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AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'On Silver Plains'
2024	Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'The Silence that Follows'
2023	Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS 'Tracing a Line'
2022	Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'Without a Sound'
2021	Devonport Regional Art Gallery Solo Commission 2021, TAS, 'Without a Sound'
	Queenscliff Gallery, Queenscliff, VIC, 'Melissa Smith'
	The Gallows Gallery, Launceston College, TAS, 'From there to here - 25 years'
2020	Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'Beyond Thoughts'
2018	Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'The Blue of Distance', Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, 'The Blue of Distance'
2015	Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'Between Islands' Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, 'Between Islands'
2014	Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, 'Touching Ground' Art Vault, Mildura, VIC, 'Touching Ground'
2013	Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'Touching Ground' The Little Gallery, Devonport Regional Gallery, Devonport, TAS, 'Dissolve II'
2012	Sawtooth ARI, Launceston, TAS, 'Dissolve'
2011	Handmark Gallery, Hobart, TAS, 'Shifting State'
2010	Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, 'Collective Traces (Selected Works 2004 - 2009)' I46 Artspace, Arts Tasmania, Hobart, 'Collective Traces (Selected Works 2004 - 2009)'
2009	Handmark Gallery, Hobart, TAS, 'Trace Elements'
2002	Main Street Gallery, Hahndorf, SA, 'Melissa Smith - Works on Paper'
1996	Snakepit Art Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Abintra'

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries Celebrates 70 Years: 1956 – 2026 Group Exhibition'
2025	Wonderground Gallery, Seppeltsfield, SA, 'The Printmaker's Mark: A Different Realm'
	Poimena Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Proof: North'
	School House Gallery, Rosny Park, TAS, 'Proof: South'
	Panorama Hotel, St. Helen's, TAS, 'Bay of Fires Art Prize 2025'
	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Assemblage – Group Exhibition'
	Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, VIC, 'The Ecologies Project'
	Art at Wharepuke, New Zealand, 'Here to there'
	Southern Graphics Council International Printmaking Conference, Puerto Rico, USA, 'Tidalectics – Print Portfolio'
	Sea Islands Gallery, University of South Carolina – Beaufort, United States, USA, 'Tidalectics – Print Portfolio'

2024	Queenscliff Gallery, Queenscliff, VIC, 'In Essence - Paula Jenkins / Melissa Smith / Clayton Tremlett' PCA Gallery, Melbourne, 'Latitude' Australian Print Workshop Gallery, Melbourne, 'Collaborative Print Project' Panorama Hotel, St. Helen's, TAS, 'Bay of Fires Art Prize' (winner) Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Assemblage' QVMAG, Launceston, TAS, 'Women's Art Prize Tasmania 2024' (winner) Devonport Regional Gallery, TAS, 'tidal.24: City of Devonport Tasmanian Art Award' Handmark Gallery, Hobart, TAS, 'Works on paper' Handmark Gallery, Hobart, TAS 'Celebrating National Tree Day' Australian Galleries - Melbourne, VIC 'Winter Escape' Ulsan Culture and Arts Center, South Korea, '12th Ulsan International Woodcut Print Festival'
2023	Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS, 'Burnie Print Prize' Geelong Gallery, VIC, 'Geelong Acquisitive Print Award' Ararat Art Gallery TAMA, Ararat, VIC, 'WAMA Art Prize' Megalo Print Studio, Canberra, ACT, 'somewhere here' Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'Works on paper - print makers' Derwent Valley Arts Centre, New Norfolk, TAS, 'Nowhereprint' Justin Art House Museum, Melbourne, 'Paper: The Permanence of the Temporary'
2022	Handmark Gallery, TAS, 'Celebrating Tasmanian Printmakers' Poimena Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'From Here II' Centre for Print Research, Bristol, UK, 'Distanced - nowhereprint, IMPACT 12' Devonport Regional Gallery, paranaple centre, Devonport, TAS, 'Tidal.22'
2021	Australian Print Workshop Gallery, Melbourne, 'The Natural World' Megalo Art Studio, Canberra, 'Intaglio Online Exhibition' Queenscliff Gallery, Queenscliff, VIC, 'Peebles Print Prize' Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS, 'Burnie Print Prize' Panorama Hotel, St Helens, TAS, 'Bay of Fires Art Prize' May Space Gallery Online, Sydney, 'From a Distance' PressWEST, Unconformity Festival, Queenstown, TAS, 'From Here' Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'Celebrating our landscape'
2020	Falls Park Pavilion, Evandale, TAS, 'Glover Prize 2020' Megalo Gallery, Canberra, Megalo International Print Prize Southern Graphics Council International Printmaking Conference, Puerto Rico, USA, 'Tidalectics – Print Portfolio' Maker's Space, Burnie, TAS, 'Women's Art Prize Tasmania' Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra, QLD, 'Sunshine Coast Art Prize' Swan Hill Art Gallery, VIC, 'Swan Hill Drawing and Print Award' Megalo Art Studio, Canberra, 'Intaglio Online Exhibition' Blacktown, NSW, 'Blacktown City Art Award' Devonport Regional Gallery, paranaple centre, Devonport, TAS, 'Tidal.20' QVMAG, Launceston, TAS, 'Herself: Inspiring Artists from the Collection'
2019	Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney, Manly Dam Project' Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart, 'Hadley's Art Prize' Falls Park Pavilion, Evandale, TAS, 'Glover Prize 2019' Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS, 'Burnie Print Prize' St Kevin's College Art Show 2019, Melbourne
2018	The Art Vault, Mildura, VIC, 'Australian Print Triennial Print Award' Suite 19, 45 Collins Street, Melbourne, Collins Place Summer Salon' Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee, VIC, Wyndham Art Prize' Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, VIC, Swan Hill Print & Drawing Acquisitive Awards' Tanks Art Centre, QLD, 'Inkmasters – 4th Biennial Print Exhibition'

	Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, QLD, Stanthorpe Art Prize' Tidal Waters Resort, St Helens, TAS, 'Bay of Fires Art Award 2018' West Thebarton Gallery, Adelaide, Habitat' Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS, Burnie Regional Art Gallery: 40 Years' New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale, NSW, Eventide'
2017	Middleback Arts Centre, Whyalla, SA, City of Whyalla Art Prize' Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS, 'Burnie Print Prize' Australian Print Workshop Gallery, Melbourne, 'Nature' Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee, VIC, Wyndham Art Prize' Tidal Waters Resort, St Helens, TAS, 'Bay of Fires Art Award 2017' Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, VIC, Gippsland Print Award 2017' Hatch Contemporary Arts Space, Melbourne, Banyule Award for Works on Paper' Handmark Gallery, Hobart & Evandale, TAS, Works on paper'
2016	Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne, 'Spring Feast' Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, Scratching the Surface' Warrnambool, VIC, 'Scope Galleries Art Award 2016 – Art Concerning Environment' Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington, VIC 'Eventide' Handmark Gallery, Evandale, TAS, 'Landscape Show' Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, VIC, 'Swan Hill Print & Drawing Acquisitive Awards 2016'
2015	Port Jackson Press, Melbourne 'Contemporary Paper' Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'Lola Greeno and Friends' Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, 'Proof: The best of contemporary printmaking' Falls Park Pavilion, Evandale, TAS, Glover Prize 2015' Montsalvat, VIC, 'Rick Amor Print Prize' Mildura, VIC, 'Mildura BMW Australian Print Triennial Prize' Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS, 'Burnie Print Prize' Long Gallery, Hobart, 'Hutchins Art Prize' Art Gallery of Ballarat, VIC, 'Parallel Prints AUST/NZ' Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, VIC, 'Gippsland Print Award 2015' Sydney Art Fair, Carriageworks, Sydney, 'Paper Contemporary' Handmark Gallery, Evandale, TAS, 'Northern Artists' Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'Works on paper'
2014	Devonport Regional Art Gallery, TAS, Tidal: City of Devonport Art Award' Warrnambool, VIC, SCOPE Galleries Art Award - Art Concerning Environment' Tidal Waters Resort, St Helens, TAS, 'Bay of Fires Art Award' Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne, Silkcute Award' Woollahra City Chambers Gallery, Sydney, Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize' Ultimo Festival, University of Technology, Sydney, Evolving Conversations' Science Museum, London, UK, Works on Paper Art Fair' Academy Gallery, TCotA, Launceston, TAS, Tasmanian Landscape' Print Council of Australia, Whitehorse Artspace, Melbourne, 'Prints 25' Australia and Japan 2014, Tokyo Metropolitan Museum, Kyoto Municipal Museum, Fukuyama Art Museum, Japan, 'Kyoto Hanga International Print Exhibition'
2013	Academy Gallery, TCotA, Launceston, TAS, Tasmania Today: An Island State' Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW, CPM National Print Award' Design Centre, Launceston, TAS, Think.Make.Change' Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS, 'Burnie Print Prize' The Muse Gallery, Ultimo TAFE, Sydney, Living Data: Art from Climate Science' Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, Muswellbrook, NSW, Muswellbrook Art Prize 2013'
2012	South Australian Museum, Adelaide, 'Waterhouse Natural History Art Prize' Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne, 'Silkcute Award'

