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## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 *Enamels, Conners Conners*, Melbourne
- 2023 *Selected Works on Paper, 1963*, Milani Gallery, Brisbane
- 2022 *Vivienne Binns: On and through the Surface*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney; Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne
- 2019 *Mothers' Memories Others' Memories*, Milani Gallery, Brisbane
- 2018 *It is what it is what it is*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne
- 2016 *Minding Clouds*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne
- 2014 *New Work*, Milani Gallery, Brisbane  
*NOT ALL BY ME*, TCB, Melbourne
- 2011 *2011*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne
- 2012 *Vivienne Binns, Art and Life*, La Trobe University Museum of Art, Melbourne
- 2010 *Recent Paintings and Drawings from the Sixties*, Milani Gallery, Brisbane
- 2008 *Everything New is Old Again*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne
- 2007 *A Symphony of Uncertainties: In memory of Unknown Artists and Scenes of Popular Reverie*, Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra
- 2006-8 *Vivienne Binns*, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart; The Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra; Penrith Regional Gallery, Penrith, NSW; and Bathurst Regional Gallery, Bathurst, NSW
- 2006 *Translating: In Memory of Unknown Artists*, Bellas Milani Gallery, Brisbane
- 2005 *Some New, Some Old, Some Collaborations*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne
- 2004 *Vivienne Binns: Twenty First Century Paintings*, The Cross Art Projects, Sydney  
*Painting Formulas*, Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra
- 2003 *Vernissage*, Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra  
*In Chaos and Order*, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane  
*Shit: Collaborations with Derek O'Connor and Geoff Newton*, Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Canberra
- 2001 *New Work*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne  
*New Work*, Helen Maxwell Gallery, Canberra
- 1999 *PATTERNING: In Memory of Unknown Artists*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne  
*TRANSLATIONS: Remembering Unknown Artists*, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane  
*Rocks and Relics: Cook to Lake Cargelligo*, The Cube, Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Canberra
- 1998 *Small Works*, New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale
- 1997 *Heroes, God, My Father and Me*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne
- 1996 *Slicing History in the Pacific*, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane  
*In Memory of the Unknown Artist and Others*, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1995 *Pacific Strands*, Australian Girls' Own Gallery (aGOG), Canberra
- 1994 *Pacific Parts*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne  
*Pacific Parts*, Watters Gallery, Sydney  
*Surfacing in the Pacific*, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane

1992	Sutton Gallery, Melbourne
1991	<i>New works</i> , Waters Gallery, Sydney
1990	<i>Drawings of God</i> , Tower of Babel, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
1989	<i>Miniature Paintings and group work 'Tower of Babel,'</i> Watters Gallery, Sydney
1988	<i>Miniature Paintings</i> , Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
1987	<i>Miniature Paintings</i> , Watters Gallery, Sydney
1985	Watters Gallery, Sydney
1973	<i>Enamel Panels</i> , University of Tasmania, Hobart and Raffins Gallery, Orange
1971	<i>Funky Enamel Ashtrays</i> , Watters Gallery, Sydney
1967	Watters Gallery, Sydney

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2024	<i>Staging Oneself: Photography and New Media Self-Portraits by Women Artists</i> , Cairns Art Gallery, Cairns
2023	<i>Frozen Blood</i> , Neon Parc, Melbourne <i>Living Patterns: Contemporary Australian Abstraction</i> , QAGOMA, Brisbane <i>Spacingout</i> , Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth <i>Braving Time: Contemporary Art in Queer Australia</i> , National Art School, Sydney <i>In the arms of consciousness: Women, feminism and the surreal</i> , Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Gympie
2022	<i>Bright</i> , Goulburn Regional Art Gallery, Goulburn
2021-22	<i>QUEER: Stories from the NGV Collection</i> , National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
2020	<i>Know My Name: Australian Women Artists 1900 to Now</i> , National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
2018	<i>Painting Amongst Other Things</i> , ANU School of Arts and Social Sciences, Canberra <i>Celebration: 20 Years of Collecting Visual Art at CMAG</i> , Canberra Museum + Art Gallery, Canberra <i>Redlands Konica Minolta Art Prize</i> , National Art School, Sydney
2017-18	<i>Unfinished Business: Perspectives on Art &amp; Feminism</i> , ACCA, Melbourne
2016	<i>Painting, More Painting</i> , ACCA, Melbourne
2015	<i>Pop to Popism</i> , Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney <i>Party, Party, Party - Casula 21</i> , Casula Powerhouse, NSW <i>Lurid Beauty</i> , National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
2014	<i>Binns + Valamanesh</i> , Casula Powerhouse, Sydney
2012	<i>Temperment Spectrum</i> , Sutton Gallery, Melbourne <i>The Green Room</i> , M16 Artspace, Canberra <i>Sixties Explosion</i> , Macquarie University Art Gallery, Sydney <i>Word of mouth - encounters with abstract art</i> , Canberra Museum and Gallery, ACT <i>The transit of Venus</i> , Photospace Gallery, Canberra <i>Test Pattern</i> , Margaret Lawrence Gallery, VCA, Melbourne

