

Curriculum Vitae**BRETT MCMAHON**

Born 1966, Newcastle, NSW, Australia
Lives and works in Newcastle, NSW, Australia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Under Story, Gosford Regional Gallery
2025 World by Light, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney
2023 Beneath the Sun, Under the Moon, Olsen, Sydney
2022 Un Earth, Annandale Galleries, Sydney
2020 After Nature, Annandale Galleries
2018 Dust, Blockprojects Melbourne
Intertidal, CHG Gallery Newcastle
2017 Elemental, Annandale Galleries Sydney
Baroque and beyond, Newcastle University NSW
Taman Bahagia, Blockprojects Melbourne
2016 Forest, Curve Art Space, Newcastle NSW
2015 Distillation – The art of Brett McMahon, Newcastle Art Gallery NSW
Hidden Nature, The Lock Up contemporary Artspace Newcastle NSW
2010 Bombala Track, Rex Irwin Gallery, Sydney
2009 Sea Dog, Liverpool Street Gallery, Sydney
2008 Awabakal, Liverpool Street Gallery, Sydney
2006 Old North Road, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
Paintings of Industrial Newcastle, Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, Newcastle
2005 Paintings of Newcastle & 100 Views of the City, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
2003 Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
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2000 Shadowlands, Sir Hermann Black Gallery, University of Sydney
1999 King Street Gallery on Burton, Sydney
Chapman Gallery, Canberra
Charité Saint Eutrope, Gordes, France
1998 King Street Gallery on Burton, Sydney
1997 King Street Gallery, Sydney
1996 Chapman Gallery, Canberra
Olsen Carr Gallery, Sydney
1994 Mary Place Gallery, Sydney
1993 Chapman Gallery, Canberra
1992 Blaxland Gallery, Sydney

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Aotearoa Art Fair, New Zealand, Nanda\Hobbs
PANEL, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney
2025 Sydney Contemporary, Carriageworks, Nanda\Hobbs
Aotearoa Art Fair, New Zealand, Nanda\Hobbs
Major/Minor, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney
2024 Other Worlds, Nanda\Hobbs, Sydney

2022 Promise the Earth, The Lock Up Contemporary Artspace, Newcastle
 2020 We are the makers, Geelong Museum Victoria
 2019 The Erskine Pledge, Newcastle Art Gallery
 2017 Board, Lake Macquarie City Gallery
 Annandale Galleries, Sydney
 2015 Your Collection, Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery
 2014 One from none, Newcastle Regional gallery
 Blue + White, Newcastle Regional gallery
 2013 Being, Verge Gallery, Sydney University
 Working Newcastle, Newcastle University Gallery
 Drawing, Cessnock Regional Gallery
 2012 Platform, Flinders Street Gallery, Sydney
 Tales From the City, Newcastle Regional Gallery
 2010 Paper Trail, Newcastle Regional Gallery
 Drawing Show, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
 2009 Newtown Diaries, Delmar Gallery, Sydney
 Summer Exhibition, Liverpool Street Gallery, Sydney
 2008 New Acquisitions, Newcastle Regional Gallery
 2007 Summer Exhibition, Liverpool Street Gallery, Sydney
 2006 The Big Picture, Delmar Gallery, Sydney
 2005 The Year in Art, SH Ervin Gallery, The National Trust, Sydney
 2002 Points of View, University of Technology Art Collection, Sydney
 2000 Australian Landscape, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
 1999 Thinking Aloud ... A Drawing Show, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
 Defiant 6" Sculpture Exhibition, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
 New 9, Sir Hermann Black Gallery, Sydney
 1998 Defiant 6" Sculpture Exhibition, Defiance Gallery, Sydney
 King Street Gallery, Sydney
 1997 King Street Gallery on Burton, Sydney
 1995 King Street Gallery, Sydney
 1995 Olsen Carr Gallery, Sydney
 1994 Barry Stern Gallery, Sydney
 1993 Barry Stern Gallery, Sydney
 1992 Gallery 249, Newcastle
 1991 Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, New South Wales
 Holdsworth Gallery, Sydney
 1990 Jan Taylor Gallery, Sydney
 Australian Drawing Survey, Holdsworth Gallery, Sydney
 Watercolour Exhibition, Delmar Gallery, Sydney
 Drawing Exhibition, Delmar Gallery, Sydney
 1989 Newcastle Contemporary Gallery, Newcastle