- The Muse Gallery, Ultimo TAFE, Sydney, 'Living Data: Animating Change'
- New Gallery, University of Tasmania, TAS, 'Launceston NOW'
- St Hellers Street Gallery, Abbotsford Convent, Melbourne, 'Beautiful Soup'
- Warrnambool, VIC, 'Scope Galleries Art Award - Art Concerning Environment'
- Parnella Gallery, St. Helens, TAS, 'Bay of Fires Art Prize'
- Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, 'New prints from Tasmania'
- 2011 Art at Wharepuke, Kerikeri, NZ, 'Biennial International Print Show'
- Geelong Gallery, Geelong, VIC, 'Geelong Acquisitive Print Award'
- Bulgaria, '16th International Print Biennial Varna 2011'
- Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, QLD, 'Sunshine Coast Art Award'
- Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, 'Esk Collection 2001-11 Collecting Contemporary Australian Art'
- Tweed River Art Gallery, Murwillumbah, NSW, 'CPM National Print Award'
- Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS, 'Burnie Print Prize'
- Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, 'Colour and Movement'
- Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, 'The Delicate Art of Woodcut and Linocut printing'
- James Makin Gallery, Melbourne, 'Contemporary Australian Printmaking'
- Sawtooth ARI, Launceston, TAS, 'The things we denote to keep'
- Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, 'Think Tank – the visual diary'
- 2010 Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, QLD, 'Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2010'
- Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne, 'Silkcut Award'
- Williamstown, VIC, 'Williamstown Festival Contemporary Art Prize'
- Port Jackson Press, Melbourne, 'Something in the Water – Tasmanian Printmakers'
- Handmark Gallery, Evandale, TAS, 'Works on Paper'
- Handmark Gallery, Hobart, 'Annual Tasmanian Print Show'
- Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, 'Beyond the Chalkboard'
- 2009 Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne, 'Silkcut Award'
- Banyule Arts Space, Melbourne, 'Banyule Works on Paper'
- Poimena Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Poimena Art Award'
- Burnie Regional Art Gallery, TAS, 'Burnie Print Prize'
- IXL Atrium, Hobart, Tasmania 1:100,000 - Mapping the Island, Ten Days on the Island'
- Handmark Gallery, Hobart, Works on Paper'
- 2008 Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne, Silkcut Award'
- Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, NSW, 'Crossfire-Print and Glass'
- Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, VIC, Swan Hill Print and Drawing Awards'
- Rockhampton Regional Art Gallery, Rockhampton, QLD, Making your Mark'
- Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, On My Street'
- 2007 Handmark Gallery, Hobart, TAS Outback Art Prize, Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery, NSW, Printmaking in Tasmania'
- Poimena Gallery, Launceston, TAS, Poimena Art Award'
- Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, QLD, 'Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2007'
- Geelong Gallery, VIC, Geelong Acquisitive Print Award'
- Bulgaria, '14th International Print Biennial Varna 2007'
- 2006 Touring Regional Galleries in QLD, NSW and RMIT, Melbourne June 2006 – Jan 2008, 'Marks & Motifs - Selected prints from the PCA Archive'
- Istanbul, Turkey, '2nd International Print Exhibition'
- Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, Fifty trees of Launceston'
- 2005 , Adele Boag Gallery, Adelaide, Melissa Smith, Chris Jones, Andrew Blake'
- Bulgaria, 'International Print Biennial 2005'
- Tasmanian Contemporary Art, Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, 'Rhapsody 21C'
- Touring exhibition, TAS, 'Exhibitionists, CAST'