- The Baker's Dozen*, UTS Gallery, University of Technology, Sydney
- 2011 *Zero Dollar Show*, curated by Liang Luscombe, WestSpace's The West Wing, Melbourne Central shopping complex, Melbourne
- 2010 *Something in the Air: Collage and Assemblage in Canberra Region Art*, Canberra Museum and Gallery, Canberra
- Time and Space: Art and Artist Run Spaces 1970 to Now*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney
- Three Prints: Vivienne Binns, Jan Brown and Waratah Lahy*, Megalo Print Studio & Gallery, Canberra
- This Way Up: An Exhibition Series of Recent Abstract Painting and Drawing*, ANU School of Art, ANCA & M16, Canberra
- Stick it!: Collage in Australian Art*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- The Oyster's Locale*, curated by Fernando do Campo, The Mill Providore & Gallery Ritchies Mill, Launceston, Tasmania
- 2009 *Clemenger Contemporary Art Award*, curated by Alex Baker, Jane Devery and Kelly Gellatly, The Ian Potter Centre: National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 2007 *Cross Currents: Focus on Contemporary Australian Art*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
- 2006 *Opening exhibition*, George Petelin Gallery, Brisbane
- someone shows something to someone*, curated by Tony Bailey, Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Canberra
- The Artist, the Community and the Land*, Plimsoll Gallery, Hobart
- 2005 *Superspective*, Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Canberra
- CCAS Manuka Drawing Award 2005*, Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Canberra
- Retroactive*, Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Canberra
- Christmas Exhibition*, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
- 2004 *Surface Indicators*, ANU School of Art, Canberra
- Christmas Exhibition*, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
- 2003 *Reflecting Canberra*, Canberra Museum and Gallery, Canberra
- Christmas Exhibition*, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
- Hung Drawn & Quartered: Twenty-Five years, Twenty-Five Artists*, Tin Sheds Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 *Christmas Exhibition*, Bellas Gallery, Brisbane
- 2001 *CSA showcase, Jubilee 2001*, ANU CSA Gallery, Canberra
- Coincidence*, Spiral Arm Gallery, Canberra
- 2000 *Suburb*, curated by Peter Emmett, Museum of Sydney, Sydney
- On the Brink: Abstraction in the 90's*, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne
- 1999 *GLUE*, Galerie Constantinople, Queanbeyan, New South Wales
- a letter to PICASSO: the Stamp in Contemporary Art*, Post Master Gallery, National Philatelic Centre, Melbourne
- 1997-8 *Drawings*, Australian Girls' Own Gallery (aGOG), Canberra
- Winter Light*, aGOG, Canberra
- Patterning: Layers of Meaning in Contemporary Art*, curated by Merryn Gates, an Asialink touring exhibition to Canberra; Bandung, Jakarta, Ubud, Yogyakarta, Indonesia; Lahore, Pakistan; and Manila, Philippines

- 1997 *I had a Dream: Australian Art in the 1960s*, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 1996 *Women Hold Up Half the Sky: The Orientation of Art in the Post-War Pacific*, Monash University Gallery, Melbourne
- 1995 *1968*, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra  
*Island to Island: Australia to Cheju*, Cheju Pre-Biennale, Korea  
*Artist Editions*, Sutton Gallery, Melbourne
- 1994 *Remain in Light*, Blaxland Gallery, Sydney
- 1991 *Frames of Reference: Aspects of Feminism and Art*, Pier 4/5, Sydney
- 1989 *Tower of Babel: Miniature Paintings and Group Work with 29 Contributors*, Watters Gallery, Sydney  
*25 Year Anniversary Exhibition*, Watters Gallery, Sydney and regional galleries  
*ARX 89*, Australian and Regional Artist Exchange, Perth Institute for Contemporary Art, Perth; and Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth  
*Group Theme Exhibition*, Oz Art Gallery, Newcastle, NSW
- 1988 *20 by 20 Crafts in Society 1970 - 1990*, NSW Crafts Council travelling exhibition
- 1987 *Contemporary Art in Australia - A Review*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane
- 1986 *Hugh Williamson Prize*, City of Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Ballarat, Victoria
- 1986-8 *Country-City Connections*, artist in community project, North Sydney council, Sydney
- 1985-6 *Exhibition for Young Travellers*, Australian National Gallery, Canberra
- 1982 *Biennale of Sydney*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney  
*Vision in Disbelief: Acquisitions 1973-83*, University Art Museum, Queensland University, Queensland  
*Eureka*, Institute of Contemporary Art Gallery, London, UK
- 1981-83 *Full-Flight*, artist-in-community in the central western region of NSW (the region covers approximately 60,000 square miles with 40-50 towns)
- 1981 *Australian Perspecta*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney  
*Mothers' Memories, Others' Memories*, final exhibition, Westpoint Shopping Plaza, Blacktown, Penrith Shopping Centre, Windsor Library
- 1980 *Mothers' Memories, Others' Memories*, Blacktown artist in community and participation project, Watters Gallery, Sydney; Ewing and George Paton Galleries, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne
- 1979 *Mothers' Memories, Others' Memories*, John Clark Gallery, University of New South Wales, Sydney  
*Artist in Community and Participation Project*, Blacktown Municipality, Blacktown, Sydney  
 Assisted Frank Watters with Upper Hunter Valley Environmental Project and exhibiton, Muswellbrook, New South Wales  
*Mother's Day*, group performance at Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1978 *A Powerful Lecture*, collaborative performance by the Women's Art group, Fine Arts Department, University of Sydney, Sydney
- 1977 *Scenes from the Highway of Life*, William Angliss Memorial Prize Exhibition, National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
- 1976 *Portraits of Women in Enamel*, with Marie McMahon, Watters Gallery, Sydney  
 Ewing and George Paton Galleries, University of Melbourne, Melbourne  
 Fantasia Gallery, Canberra

