French Lithographs'
2006	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'Paintings and Pastels 2006'
2005	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'Landscapes'
2004	Queensland University of Technology Art Museum, Brisbane travelling to Cairns Regional Art Gallery; Campbelltown City Bicentennial Art Gallery, Sydney; Gold Coast City Art Gallery, QLD; New England Regional Art Museum, NSW; Stonington Stables Museum of Art, Melbourne, Deakin University, Melbourne; Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, QLD; Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery, NSW, 'Place & Memory: The Graphic Work of William Robinson'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'Self portraits 2004'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne Art Fair, Melbourne, 'Self Portraits 2004' (Stand 17A)
	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'Self portraits 2004'
	University of South Australia Art Museum, Adelaide, 'William Robinson: The Revelation of Landscape'
2003	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'Paintings and pastels'
	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney; Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington, VIC, 'William Robinson: The Revelation of Landscape'
2002	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'Recent Paintings'
2001	Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane; National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, 'Darkness and Light – The Art of William Robinson'
	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'Pastels, watercolours and prints'
1998	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
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1992	Darren Knight Gallery, Melbourne
1991	Ray Hughes Gallery, International Print Fair, Sydney, 'Creation Landscape: Water and Land'
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
	Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, 'Selected Works from the University Art Collection'
1989	Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education, Brisbane
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
1988	Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
1986	Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
1985	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
1984	Reconnaissance Gallery, Melbourne, 'Ray Hughes Gallery at Reconnaissance'
1982	Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
1981	New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale, NSW, 'Farm Images'
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1975	Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education, Brisbane
1974	Leveson Street Gallery, Melbourne
1971	Leveson Street Gallery, Melbourne
1969	Design Arts Centre, Brisbane
1967	Design Arts Centre, Brisbane

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries Celebrates 70 Years: 1956 – 2026 Group Exhibition'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Black and White: Etchings, Lithographs and Linocuts'
2025	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'William Robinson and John Honeywill'
	Griffith University Art Museum, Brisbane, 'Collecting the Future: 50 Years of the Griffith University Art Collection'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Life on the Farm'
	Mudgee Arts Precinct, NSW, 'Udder Bliss: Life on the Farm'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Summer Show'
2020	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Off the Wall'
2019	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries: The Purves Family Business. The First Four Decades', Book Launch and Group Exhibition
	Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin, NT, 'Between the Moon and the Stars'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'papermade'
2017	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Sculpture: medium and small – Mixed Sculptors'
2016	TarraWarra Museum of Art, Tarrawarra, VIC, 'Panorama: Part Two'
2015	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'An exhibition of paintings, sculpture & works on paper'
2014	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'one of each'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australia Day 2014 Celebratory Exhibition'
2013	Royal Academy of Arts, London, 'Australia'
	Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW, 'Australian Galleries exhibition'
	Gallows Gallery, Perth, 'Australian Galleries at Gallows Gallery'
2012-13	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Summer Stock Show'
2011	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'large exhibition of small works'
2010	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Summer show'

	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Summer stock show'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Artists' Prints made with Integrity I'
2009-10	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Summer Stock Show'
2009	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'A Sculpture by...'
2008	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Stock Show'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Summer Stock Show'
	Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW, 'Wish You Were Here'
2007	Australian Galleries, Sydney and Melbourne, 'Summer Stock Show'
	National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, 'The story of Australian printmaking 1801 – 2005'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Small Pleasures'
2006	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Stock Show'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Summer Stock Show'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, '50 th Anniversary Exhibition'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Fine Australian Prints and Drawings'
2005	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'End of Year Group Exhibition'
	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Personage the figure on paper'
2004	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'In the presence of all creatures great and small'
2000	Musée de Picardie, Amiens, France, 'Bonheurs des Antipodes'
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Drawing Exhibition'
1999	Ipswich Art Gallery, Ipswich, QLD, 'Global Links'
1998	Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra, 'The Australian Drawing Biennale'
1997	Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney, 'Spirit and Place: Art in Australia 1961-1996'
1996	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynne Prize (Winner)
1995	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize (Winner)
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Figures from life'
1994	University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane, 'Insights'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
1993	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane, 'The Big Brisbane Pictures'
1992	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney; Dubbo Regional Gallery, NSW; Lake Macquarie City Gallery, NSW; Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW, 'Animals on Paper'
1991-92	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, John McCaughey Memorial Prize (Winner)
1991	S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney, 'Green Art: Contemporary Australian Images of the Bush'
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Thinking allowed'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
1990	Galleria San Vidal, Italy; Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane; Benalla Art Gallery, VIC; Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Twenty Australian Artists'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynne Prize (Winner)
1989	Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane; Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 'Jack Manton Exhibition'
	Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, 'Beneath the Surface: selected works from the ARCO coal collection'
	Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney, 'Delineations'
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'They're Still Thinking Aloud'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
1988	Galleria San Vidal, Venice, Italy organized on behalf of Richard Ellis Worldwide to coincide with the Biennale of Venice, Italy, 'Seventeen Australian Artists'
	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynne Prize
	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Artists for Another Biennale'