	Manly Art Gallery and Museum, Sydney, 'Distant Noises'
	Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, 'Surface Tension - 21 Contemporary Australian Printmakers'
2004	Araluen Centre for the Arts and Entertainment, Alice Springs, NT, Alice Art Prize'
	Gallery 101, Melbourne, 'Surface Tension - 21 Contemporary Australian Printmakers'
	National Arts Club, New York, 'Surface Tension - 21 Contemporary Australian Printmakers'
	Fremantle, WA, '29th Shell Fremantle Print Award Exhibition'
	Cowra Art Gallery, NSW, 'Festival Art Awards 2004'
	Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery, VIC, 'Swan Hill Print and Drawing Awards'
2003	Geneva, Switzerland, Spain, Iceland, 'Flying Carpet - 1000 Women and I Work'
	RMIT Faculty Gallery, Melbourne, 'Distant Noises'
	Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, 'Piping Lane'
	Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, 'Royal Launceston Show Art Award'
	Tasmanian Regional Arts Touring Exhibition Program, 'Material Girl'
	Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, North-West University Gallery, Burnie, TAS, Plimsoll Gallery, Hobart, 'Travelling the Roundabout'
2002	Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS
	Silkcut Lino Print Award, Melbourne, 'Hats off to Rain Lover'
	Fremantle, WA, '27th Shell Fremantle Print Award Exhibition'
	Albury Regional Gallery, NSW, 'Albury Art Prize'
	Academy Gallery, University of Tasmania, Launceston, TAS, 'Roget's Circular'
	Tasmanian Regional Arts 2002 Touring Exhibition Program, 'Roget's Circular'
	Tasmanian Regional Arts Touring Exhibition Program, 'Material Girl'
2001	Austria, 'Ars Electronica Cyber Arts'
	Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Quintessence'
	Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Fine Tasmanian Printmakers'
	Hobart, Hutchins Art Award
	Fremantle, WA, '26th Shell Fremantle Print Award Exhibition'
	Perth, TAS, 'Tasmanian Art Award'
	Gallery 101, Melbourne, 'Roget's Circular'
	Emerald Mill Gallery, Longford, TAS, 'Coverlet'
	The Stables Gallery, Cleveland, TAS, 'Tasmanian Icons'
2000	SQUaRE, Gallery 101, Melbourne, 'Review 2000 Exhibition'
	Sidespace Gallery, Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart, 'Images of Tasmania'
	Discovery Centre, Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens, Hobart
	Tasmanian Art Award, Perth, TAS, 'Artists' Botanica'
	Open Press Gallery, Denver, Colorado, USA, 'Five Relief Print Artists'
	The Stables Gallery, Cleveland, TAS, 'Group Show'
	Country Club Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Feminine Expressions'
	Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Group Show'
1999	Breakers Complex, Denver, Colorado, USA, 'Art Exhibition'
1998	Perth, TAS, Tasmanian Art Award
	Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Flourishing Ecology, Tasmanian Printmakers'
1997	Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Female Form - Tasmanian Female Print Show'
1996	Nisart Gallery, Launceston, TAS, 'Plates & Plaques'

AWARDS

2026	Art Gallery of Swan Hill, Swan Hill, VIC, Swan Hill National Print & Drawing Acquisitive Awards, Finalist
2025	National Centre for Environmental Art, VIC, WAMMA Art Prize, Finalist
2024	Devonport Regional Gallery, Moonah Arts Centre, TAS, Women's Art Prize Tasmania, QVMAG, Winner
	Panorama Hotel, St. Helen's, TAS, Bay of Fires Art Prize, Winner
2022	Hadley's Orient Hotel, Hobart, Hadley's Art Prize, Honourable Mention
2021	Grampians, VIC, Inaugural WAMA Art Prize, Winner
2019	Queenscliff Gallery Workshop, VIC, Peebles Print Prize, People's Choice Award
2018	Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS, TasArt 2018 Exhibition, Highly Commended
2016	Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, TAS, Mancell Financial Group Tas Art exhibition – City of Burnie Award, Winner
2015	St Helens, TAS, Bay of Fires Art Award 2015, Highly Commended
2012	Fremantle Arts Centre, Fremantle, WA, Fremantle Arts Centre Print Award, Acquired
	Perth, TAS, Tasmanian Art Award, Commendation Award
2011	Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne, VIC, Silkcut Award, Acquired
2006	Perth, TAS, Tasmanian Art Award, Winner
2004	Perth, TAS, Tasmanian Art Award, Winner
2001	Warrnambool Art Gallery, VIC, Rena Ellen Jones Print Award, Acquired

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)