

Rachel Ellis

Born 1967, Adelaide, Australia

Lives & Works Bathurst, NSW

Studies & Travel

1998 Marten Bequest Travelling Scholarship: Europe
Studio Residency, Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris
Slade school of Fine Art, London, (Summer School)

1992-93 Master of Art (by coursework) COFA, UNSW, Sydney

1991 International School of Art, Montecastello di Vibio, Umbria, Italy,

1986-88 BA Visual Art, City Art Institute, (now COFA, UNSW), Sydney

Solo Exhibitions

2018 *Survey show: Sustaining Light*, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, Bathurst, NSW

2012 *Paintings & Drawings* King Street Gallery on William, Darlinghurst, Sydney

2011 *New Works* Cowra Regional Art Gallery, Cowra, NSW

2007 *painting and drawing*, king street gallery on burton, Darlinghurst, Sydney

2005 *Past and Present*, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, NSW

2002 Brenda May Gallery, Waterloo, Sydney

2000 Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Redfern, Sydney

1997 Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Redfern, Sydney

1996 Access Contemporary Art Gallery, Redfern, Sydney

1994 Bare Gallery, Newtown, Sydney

Selected Group Exhibitions

2019 *The Kings School Art Prize*, The Kings School, Parramatta
New Aquisitions, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery

2018 Artstate NSW, *My Own Backyard*, Bathurst

2017 NSW Parliament *Plein Air Painting Prize*, [Winner] Parliament House, Sydney
Calleen Art Award, Cowra Regional Gallery, NSW

2016 *Tattersall's Art Prize*, Brisbane QLD

2015 *30 years 30 Artists* Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
NSW Parliament *Plein Air Painting Prize*, Parliament House, Sydney
200x200 Bathurst Regional Gallery, NSW
Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize Tattersall's Club, Brisbane

2014 NSW Parliament *plein air Painting Prize*, NSW Parliament House, Sydney
Journeys West Bathurst Regional Gallery, NSW

2013 *Last but not Least* King Street Gallery on William, Sydney
Mosman Art Prize Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney
Contemporary Australian Drawing 20 years of the Dobell Drawing Prize touring Grafton Regional Gallery, Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, Orange Regional Gallery, National Art School, Tweed River Art Gallery
NSW Parliament *Plein Air Painting Prize*, Parliament House, Sydney [Highly Commended]
Calleen Prize Cowra Regional Art Gallery NSW [Highly Commended]
Salon des Refuses SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Adelaide Perry Drawing Prize PLC Gallery
Looking Forward King Street Gallery on William

2012 *Tattersall's Club Landscape Art Prize [Highly Commended]* Brisbane, Qld
En Plein Air Painting Prize [Highly commended] NSW Parliament House, Sydney
Dobell Drawing Prize [drawing acquired for permanent collection] Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

2011 *Dobell Drawing Prize* Art Gallery of New South Wales
Paddington Art Prize Menzies Art Brands Gallery, Kensington, Sydney
Calleen Prize [winner] Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW

2010 *Kedumba Drawing Prize* Blue Mountains Grammar School, NSW
Country Energy Art Prize [Highly Commended] Glasshouse Arts Centre, Port Macquarie; Cowra Regional Gallery, NSW
En Plein Air Painting Prize NSW Parliament House
Central West Regional Artist Award Cowra Regional Art Gallery

2009 *Director's Choice Exhibition* Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, NSW
Orange Blossom Festival Exhibition Orange Regional Gallery, NSW
Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing PLC Gallery, Sydney

