

NOEL McKENNA

Born 1956, Brisbane, Australia
Lives and works in Sydney

EDUCATION

- 1975 Architecture, University of Queensland
1978 Brisbane College of Art, Brisbane
1981 Alexander Mackie College, Sydney

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Idle*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
2020 *The Night is Doubtful*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
The Moon is kinder than the Sun, mother's tankstation, London
2019 *End Street*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
2018 *Tied up dogs Rose Bay*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
2017 *Landscape - Mapped*, Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane
Not too hot, not too cold, mother's tankstation, Dublin
2016 *Cats That I Have Known*, The Watermill Centre, Long Island, NY
Noel McKenna, Ten Cubed, Melbourne
1 August (1992 -), Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
Seltzer, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
2015 *Concealing the Spot*, mother's tankstation, Dublin
2014 *Absurdia: Noel McKenna- A Focus*, Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle
The Psychiatrist's Dog, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
A Walk from One Tree Hill to Half Moon Bay, Two Rooms, Auckland, NZ
Art Basel Hong Kong, Discoveries, (solo) with mother's tankstation, Hong Kong
2013 *Animals and Men*, Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
Twelve old, Twelve new, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Polluting the Acid: A Selection of Etchings & Lithographs 1977 - 2013, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
2012 *The piano of my brother*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
Travel Notes 2, Heiser Gallery, Queensland
2011 *All That Heaven Allows*, Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
Homes 4 Sale NZ, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Works on Paper, Michael Reid at Murrurundi, New South Wales
2010 *Drawings from the Bath*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
29cms Closer, Brett McDowell Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand
Clay Works, Heiser Gallery, Queensland
2009 *News of the swimmer reaches shore*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Google Series, Men Smoking Pipes, Autumn, Men Fishing, Cats etc., Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
2008 *Northland*, mother's tankstation, Dublin
The Weekly Bus-Rail Ticket: Noel McKenna, National Art School, Sydney
2007 *The Democratic Potter*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
2006 *From Watson's Bay to Waterloo*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
2005 *Merrylands*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Somewhere in the city, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane
Sheltered Life, City Gallery Wellington, New Zealand
Ceramics 1993-2005, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
Somewhere in the City: Noel McKenna, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane
Noel McKenna, Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
Noel McKenna, Yamaki Art Gallery, Osaka, Japan
2004 *Australia II including The Queensland Room*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
Noel McKenna: Animal Works 1977-2003, touring exhibition
2003 *Australia*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Recent Work, 2003, Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
Hermans Art Award, Quadrivium Gallery, Sydney
Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
2001 *Found and Lost*, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Hong Kong, John Batten Gallery, Hong Kong
SMH Watercolours, 1997-2001, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney

- 2001 Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
- 2000 *Southland*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
- 1999 Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
Niagara Galleries, Melbourne, Australia
- 1998 Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
Bowen Galleries, Wellington, New Zealand
- 1997 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
- 1996 Roslyn Oxley9, Sydney
Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
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Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Dick Bett Gallery, Hobart
- 1993 Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Dick Bett Gallery, Hobart
Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
'ARS Multiplicata', Sydney
- 1991 12 Sturt Street, Sydney
Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 1985 Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney
- 1983 Garry Anderson Gallery, Sydney

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Still: National Still Life Award 2021* Finalist exhibition, Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery, New South Wales
Trustees' Watercolour Prize 2021, Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2020 *2020 National Works on Paper* Finalist Exhibition, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria
Sulman Prize Finalist Exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Awards (JADA) Finalist Exhibition, Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton, New South Wales
- 2019 *Sulman Prize* Finalist Exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2018 *From Here To There: Australian Art And Walking*, Lismore Regional Gallery, New South Wales
The Wynne Prize 2018, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2017 *Every Dog Will Have Its Day*, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Casula, New South Wales
Wynne Prize Exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 2016 *The Popular Pet Show*, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
Wildthing: Animals in Contemporary Australian Art, Mosman Art Gallery, New South Wales
2016 Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award, Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton, New South Wales
Outside, Karma, Long Island, New York
Fleurieu Art Prize, Anne and Gordon Samstag Museum of Art, University of South Australia, Adelaide
Close to Home: Dobell Australian Drawing Biennial 2016, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2015 *Collector's Space*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
- 2014 *Living Rooms*, Musée du Louvre, Paris
David Malouf and Friends, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane
Spring 1883, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
Solitaire, TarraWarra Museum of Art, Victoria
- 2013 *Fourteen days in New York*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
Wynne Prize Exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales
South of No North, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
- 2012 *New Work*, Greenaway Art Gallery, Adelaide
Selected Works, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Korea International Art Fair, Niagara Galleries, Seoul
Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building
Gold Coast International Ceramic Award, Queensland
understated 2012 – NSW Parliament Collection, Fountain Court, NSW Parliament, Sydney
Revealed: Inside the private collections of South Australia, Anne and Gordon Samstag
ANIMAL/HUMAN, UQ Art Museum, Brisbane
Walking with Alice, SASA Gallery, UniSA, Adelaide
Wynne Prize Exhibition, Art Gallery of New South Wales

