

AUSTRALIAN GALLERIES

FRED WILLIAMS

Born 1927, Melbourne - 1982

1943-47	Attended National Gallery Art School, Melbourne
1946-50	Attended George Bell Art School, Melbourne
1951-56	Moved to London, worked as framer and attended the Chelsea School of Art and Central Art School
1957	Returned to Australia
1961	Married Lyn Watson
1963	Moved to Upwey, VIC
1964	Travelled to Europe on Helena Rubinstein Scholarship
1969	Moved to Hawthorn, VIC
1972-74	Member, Commonwealth Art Advisory Board
1973-76	Member, Visual Arts Board of the Australia Council
1975-82	Trustee, Council of the National Gallery of Australia
1976	Awarded OBE
1980	Awarded Doctor of Law, LL.D (Honoris causa) by Monash University

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Gouaches and Late Etchings'
2024	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Late Etchings 1970- 1976'
2023	Australian Galleries, Sydney, 'Etchings with Related Paintings 1954-1968'
2022	Australian Galleries, Melbourne, 'Etchings with Related Paintings 1954-1968'
2021	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'Fred Williams: Gouaches and Drawings from the Artist's Estate' Burrinja Cultural Centre, Upwey, VIC, 'The Ranges: Three Perspectives'
2020	Olsen Gallery, Sydney, 'Fred Williams: Guthega'
2019	Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, VIC, 'Grand Country: Fred Williams in Gippsland'
2018	Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane, 'Fred Williams' Cairns Art Gallery, Cairns, 'Fred Williams: Weipa Series, Cape York'
2017	Geelong Gallery, Geelong, VIC, 'Fred Williams in the You Yangs'
2016	Olsen Irwin, Sydney, 'Fred Williams: The Australian Landscape'
2015	Latrobe Regional Gallery, Morwell, VIC, 'Reducing Landscapes: Fred Williams & John Nixon'
2014	Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, 'The Continuous Landscape of Distance: Fred Williams' Bass Strait Paintings' Olsen Irwin, Sydney, 'Fred Williams: Landscape Themes of the Seventies'
2013-14	Benalla Art Gallery, Benalla, VIC, 'Fred Williams: The Pilbara'
2012	National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 'Fred Williams: Infinite Horizons' Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide, 'Fred Williams: Infinite Horizons'
2011	National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, 'Fred Williams: Infinite Horizons' TarraWarra Museum Of Art, Healesville, VIC, 'Boundary Line' British Museum, London, 'Out of Australia: Prints and Drawings from Sidney Nolan to Rover Thomas'
2010-12	McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Langwarrin, VIC, touring Australia, 'Spirit in the Land'
2010	Rex Irwin Galleries, Sydney, 'Fred Williams – Selected Etchings'
2009	Rex Irwin Galleries, Sydney, 'Regeneration – After the Bushfires'
2006	Rex Irwin Galleries, Sydney, 'Fred Williams: Paintings and Etchings' Holmes à Court Gallery, Perth, 'Olsen, Nolan, Williams, Drysdale'

- 2004 The British Museum, London, 'Fred Williams: An Australian Vision'
- 2001 Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, 'Fred Williams: Drawing The Nude'
 Monash University Faculty of Art & Design, Melbourne, 'Fred Williams: Landscapes 1959-1981'
 Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 'From Music Hall to Landscape: Fred Williams Drawings and Prints'
- 2000-01 Monash University, Melbourne, 'The Enduring Landscape: Gouaches by Fred Williams from the National Gallery of Victoria'
- 2000 Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne, 'Fred Williams: Pilbara Series'
- 1999 Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne, 'Fred Williams: Drawing the Exotic'
- 1996 Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Gold Coast, QLD, touring Queensland, 'Fred Williams: The Queensland Gouaches'
- 1995 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 'Fred Williams: A Working Method'
- 1994 Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne, 'Fred Williams: Etching 1970s-76 and the Guthega Paintings'
- 1988 Touring: London, Ulster, Belfast, Kilkenny, 'Fred Williams: The Pilbara Series'
- 1987-89 National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, touring Australia, 'Fred Williams: A Retrospective'
- 1983-84 Touring: Beijing, Shanghai, Seoul, Tokyo, 'Fred Williams: The Pilbara Series'
- 1981-82 Touring: Victoria, Tasmania, 'Fred Williams: Bass Strait Landscapes 1971-78'
- 1981 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 'Fred Williams: Painter/Etcher'
- 1980 Fischer Fine Art, London and Australian Embassy, Paris, 'Fred Williams 1969-79'
- 1978 Touring: Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, 'Fred Williams: Paintings, Gouaches and Lithographs 1976-78'
- 1977-79 Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane, 'Fred Williams: Paintings 1963-77'
- 1977 Museum of Modern Art, New York, touring: Florida, Nebraska, Texas, 'Fred Williams: Landscapes of a Continent'
- 1974-75 Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, touring: France, Italy, West Germany, United Kingdom, 'Ten Australians'
- 1973 Adelaide Festival Theatre Murals, Festival Theatre, Adelaide
- 1972 Mornington Peninsula Art Centre, Mornington Peninsula, VIC, 'Fred Williams Retrospective'
- 1971 Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane and Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle, 'Fred Williams: Watercolours'
- 1970 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne, 'Heroic Landscape: Streeton to Williams'

COLLECTIONS

Adelaide Festival Theatre, Adelaide
 British Museum, London
 Centre for Contemporary Art, Hamilton, New Zealand
 Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
 Museum of Modern Art, New York
 National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
 Parliament House Art Collection, Canberra
 Queen Elizabeth II Collection, United Kingdom
 Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C.
 Sydney Opera House Trust, Sydney
 Tate Gallery, London
 Victoria and Albert Museum, London
 All State Art Galleries throughout Australia
 All Major Regional Art Galleries throughout Australia
 All Major University Art Collections throughout Australia