

# BRETT MCMAHON

Born 1966, Newcastle, NSW Australia

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 MFA, National Art School, Sydney
- 2022 Un Earth, Annandale Galleries Sydney NSW
- 2020 After Nature, Annandale Galleries Sydney NSW
- 2018 Dust, Blockprojects, Melbourne VIC
- 2017 Elemental, Annandale Galleries Sydney NSW  
untitled (Baroque and beyond), University of Newcastle Gallery NSW Taman  
Bahagia, Blockprojects (formerly NKN Gallery), Melbourne VIC
- 2016 Forest, Curve Gallery, Newcastle NSW
- 2015 Distillation: the art of Brett McMahon, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW  
Hidden Nature, The Lock-up Contemporary Art Space, Newcastle NSW
- 2010 Bombala Track, Rex Irwin Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 2009 Sea Dog, Liverpool Street Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 2008 Awabakal, Liverpool Street Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 2006 Old North Road, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney NSW  
Paintings of Industrial Newcastle, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW
- 2005 Paintings of Newcastle & 100 Views of the City Ray Hughes Gallery,  
Sydney NSW
- 2003 untitled, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney NSW
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- 2000 Shadowlands, Sir Hermann Black Gallery, University of Sydney NSW
- 1999 King Street Gallery on Burton, Sydney NSW  
Chapman Gallery, Canberra ACT  
Charité Saint Eutrope, Gordes, FRANCE  
King Street Gallery on Burton, Sydney NSW

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- 1997 King Street Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 1996 Chapman Gallery, Canberra ACT Olsen Carr Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 1994 Mary Place Gallery, Sydney NSW Chapman Gallery, Canberra ACT
- 1992 Blaxland Gallery, Sydney NSW
- Promise the Earth, The Lock Up Art Space Newcastle NSW

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- 2020 We Are The Makers Awards, National Wool Museum, Geelong VIC
- 2019 The Erskine Pledge, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW
- 2017 Board, Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery NSW Annandale Galleries, Sydney NSW
- 2015 Your Collection, Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery NSW
- 2014 One from none, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW Blue+White, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW
- Being, Verge Gallery, University of Sydney NSW Working Newcastle, Newcastle University Gallery NSW Drawing, Cessnock Regional Gallery NSW
- Platform, Flinders Street Gallery, Sydney NSW Tales From The City, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW
- 2010 Paper Trail, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW Drawing Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 2009 Newtown Diaries, Delmar Gallery, Sydney NSW
- Summer Exhibition, Liverpool Street Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 2008 New Acquisitions, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW
- 2007 Summer Exhibition, Liverpool Street Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 2006 The Big Picture, Delmar Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 2005 2005: The Year in Art, SH Ervin Gallery, The National Trust Sydney NSW
- 2002 Points of View, University of Technology Art Collection, Sydney NSW
- Australian Landscape, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 1999 Thinking Aloud... A Drawing Show, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney NSW

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- 1999 Defiant 6" Sculpture Exhibition, Defiance Gallery, Sydney NSW  
New 9, Sir Hermann Black Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 1998 Defiant 6" Sculpture Exhibition, Defiance Gallery, Sydney NSW  
King Street Gallery, Sydney NSW  
King Street Gallery on Burton, Sydney NSW
- 1995 King Street Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 1995 Olsen Carr Gallery, Sydney NSW
- 1994 Barry Stern Gallery, Sydney NSW Gallery 249, Newcastle NSW  
Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, NSW  
Holdsworth Gallery, Sydney NSW  
Jan Taylor Gallery, Sydney NSW  
Australian Drawing Survey, Holdsworth Gallery, Sydney NSW  
Watercolour Exhibition, Delmar Gallery, Sydney NSW  
Drawing Exhibition, Delmar Gallery, Sydney NSW  
Newcastle Contemporary Gallery, Newcastle NSW

## COMMISSIONS

- 2021 Althorne historic residence, landscape sculpture, Woollahra NSW in  
conjunction with Kieran McNerny Architect
- 2018 Trebel Residential Tower, screens and balustrades, Parramatta NSW in  
conjunction with Cox Richardson Architects
- 2016 Melaleuca – public art for NSW State Courthouse Building, Newcastle NSW  
in conjunction with Cox Richardson Architects and the NSW State  
Government