- 2012 *Volume One: MCA Collection*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
A View From Where I Was Sleeping, Wellington, NZ
Blue Chip XIV: The Collectors' Exhibition, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
- 2011 *Going where the weather suits my clothes...a fall of light on fabric*, mother's tankstation, Dublin
Noel McKenna – *29 centremeters closer*, Brett McDowell Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand
- 2010 *Fully Booked*, Arts Project Australia, Melbourne
Basil Sellers Art Prize 2010, Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne
New Australian Art, Deloitte, Sydney
Twelve Degrees of Latitude, Regional Gallery & University Art Collections in Queensland, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, QLD
Minding Animals, John Paynter Gallery, Newcastle, NSW
- 2009 *the non-grand, an exploration of intimacy in contemporary art*, Wollongong City Art Gallery
avoiding myth & message: Australian artists and the literary world, MCA, Sydney
Blue Chip XI, The Collectors' Exhibition, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
Darren Knight Gallery at Auckland Art Fair, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2008 *Who let the dogs out – the dog in contemporary Australian art*, Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery and Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, New South Wales
Look out Wembley Arena, MOP, Sydney
- 2007 *Bloodlines – Art and the Horse*, Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor, NSW
Snap Freeze: Still Life Now, TarraWarra Museum of Art, Healesville, Victoria
De Overkant/Down Under, Den Haag Sculptuur/The Hague Sculpture, The Hague
Art + Humour Too, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
Life is Sweet: Contemporary Australian Watercolours, Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, Victoria
Artists' Ink: Printmaking from the Warrnambool Art Gallery Collection, 1970 – 2001, Warrnambool Art Gallery, Victoria
Yours, mine and ours: 50 years of ABC TV, Penrith Regional Gallery and the Lewers Bequest, Sydney
Moist. Australian Watercolours, Araluen Galleries, New Territories; Perc Tucker Regional Art Gallery, Queensland, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria; Riddoch Gallery, SA
- 2006 *2006: The Year in Art*, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Getting on Mother's Nerves, mother's tankstation, Dublin
- 2005 *We are all animals*, La Trobe University, Bendigo
MCA Collection: New Acquisitions in Context, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
The Sound of Painting, George Adams Gallery, Victoria
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
UnAustralian, Anna Bibby Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand
Art + Humour, Brenda May Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 *2004: National Works on Paper*, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria
2004: The Year in Art, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
National Small Sculpture Prize, Woollahra Municipal Council, Sydney
The Visibility of Practice, National Art School, Sydney
Mind's Eye, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, Sydney
Gambling in Australia: Thrills, Spills and Social Ills, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney
Home Sweet Home: Works from the Peter Fay Collection, touring, NGA
Fair Game. Art + Sport, NGV Response Gallery, Melbourne
Sport: More than heroes and legends, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney
A Modelled World, McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park, Victoria
- 2003 *National Sculpture Prize & Exhibition 2003*, National Gallery of Australia
Art & About, College and George Streets, City of Sydney
- 2002 *2002: The Year in Art*, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Briefcase 50, Boutwell Draper Gallery, Sydney
Nocturne: Images from night and darkness from colonial to contemporary, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria
- 2001 *Black/White & Grey*, Darren Knight Gallery, Sydney
The Gambling Show, John Batten Gallery, Hong Kong
Wynne Prize for Watercolour, Wynne Prize and Sulman Prize, AGNSW, Sydney
The Melbourne Savage Club Art Prize, Dickerson Gallery, Melbourne
A Century of Collecting, 1902 – 2001, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts, Sydney
- 2000 *Parihaka – The Art of Passive Resistance*, The City Gallery, Wellington, New Zealand
Small Tapestries and Works on Paper, Victorian Tapestry Workshop, Melbourne
Pets, Prey & Predators – Introduced Animals in Recent Australian Art, Dubbo Regional Art Gallery
Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Dobell Drawing Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