2008	<i>The Drawn Line</i> King Street Gallery on William <i>Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing</i> PLC Gallery <i>En Plein Air Painting Prize</i> NSW Parliament House <i>7th Drawing Biennale</i> Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, Canberra
2007	<i>Invitational Drawing Exhibition</i> Bathurst Regional Art Gallery <i>Windmill Trust Exhibition</i> Goulburn Regional Gallery, NSW <i>Mosman Art Prize</i> Mosman Art Gallery, NSW
2006	<i>BRAG: Recent Acquisitions 2004-07</i> Bathurst Regional Gallery <i>Inaugural Adelaide Perry Prize For Drawing [Winner]</i> PLC Gallery <i>Country Energy Prize</i> Goulburn Regional Art Gallery <i>Blake Prize for Religious Art</i> National Art School Gallery, Sydney <i>Alan Gamble Prize [Winner]</i> <i>Mosman Art Prize</i> Mosman Art Gallery
2005	<i>Mosman Art Prize</i> Mosman Art Gallery <i>Blake Prize for Religious Art</i> Wentworth Building, University of Sydney & touring
2004	<i>Blake Prize for Religious Art</i> Wentworth Building, University of Sydney <i>Small Wonders</i> Delmar Gallery, Trinity Grammar School, Sydney
2003	<i>Dobell Prize for Drawing: The First Ten Years 1993-2002</i> Art Gallery of New South Wales <i>Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award</i> Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery, Sydney <i>Works on Paper</i> Delmar Gallery, Trinity Grammar School, Sydney <i>A Tale</i> Central Street Gallery, Naremburn, Sydney <i>Three Colours – Blue</i> Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
2002	<i>Alchemy Cadia Hill Gold Mine Art Project</i> Orange Regional Gallery <i>Australian Women Artists</i> Vanessa Wood Fine Art, Sydney <i>Landscapes</i> Cowra Regional Art Gallery, NSW <i>Three Colours – Red</i> Brenda May Gallery <i>Art in Food</i> National Trust Café Observatory Hill, Sydney
2001	<i>Dobell Drawing Prize</i> Art Gallery of New South Wales <i>Drawn Together</i> Bathurst Regional Art Gallery <i>Peer Pressure Access</i> Contemporary Art Gallery, Sydney
2000	<i>Dobell Drawing Prize</i> Art Gallery of New South Wales <i>Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award</i> Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW & touring <i>Art Fair 2000</i> Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne <i>Mandorla Art Award for Religious Art</i> New Norcia, WA <i>The Frank Saxby Art Acquisitions 2000</i> Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW
1999	<i>Dobell Drawing Prize</i> Art Gallery of New South Wales <i>7th International Works on Paper Fair</i> Sydney <i>National Works on Paper</i> Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria <i>Blake Prize for Religious Art</i> SH Ervin Gallery
1998	<i>Group Exhibition</i> Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris
1997	<i>Australian Drawings from the Gallery's Collection</i> Art Gallery of New South Wales <i>Dobell Drawing Prize</i> Art Gallery New South Wales <i>6th International Works on Paper Fair</i> Sydney <i>Blake Prize for Religious Art</i> Touring exhibition <i>Dugongs of Hinchbrook</i> The Palm House, Botanic Gardens, Sydney
1996	<i>Dobell Drawing Prize</i> Art Gallery New South Wales, Sydney <i>Blake Prize for Religious Art</i> State Library, Sydney <i>ACAF.5</i> Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne <i>Jacaranda Drawing Award Exhibition</i> Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW
1995	<i>Works on Paper</i> James Harvey Gallery, Sydney <i>Cities and Water</i> The Gallery, West India Quay, London Docklands, UK <i>Drawn</i> James Harvey Gallery
1994	<i>Scapes</i> Arthaus Gallery, Sydney
1993	<i>Inaugural Dobell Drawing Prize</i> Art Gallery New South Wales; George Adams Gallery, Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne <i>Fowlers' Gap</i> COFA, University of New South Wales, Sydney
1992	<i>Young Dissonants</i> COFA, University of NSW
1989	<i>City Art Institute Irish Exchange Exhibition</i> Dublin, Ireland

Awards/Commissions

2017	<i>NSW Parliament Plein Air Painting Prize</i> , Parliament House, Sydney
2016	Artist in Residence Haefligers Cottage, Hill End
2013	Mosman Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery Sydney
2010	Central West Regional Artists Award and Viewers Choice Award, Cowra Regional Art Gallery
2006	Hill End Residency, Haefliger Cottage, sponsored by Country Energy Windmill Trust Scholarship [joint recipient] Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing, PLC, Sydney

- Hill End Residency [Dec – Jan], Hill End, NSW
 Alan Gamble Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney
 2003-4 Communion of Saints Commission, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta
 2000 Waverley Woollahra Art Prize
 1998 Art Gallery of New South Wales- Dr Denise Hickey Studio Residency, Cite Internationale des Arts, Paris
 Dyason Bequest, Art Gallery of New South Wales
 1997 Marten Bequest Travelling Scholarship
 1996 Blake Prize for Religious Art
 Blake Prize- Viewers Choice Award
 1995 Kedumba Drawing Award (jointly)
 Waverley Woollahra, Drawing Prize and Miniature Prize
 1994 Lloyd Rees Memorial Youth Art Award
 1993 Waverley Woollahra, Drawing prize

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 2013 McDonald, John: *More than face value*; Salon des Refuses, April 20, SMH Spectrum,
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 2007 Giurgola, Romaldo: *Luminous Simplicity: The Art and Architecture of St Patricks Cathedral*, Parramatta, (illustrations) pp54, 156, 157
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 2001 Torrens, Alex: *Drawn Together*, Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, p8-9 & p11-12 (catalogue)
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 2000 Auty, Giles: *Title Fright*, Arts Review, The Weekend Australian, Feb12-13, p19
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Collections

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery, NSW

Condobolin Shire Council Chambers, NSW

Kedumba Collection, Blue Mts Grammar School, NSW

Lloyd Rees Memorial Youth Art Award Collection

PLC Croydon, Sydney

Tara Anglican School for Girls, Sydney

Union, University and Schools Club of Sydney

Wesley Art Foundation, Brisbane

Artbank, Australia

COFA, Uni of New South Wales

Grafton Regional Gallery, NSW

Mosman Council Chambers

Macquarie Bank, Australia

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

University of Sydney Union

Waverley Woollahra Council, NSW

University of Sydney Art Collection