

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

PETRUS SPRONK

1966-68 South Australian School of Arts
1969 Post-Graduate studies. S.A. School of Arts
Major: Sculpture, Ceramics
Minor: Design, Photography

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Things not known but remembered (a journey of shards)'
2019 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Feather Light'
2017 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'From the dark into the light'
2014 Murray Bridge Regional Gallery, Murray Bridge, SA
2013 Latrobe Regional Gallery, Morwell, VIC
2012 The Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat, VIC
2010 Stockroom, Kyneton, VIC
2008 Gallery 101, Melbourne
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2004 Shepparton Art Museum, Shepparton, VIC, 'Meditation on a Korean Odyssey'
Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat, VIC
2000 Toju Cultural Foundation, Korea
1999 Hand & Mind Gallery, Seoul, Korea
1996 Distelfink Gallery, Melbourne
1990 Bonython Galleries, Adelaide
1988 JamFactory, Adelaide

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries Celebrates 70 Years: 1956 – 2026 Group Exhibition'
2024 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Ceramics'
2019 Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Australian Galleries: The Purves Family Business. The First Four Decades', Book Launch and Group Exhibition
2015 Stockroom, Kyneton, VIC
2014 Murray Bridge Regional Gallery, Murray Bridge, SA
2013 Manningham City Council, Melbourne, Manningham Victorian Ceramic Art Award
Union Bank Arts Centre, Clunes, VIC, Clunes Ceramic Award
Cancer Council Arts Award
Latrobe University Gallery, Bendigo
2011 Ian Potter Centre: The National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
2010 Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, VIC
Union Bank Arts Centre, Clunes, VIC, Clunes Ceramic Award
2008 Gallery 101, Melbourne
2004 Skepsi gallery, Melbourne, 'Celebrating the Master'
Jewish Museum of Australia

	Ballarat International Foto Biennale, VIC, 'The Passage of Time' with Oliver Patsch
	Gallery 101, Melbourne
2002	Convent Gallery, Daylesford, VIC
1998	Jewish Museum of Australia
1997	SOFA Chicago, Australian Crafts Council
	JamFactory, Adelaide
	International Ceramics Award, Shepparton Art Museum
	Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne university (shortlist exhibition)
1996	Qdos Arts, Lorne, VIC
	Distelfink Gallery, Melbourne, Director's Choice.
1995	School of Art, Australian National University, Canberra, 'The vessel'
1994	Rigg Design Prize, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
1993	National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 'The Second Landing'
1992	International Ceramic Festival, Mino, Japan
	Bethany Art Gallery Bethany, SA
	Distelfink Gallery, Melbourne
	Melbourne City Council, Swanston Walk Sculpture model exhibition, Melbourne
1991	47th Concorso Internazionale Della Ceramica d'Arte Feanza. Italy. (Invitation)
	Ararat Regional Art Gallery, Ararat, VIC
1990	Adelaide Festival Exhibition, Bonython Gallery, SA
1989	Distelfink Gallery, Melbourne
1988	South Australian Ceramic Award, SA
1986	JamFactory, Adelaide
	Cuppacumbalong Art Gallery, Tharwa, ACT
1985	Distelfink Gallery, Melbourne
	Riddoch Art Gallery, Mount Gambier, SA
	Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat, VIC
	Hamilton Gallery, Hamilton, VIC
	Bendigo Pottery, Bendigo, VIC
1984	Bonython Gallery, Adelaide
	Bethany Art Gallery, Bethany, SA
	Distelfink Gallery, Melbourne
	Adelaide Festival Centre Gallery, Adelaide
1983	JamFactory, Adelaide
1982	Gallery Ioannis, Crete, Greece
1980	Gallery 14K, Copenhagen, Denmark
	Gallery Groeningen, Holland
1978	Kilkenny Design Workshops Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
1976	Ruby's Gallery, San Francisco, USA
1974	Old Fire Station Gallery, Perth
1973	Old Fire Station Gallery, Perth
1972	Launceston Purchase Prize, TAS

