

COLLECTED:

Selected works from the City of Melville Art Collection

The City of Melville Art Collection began in 1962, one year after the "Shire of Melville" was established (formerly the "Melville Roads Board"). Appropriately, the City's first acquisition was a portrait of Mayor Carroll by Owen Garde. A watercolour 'Point Dundas', by Ivor Hunt, was acquired shorty after in 1963 which is included in this exhibition.

In 1976, the City of Melville's well-known Art Awards commenced and the City has since been committed to the acquisition of works by Western Australian emerging and established artists participating in this annual cultural event. Over 100 works in the City's collection have been purchased from local artists through the Art Awards. Many of these are on display in the exhibition.

The City is understandably very proud of its collection which in 2014 consists of over 300 works. It represents a significant cultural and financial investment for the City and works are permanently on display throughout the City's civic and community buildings.

Selecting works for this exhibition was no easy task and artworks that are not represented here are by no means of lesser importance to the collection. We are pleased however to be able to showcase approximately 40 artists in this exhibition and we look forward to hosting an afternoon talk, at 1.00pm on Saturday, 7 February 2015 with some of these artists sharing their unique arts practices, creative journeys and experiences with the public.

Arts Officers, Anne Farren, Lee Holben (née Ord) and Hannah Katarski have all played a key role in the development and conservation of the collection over the years. Anne's expertise in Textile Art, for example, lead to a major focus area of the collection and in 2003, Lee's initiative to subscribe the City of Melville to the Turner Galleries 'Art Angel' sponsorship programme has notably developed the City's works on paper collection.

The City's close association with Atwell Arts Centre & Gallery, run by the Melville Community Arts Association (MCAA) in Alfred Cove, also deserves mention with a number of works on display originating from MCAA exhibitions and its members.

Another significant development in the history of the collection was the establishment of Heathcote Museum and Gallery in 2000. It is then quite fitting that several works acquired through Heathcote's exhibition programme are once again on show in this very same venue, in a different assemblage of work.

As the City of Melville continues to change and connect with new communities, suburbs, artists and cultural groups, so too will the art collection evolve to reflect the people, places lifestyle, heritage and culture that make up the City of Melville.

I hope visitors will find beauty, nostalgia, learning, wit and inspiration in the diverse range and exceptional talent of the artworks belonging to the City of Melville.

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Special thanks to Jana Braddock, Heathcote Gallery Curator, Jenny Scott, Museums and Gallery Officer, former City of Melville Arts Officers and the artists who have all contributed to this exhibition.

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Front image: John Stribling, Skyscape 2 Raffles Hotel, 2009, Acrylic on Canvas.

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Eva Fernández, *Straightjacket and Nurse*, 2012, Archival Inkjet Print



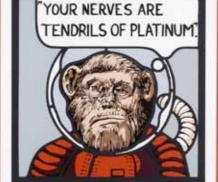






Elizabeth Morley, *Twin Totems*, 2002, Textile (Embroidery) mounted in Perspex





Lisa Roet, Tendrils of Platinum, 2005,

Oil Paint on Fibreglass



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Heathcote Museum & Gallery 24 January to 1 March 2015

List of Artists (A-Z)

Jennie Abbott	Sacred Earth: Red Heart and Banksia Spring	2007	textile
Allan Baker	Figure Against a Wall	1977	mixed media on board
Corina Abraham & Gloria Kickett	Djidi Djidi Art Group Prints	1997	linocut prints
Portia Mary Bennett	Reflections	1967	watercolour
Lucy Bromell	Morning Mist	2007	textile
Denise Brown	Nautilus	2006	textile and basketry
Paul Caporn	Levels - Unlevel	2011	spirit levels in acrylic sheet
Michael Challen	The First Moonrise of Spring - Albany	1986	oil on board
Celia Clare	Corrosion	2014	work on paper
Thelma Cluning	Byzantine Fades	2010	textile
Ginette Pierson & Pauline Mace	Painting the Clouds with Sunshine: Going Round in Circles, Depression, Anger, Isolation.	2002	textile, mixed media, perspex
Eva Fernández	Straightjacket	2012	archival inkjet print
Richard Foulds	House-Bird	2010	steel
Lyn Franke	Fragile Environment	2004	textile
R. Harwood	Melville Water	c.1870-90	watercolour
Kathryn Haug	Egg Carton	2009	oil on canvas
Lawrence Hibbert	Majestic Hotel	1980	oil on board
Percy Ivor Hunt	Point Dundas	1963	watercolour
Bec Juniper	Deep Water Point	2013	mixed media on canvas
Luda Korczynskyj	Caladenia Arenaria – Common Spider Orchid	2004	ceramic
John Lewis	Raffles Hotel	1997	watercolour
Katrina Lievense	Orange	1978	etching

Stephen Marr	The Drifter	2009	oil paint on fiberglass
Chris Marshall	The Raffles Construction Site - 2005	2006	digital mixed media on paper
Brett McPherson	Melville Waters	2013	oil on board
Elizabeth Morley	Twin Totems	2002	textile
Noel 'Kyar' Morrison	The Sun	2007	acrylic
David Prescott-Steed	Distance	2005	mixed media, oils
Lisa Roet	Tendrils of Platinum	2005	screen print
Seng Mah	Mermaids of Melville	2007	photograph
Melanie Sharpham	Eucalypt Homewares	2011	ceramic
Ben Sherar	Sunday Afternoon	2010	oil on canvas
John Stribling	Skyscape 2 Raffles Hotel	2009	acrylic
Yuko Takahashi	Conversation	2012	bronze
Ken Wadrop	Coca Cola	1979	oil/acrylic on board
Tony Windberg	Red Tingle Charcoal	1987	charcoal on paper
Victor Yong	Lookout from Coffee Point	2006	photograph
Peter Zappa	Segmented Space	2006	stainless steel