	Heide Park and Art Gallery, Melbourne, 'A Horse Show (The Horse in Contemporary Australian Art)'
1987	Heide Park and Art Gallery, Melbourne, 'Another Summer: The Australian Landscape 1942-87' Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, 'Painters and Sculptors: Diversity in Australian Contemporary Art' Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane, 'Recent works' Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane, 'Contemporary Art in Australia – A Review' Ipswich City Council Art Gallery, Ipswich, QLD, Aberdare Prize for Landscape Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education, Toowoomba, QLD, 'Seven Queensland Artists' Centre for Arts Gallery, Hobart, 'The ID Show' Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, 'ANZ Bicentennial Commissions' Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize (Winner) Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynne Prize Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, VIC; Perc Tucker Regional Art Gallery, QLD; New England Regional Art Museum, NSW; Newcastle Region Art Gallery, NSW; Warrnambool Art Gallery, VIC, 'The Face of Australia: The Land, The Present', presented by the Bicentennial Authority of Australia Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, The Sixth Biennale of Sydney, 'Origins, Originality and Beyond'
1986	Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Thinking Aloud'
1985	Ray Hughes Gallery at Neiman Marcus, Dallas, Texas USA, 'Australian Fortnight' University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane, 'Queensland Works 1950-85' Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'The First Exhibition' Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney, 'Sorry – I'm Thinking Aloud' Ipswich City Art Gallery, Ipswich, QLD, Aberdare Art Prize (Winner)
1984	Reconnaissance Gallery, Melbourne, 'Ray Hughes Gallery at Reconnaissance'
1983	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 'Australian Perspectives '83' University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane, 'Acquisitions 1973-83' Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize
1982	Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane, 'Big Drawings'
1981	Perc Tucker Regional Art Gallery, Townsville, QLD, 'Nine Queensland artists' Contemporary Art Society, Adelaide, 'The Queensland Connection' Pinacotheca Gallery, Melbourne, 'Ray Hughes Gallery at Pinacotheca'
1980	Contemporary Art Society, Adelaide
1979	Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, 'Trustees' Purchase Exhibition'

AWARDS

2009	Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Chancellor's Outstanding Alumnus Award
2007	Queen's Birthday Honours, Australia, Officer of the Order (AO)
2005	Griffith University, Brisbane, Honorary Doctorate
2002	University of South Queensland, Toowoomba, QLD, Honorary Doctorate
1998	Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Honorary Doctorate
1996	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynne Prize (Winner)
1995	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize (Winner)
1991-92	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, John McCaughey Memorial Prize (Winner)
1990	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Wynne Prize (Winner)
1987	Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, Archibald Prize (Winner)
1985	Ipswich City Art Gallery, Ipswich, QLD, Aberdare Art Prize (Winner)

1970 David Jones Painting Prize, Australia
1956 Central Technical College, Brisbane, Godfrey Rivers Memorial Medal

COLLECTIONS

ANZ Bank, Australia
Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat, VIC
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
Artbank, Sydney
Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Australian Print Workshop Archive, Melbourne
Benalla Art Gallery, Benalla, VIC
Bendigo Art Gallery, Bendigo, VIC
Brisbane Grammar School, Brisbane
Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS
Cairns Regional Art Gallery, Cairns, QLD
Campbelltown City Bicentennial Art Gallery, Sydney
First Chicago National Bank, Chicago, USA
Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Surfers Paradise, QLD
Griffith University, Brisbane
IBM, Australia
Ipswich City Art Gallery, Ipswich, QLD
JP Morgan Chase, Australia
Macquarie Bank, Australia
Melbourne State College, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, USA
Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle, NSW
New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale, NSW
Parliament House, Canberra
Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
Queensland University Art Museum, Brisbane
Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
Redcliffe City Art Gallery, Redcliffe, QLD
Rockhampton Art Gallery, Rockhampton, QLD
Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, Stanthorpe, QLD
State Library of Queensland, Brisbane
Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Toowoomba, QLD
Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW
UC Art Collection, University of Canberra, Canberra
University of New South Wales, Sydney
University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
University of Tasmania Fine Art Collection, Hobart
Vatican Museums, Vatican City, Italy
Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, NSW
Waikato Art Museum, Hamilton, New Zealand