## COLLABORATIONS

- 2019 Six Seasons – Brett McMahon, The Foong Sisters and the School of Creative  
Industries, University of Newcastle, NSW
- 2015 Meanwhile / However – Brett McMahon and Rowena Foong  
The Lock Up Contemporary Art Space, Newcastle NSW

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## **COLLECTIONS – ABRIDGED**

Artbank

Allens Arthur Robinson

JP Morgan Chase

Dubbo Regional Gallery

Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery

Macquarie Bank

Newcastle Art Gallery

Bega Regional Gallery

University of New South Wales, Sydney

University of Sydney Union Collection

University of Technology, Sydney

University of Sydney

University of Newcastle

Private and corporate collections in Australia, Europe, and the USA

## **REVIEWS AND ARTICLES**

- 2018            'Forces of nature' by Victoria Hynes, Asian Art News  
                  'Brett McMahon' by Victoria Hynes, Australian Art Collector
- 2017            'Newcastle artist... Brett McMahon' by Sebastian Smee, Sydney Morning  
                  Herald  
                  'Master works on view' by Jill Stowell, The Newcastle Herald  
                  'Taman Bahagia - in conversation' by Sebastian Smee, Blockprojects  
                  (formerly NKN Gallery), Melbourne
- 2016            'Brett McMahon' by Jill Stowell, The Newcastle Herald
- 2015            'Brett McMahon rides high tide' by Jill Stowell, The Newcastle Herald  
                  'Distillation – the art of Brett McMahon' by Gina Fairley, Artshub.com.au

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- 2015 'The Afterlife of Things' by Sebastian Smee - catalogue essay, Newcastle Art Gallery
- 'Hidden Nature – in conversation' Sebastian Smee and Brett McMahon catalogue essay, The Lock-Up contemporary Art Space
- 'The Peter Elliot Collection' by Gavin Fry, The Beagle Press
- 'The Macquarie Group Collection" by Julian Beaumont, UNSW Press
- 2011 'Artist finds Nature' by Steve Meacham, The Sydney Morning Herald 2009
- 'Sea Dog' by Sebastian Smee, catalogue essay
- 2008 'Forget Me Not' by Sebastian Smee, The Australian
- 2007 'Salon des Refuses' by Robert Kennedy, State of the Arts
- 'The Best...' Sebastian Smee, The Australian
- 2006 'Out of the Abstract' by Sebastian Smee, The Australian
- 11 February - Lisa Slade, Weekender - The Newcastle Herald
- 22 January - Allyn Hamonet, Sun Herald
- 5 December - John McDonald, Spectrum - Sydney Morning Herald
- 9 May - Sebastian Smee, The Australian
- 7 May - John McDonald, Sydney Morning Herald
- 6 May - Tracey Clement, Metro - Sydney Morning Herald,
- April - Victoria Hynes, The Sydney Magazine - Sydney Morning Herald 14
- April - Elizabeth Fortescue, Sydney Live - Daily Telegraph
- 17 April - Chad Watson, Sun Herald
- 2003 November - The Sydney Magazine, The Sydney Magazine, November
- 2002 23 August - Elizabeth Fortescue, Sydney Live - Sydney Morning Herald
- 6 April Victoria Hynes, Metro - Sydney Morning Herald
- 2 February - Sacha Molitorisz and Matt Buchanan, Sydney Morning Herald
- 2000 4 May - Courtney Kidd, Sydney Morning Herald
- 1999 7 September - Sebastian Smee, The Galleries - Sydney Morning Herald,
- 21 July - Sasha Grishin, Canberra Times
- 18 June - 'L'Australie en France', La Provence FRANCE

10 June - Bruce James, Sydney Morning Herald

12 June - Sebastian Smee, The Sydney Morning Herald 31 January - Bruce James, The Sydney Morning Herald

1997 25 April – Sebastian Smee, Sydney Morning Herald

1995 15 November - Bruce James, The Sydney Morning Herald

16 August - Sonya Barron, Canberra Times

1995 6 November - Sasha Grishin, Canberra Times

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