AWARDS

2013	Manningham City Council, Melbourne, Manningham Victorian Ceramic Art Award, Winner
	Union Bank Arts Centre, Clunes, VIC, Clunes Ceramic Award, Finalist
	Cancer Council Arts Awards, Finalist
2010	Union Bank Arts Centre, Clunes, VIC, Clunes Ceramic Award, Finalist

	Glenlyon Sculpture Award, Winner
1997	Shepparton Regional Art Gallery, VIC, International Ceramics Award
1994	National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, Rigg Design Prize
1972	Launceston Purchase Prize, Tasmania

COMMISSIONS

2014	Designed and installed a ceramic work at the sound shell in the spa reserve
2013	Selected from an international competition to present a paper at the bi-annual Korean Ceramic Symposium
2012	Commission for a multimedia work to celebrate the 150 th anniversary of the Hepburn Shire
2009	Installation of public sculpture at Hepburn Springs
2007	One man exhibition at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery (state gallery)
2004	Commissioned to create a bowl for his Holiness The Dalai Lama Writer in residence Seoul Korea Public sculpture, Convent Gallery Gardens, Daylesford, VIC
2001	Hepburn Council Public Sculpture Commission
2000	Toji Cultural Foundation Symposium. Guest Speaker, Seoul Korea
1999	Two works for the Jewish Museum Melbourne Artist in residence Kook-Min University Korea.
1998	Ian Potter Museum of Art (Ceramic Prize exhibition by invitation) Castlemaine Regional gallery (Ceramic exhibition of local artists) Distelfink Art Gallery. Invitation 25th Anniversary Created and published 'Cosy Poets' a collaborative project with Peter O'Mara Austin Hospital Public Art installation
1997	Austin Hospital, Interior Design Commission
1996	Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Sculpture Commission
1995	Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital. Sculpture Commission
1994	Castlemaine Festival Sculpture Exhibition. Invitation. Castlemaine State Festival. Stringed Visions from the keyboard. Audio-Visual performance Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital (mural)
1993	Artist in residence. Ballarat, VIC Melbourne Food and Wine Festival
1992	Adelaide Festival of Arts Sculpture for Swanston Walk, Melbourne Castlemaine State Festival Committee. Six Sand Works. Victoria
1991	Ballarat Begonia Festival. Five Sand Works. Victoria. Artist in Residence, Ballarat, VIC
1990	Castlemaine State Festival Committee, Castlemaine, VIC
1988	Castlemaine State Festival. Audio-Visual Performance.
1986	Benalla City Council, Benalla, VIC Artist in Residence, Port Pirie, SA

COLLECTIONS

Adelaide Town Hall, Adelaide
Artbank, Sydney

Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat, VIC
Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
Austin Health, Melbourne
Australian Embassy Collection, Tokyo, Japan
Australian Embassy Collection, Seoul, Korea
Benalla Rural City, Benalla, VIC
Benalla Art Gallery, Benalla, VIC
Whitehorse City Council, Melbourne
Canberra College of Advanced Education Collection, ACT
Castlemaine Art Museum, Castlemaine, VIC
Contemporary Museum of Art, Honolulu, Hawaii
Convent Gallery Garden
Hamilton Gallery, Hamilton, VIC
Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Melbourne
Hepburn Shire Council
Jewish Museum Collection, Melbourne
Latrobe Valley Regional Gallery, VIC
Manningham Art Gallery
Melbourne City Council
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
Parliament House Collection, Canberra
Sydney Casino. Sydney
Tasmanian Art Gallery. Launceston. Tasmania
Tasmanian Art Gallery. Hobart. Tasmania
Shepparton Art Museum, Shepparton, VIC
Queensland Art Gallery & Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane

BIBLIOGRAPHY

2014 'Meditations On A Korean Odyssey'