COLLABORATIONS

2015 Meanwhile / However Brett McMahon and Rowena Foong
 The Lock Up, Newcastle NSW
 2019 Six seasons High Tea with Mrs Woo and University of Newcastle
 PUBLIC ART
 2016 NSW State Courthouse Building, Newcastle in conjunction with Cox Richardson Architects
 and the NSW State Government

COLLECTIONS

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

- 2026 [GALAH \(cover + story\)](#) Issue 14, "And the the colour came flooding back" Words by John McDonald, Photography by Rowena Foong
- 2018 Forces of nature Victoria Hynes Asian Art News
Brett McMahon Victoria Hynes Australian Art Collector
- 2017 'Newcastle artist...Brett McMahon' Sebastian Smee the Sydney Morning Herald
'Master works on view' Jill Stowell Newcastle Herald
'Taman Bahagia - in conversation' Sebastian Smee NKN gallery Melbourne
- 2016 Brett McMahon, Newcastle Herald, Jill Stowell
- 2015 'Brett McMahon rides high tide' Jill Stowell Newcastle Herald
'Distillation – the art of Brett McMahon' Gina Fairley, Artshub.com.au
'2015 ...' Gina Fairley, Artshub.com.au
'The Afterlife of Things' Sebastian Smee Catalogue essay, Newcastle Art Gallery
'Hidden Nature – in conversation' Sebastian Smee and Brett McMahon
Catalogue essay, The Lock up contemporary art space.
- 2012 'The Peter Elliot Collection' Gavin Fry, The Beagle Press
'The Macquarie Group Collection" Julian Beaumont, UNSW Press
- 2011 Steve Meacham, 'Artist finds Nature ...' The Sydney Morning Herald, 11 October
- 2009 Sebastian Smee, Sea Dog Catalogue Essay
- 2008 Sebastian Smee, 'Forget Me Not', The Australian, 5 April
- 2007 Robert Kennedy, 'Salon des Refuses', State of the Arts, 2 April
Sebastian Smee, 'The Best ...', The Australian, 8 March
- 2006 Sebastian Smee, 'Out of the Abstract', The Australian, 6 March
Lisa Slade, 'Weekender', The Newcastle Herald, 11 February
Allyn Hamonet, Sun Herald, 22 January
- 2004 John McDonald, 'Spectrum', The Sydney Morning Herald, December
Sebastian Smee, The Australian, 9 May
John McDonald, The Sydney Morning Herald, 7 May
Tracey Clement, Metro, The Sydney Morning Herald, 6 May
Victoria Hynes, 'The Sydney Magazine', The Sydney Morning Herald, April
Elizabeth Fortescue, 'Sydney Live', Daily Telegraph, 14 April
Chad Watson, Sun Herald, 17 April
- 2003 'The Sydney Magazine', The Sydney Magazine, November
- 2002 Elizabeth Fortescue, 'Sydney Live', The Sydney Morning Herald, 23 August
Victoria Hynes, 'Metro', The Sydney Morning Herald, 6 April
Sacha Molitorisz and Matt Buchanan, 'Metro', The Sydney Morning Herald, 2 February
- 2000 Courtney Kidd, The Sydney Morning Herald, 4 May
- 1999 Sebastian Smee, 'The Galleries', The Sydney Morning Herald, 7 September
Sasha Grishin, Canberra Times, 21 July
'L'Australie en France', La Provence, France, 18 June
- 1998 Bruce James, The Sydney Morning Herald, 10 June
Sebastian Smee, The Sydney Morning Herald, 12 June
Bruce James, The Sydney Morning Herald, 31 January
- 1997 Sebastian Smee, The Sydney Morning Herald, 25 April
- 1995 Bruce James, The Sydney Morning Herald, 15 November