- 2000 *The Dog Show*, King Street Gallery on Burton, Sydney
Re/Brand?, Wollongong City Gallery and Wollongong University
On The Road – The Car in Australian Art, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne
- 1999 *Pets, Prey & Predators – Introduced Animals in Recent Australian Art*, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney
Wynne Prize for Watercolour, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Persuasive Humours, Mosman Region Art Gallery, Sydney
Cartoons and Caricature in Contemporary Art, touring exhibition, Geelong Art Gallery; Hamilton Art Gallery; Waverley City Gallery; Gippsland Art Gallery; Mornington Peninsula Art Gallery; Latrobe Regional Gallery
- 1998 *Metamorphosis*, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria
Australian Contemporary Art, Total Museum of Contemporary Art, Seoul, Korea
Sulman Prize, Wynne Prize and Watercolour Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 1997 *A face in the crowd*, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra
- 1995 *Muswellbrook Acquisitive Prize*, Muswellbrook Regional Gallery
- 1994 *Sulman Prize and Dobell Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Paint on the tracks: Australian artists and the railway, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 1993 *Death*, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
On the other hand, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 1992 *The New Metaphysics*, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
- 1991 *Moët & Chandon Touring Exhibition*, Australian national tour
Correspondences, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane
Her story - images of domestic labour in Australian art, S. H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
- 1990 *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 1989 *Scotchman's Hill Vineyard Art Prize*, Geelong Art Gallery
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 1987 *Aberdare Art Prize for Landscape*, Ipswich City Art Gallery, Queensland
- 1986 *Fremantle Print Award*, Fremantle Arts Centre, Western Australia
Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1985 *Fremantle Print Award*, Fremantle Arts Centre, Western Australia
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Fremantle Print Award, Fremantle Arts Centre, Western Australia
- 1983 *Sulman Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1982 *Wynne Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1980 *L. H. Harvey memorial prize for drawing*, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane

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- 2016 'Concealing the Spot', artist monograph, essays by Jenny Bornholdt, Gregory O'Brien and David Godbold, *Thinking Fisherman Publications*
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Hill, Wes, 'Noel McKenna', Critics' Picks, *Artforum*, June
- 2015 Harbison, Isobel, 'An Exact Tension', *mother's annual 2015*
- 2013 Allen, Christopher, 'Remote sense of unease', *The Weekend Australian*, 20-21 April
Rule, Dan, 'Noel McKenna: 12 Old, 12 New', *The Saturday Age*, 13 April
McDonald, John, 'The southern lights', *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 6 April
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Grant, Jillian, 'South of No North', *Artist Profile*, March
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Smee, Sebastian, 'The shape of private memories', *The Australian*, 17 March
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RESIDENCIES

- 2016 The Watermill Centre, Long Island, New York

AWARDS

- 2021 Winner: Trustees' Watercolour Prize 2021, Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2020 Finalist, National Works on Paper, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria
Finalist, Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Finalist, Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Prize (JADA) 2020, Grafton Regional Gallery, Grafton, New South Wales
- 2019 Finalist, Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2006 The Fleurieu Peninsula Vistas Prize 2006, Fleurieu Peninsula Biennale, South Australia
- 2005 Wynne Prize for Watercolour, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2003 Mosman Art Prize, Sydney, Australia
Finalist, National Gallery of Australia's 2003 National Sculpture Prize and Exhibition

- 2002 Wynne Prize for Watercolour, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 2001 Wynne Prize for Watercolour, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Melbourne Savage Club 2001 Art Prize for Painting, Melbourne
- 1999 Wynne Prize for Watercolour, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1997 Wynne Prize for Watercolour, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1995 Muswellbrook Acquisitive Prize, Muswellbrook Regional Gallery
- 1994 Sulman Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

COLLECTIONS

Allen Arthur Robertson Collection, Sydney, Australia
Art Bank, Australia
Art Gallery of New South Wales, Australia
Art Gallery of South Australia, Australia
Brisbane City Council, Queensland, Australia
Campbelltown City Art Gallery, New South Wales, Australia
Chartwell Collection, New Zealand
Dubbo Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales, Australia
Gold Coast City Council, Queensland, Australia
Grafton Regional Gallery, New South Wales, Australia
Ipswich City Council Art Gallery, Queensland, Australia
Joseph Brown Collection, Melbourne, Australia
La Trobe Valley Arts Centre, Victoria, Australia
Logan TAFE, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Marguerite and Robert Hoffman Collection, Dallas
Manly Shire Council, Sydney, Australia
Macquarie Bank, Sydney, Australia
Mornington Peninsula Regional Art Gallery, Victoria, Australia
Muswellbrook Regional Gallery, New South Wales, Australia
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra, Australia
National Gallery of Victoria, Australia
Parliament House, Canberra, Australia
Ringier Collection, Switzerland
Rockhampton Art Gallery, Queensland, Australia
Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia
Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane, Australia
Southern Cross University Artists Book Collection
State Library of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia
Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart, Australia
Ten Cubed, Victoria
University of Tasmania, Australia
University of Western Australia, Australia
University of Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia
Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales, Australia
Warrnambool Art Gallery, Victoria, Australia
Western Mining Collection, Australia
Wollongong City Art Gallery, New South Wales, Australia