- 1974 *The Quick Brown Fox Jumps over the Quick Brow*, performance with Aleks Danko and Mark Underwood, Macquarie University, Sydney
- 1972 *Environment HTCT*, with Tim Burns, University of Sydney, Sydney  
*The Jo Bonomo Story - A Show of Strength*, a group happening, Watters Gallery, Sydney  
*See That My Grave's Kept Green*, evening of songs, Watters Gallery, Sydney  
*The Artsmobile Project*, Grafton and Woollongong, NSW
- 1971 *Woom*, environmental lightshow with Roger Foley (Ellis D Fogg), Watters Gallery, Sydney

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1982	Artist in Community Training Program, Bowral, New South Wales
1969	Television Course, Gore Hill Technical College, Sydney
1958-62	Diploma in Painting and Drawing, National Art School, Sydney

## Grants/Awards

2021	Australia Council Award for Visual Arts
2008	One of four final nominees for John McCaughey Memorial Award, 50th Anniversary of the National Gallery Victoria, Melbourne
2003	Capital Arts Patron Fellowship, Canberra
2001	London Venice, Paris ANU FRGS Grant, Research; Artists of the Cook. Voyages 18C and Contemporary surfaces in painting 21C
2000	Artist in Residence in London, UK, through the Australia Council: visited Bogside Artists, Derry, North Ireland; Glasgow School of Art, Scotland; and Paris, France
1992	Arx 3, Artists' Regional Exchange, Perth
1991	Artist's Studio Residency in Tokyo, Japan
1990-93	Australian Artist's Creative Fellowship
1986	Ros Bower Memorial Award for Visionary Contribution to Community Art
1983	Order of Australia Medal for Service to Art and Craft
1982	Artist in Community Training Program, Bowral, New South Wales
1977-78	Visual Arts Board Travel Grant to New York, USA and England, UK

## Commissions

1975	Photographic screen printing in enamel on steel, enamel panels in conjunction with Victorian enamellers for fountain at Maribyrnong shopping complex, Melbourne
1973	Copper Wall ASL, 11th Floor, 167 Clarence St, Sydney. Designers: Davenport, Wragg & Knight
1972/3	Enamel wall motif, 380 Oxley St, Crows Nest, Architect: Peter Duffield
1972	Copper wall, 110 Pacific Highway, North Sydney, Architects: Kolos and Bryant
1971	Decorative Enamel Plaques, Neutral Bay Synagogue

## Travel/Research

2001	International Research Grant, ANU
2000	Eighth Pacific Festival of Arts, Noumea, New Caledonia.
1996	Seventh South Pacific Festival of Arts, Western Samoa
1995	Germany, Switzerland; Oceanic collections esp. Tapacloth; Italy, Venice Biennale

1993 Papua New Guinea, Sepik River and villages, South Pacific Arts Association group

1992 6th South Pacific Festival of Arts at Rarotonga, Cook Islands

## Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth

Australian National University, Canberra

BHP Billiton, Melbourne

Canberra Museum and Gallery, Canberra

Griffith University Art Collection, Brisbane

Ian Potter Museum of Art, Melbourne

Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, Sydney

Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne

Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne

Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle

Parliament House Art Collection, Canberra

Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville

Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane

Tate, London

University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane

Wesfarmers, Perth

Private Collections