

ALENA KENNEDY – VISUAL ARTIST

Curriculum vitae

**Artist Details**

**Name:** Alena Kennedy

**Born:** 1955, Hobart, Australia

**Tertiary Studies:** University of Wollongong, NSW, 2004 – 2007

**Formal Qualifications:** Bachelor of Creative Arts: Painting (Distinction), 2007

**Solo & Two Person Exhibitions**

- 2015 *Hillside Gallery First Art Exhibition*, Hillside Gallery, Dombarton, NSW. With Libby Bloxham
- 2014 *intimations*, Clifton School of Arts, Clifton, NSW
- 2013 *journey and the space within*, The Hanging Space Gallery, Woonona, NSW
- 2012 *journey and the space between – 2*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW
- 2011 *journey and the space between*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW
- 2009 *Blink*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW
- 2008 *Glimpse*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW
- 2008 *Translucent*, Vision & Space Studio Gallery, Austinmer, NSW
- 2007 *Unfolding*, Long Gallery, University of Wollongong, NSW
- 1999 *Illuminations*, Lever's Gallery, Wollongong, NSW.

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2018 *IAVA Now*, Wollongong Art Gallery, Wollongong, NSW.
- 2017 *Symphony: celebrating spiritual diversity in art and culture*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW. Exhibition coordinator.
- 2016 *Summer Sojourn*, (IAVA at Bulli: first exhibition), Beach Art Gallery, Bulli, NSW.  
With Sue Smalkowski, Arja Valimaki & Libby Bloxham  
*International Women's Day Exhibition*, Project Contemporary Artspace  
Wollongong
- 2015 *Close to Home*, Clifton School of Arts, Clifton, NSW
- 2014 *Transmission: IAVA Showcase Exhibition*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW
- 2013 *Being in the moment*, Nan Tien Institute Art Gallery, Nan Tien Temple, Berkeley, NSW
- 2012 *Unfolding*, Nan Tien Institute Art Gallery, Nan Tien Temple, Berkeley, NSW  
*Transformation*, Nan Tien Institute Art Gallery, Nan Tien Temple, Berkeley, NSW  
*IAVA 'A New View'*, The Hanging Space Art Gallery, Woonona, NSW  
*SICA Exhibition*, 72 Erskine Street Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2011 *Local:Current*, Wollongong City Gallery, Wollongong, NSW  
*Line of Sight* IAVA Exhibition, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW
- 2010 *IAVA Gallery*, 'Viva la Gong' Pop-up Exhibition & IAVA Launch, Wollongong  
*Viva la Gong* Environmental Sculpture Installation, Wollongong, NSW  
*The Greens Art Auction*, Mori Gallery, Sydney, NSW
- 2009 *Gallery GIG*, SICA Exhibition, Clearview Gallery, Brisbane, QLD  
Thirroul Seaside & Arts Festival 2009 Art Prize & Exhibition, Thirroul, NSW  
*Innerscape*, Bondi Pavilion, Bondi, Sydney, NSW  
*Random Order*, Hazelhurst Regional Gallery (Community gallery), Gympie, NSW
- 2008 *Amnesty Exhibition and Art Prize*, TAP Gallery, Darlinghurst, Sydney, NSW  
*between : illawarra*, TAP Gallery, Darlinghurst, Sydney, NSW  
*Lingua Loca* Multicultural Exhibition, Project C A, Wollongong, NSW
- 2007 *45<sup>th</sup> Festival of Fisher's Ghost Art Award*, Campbelltown, NSW  
*Yang Sheng-An Memorial Art Prize*, University of Wollongong, NSW  
*Natural Selections*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW  
*On the Shore: Sculpture on the Beach*, Thirroul Surf Club, NSW

- Sojourn*, De Havilland Gallery, Wollongong, NSW
- 2006 *Artful*, De Havilland Gallery, Wollongong, NSW  
*Who is Mark?* University of Wollongong, NSW  
*Leap*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW 2005
- 2005 *On the Shore: An Exhibition of Sculpture on the Beach*, Thirroul, NSW  
*Two Perspectives in Print*, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong, NSW.
- 2003 *12 Ways of Christmas*, Vision & Space Studio Gallery, Austinmer, NSW  
*Seeing Nature*, Old Fire Station Gallery, Kiama, NSW  
Kiama Art Society: 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Kiama, NSW
- 2000 *SICA Exhibition*, Gorman House, Canberra, ACT
- 1999 *Freshwater Illawarra*, Old Court House Gallery, Wollongong, NSW  
*Pilgrimage*, Project Centre for Contemporary Art, Wollongong, NSW  
*Cornucopia*, Equinox Gallery, Austinmer, NSW  
*Creation Series*, Made From Australia Gallery, Deakin, ACT  
*Solas*, Equinox Gallery, Austinmer, NSW

#### **Awards**

- 2010 *Viva la Gong* Environmental Sculpture Installation, Wollongong: People's Choice Award
- 2007 *Yang Sheng-An Memorial Art Prize*, University of Wollongong, NSW: Winner (painting)
- 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 Deans Merit Award, University of Wollongong, NSW
- 2005 *On the Shore: An Exhibition of Sculpture on the Beach*, Thirroul Beach, NSW: Winner: People's Choice Award; Winner: UOW Unicentre Student's Award
- 2003 Kiama Art Society: 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition, Kiama, NSW: Winner: Portrait Award

#### **Other Activities**

- Co-founder of IAVA (Illawarra Association of the Visual Arts) and inaugural secretary. This association is set up to cultivate and promote Illawarra's contemporary visual art and artists.
- Development of drawing course and its implementation in workshops and classes, adults & children.
- Development and facilitation of creativity workshops for adults and children.
- Co-founding and facilitation of 'Creative Interfaith Community' 2001 & 2, which included multi-cultural and interfaith interaction and creative workshops.
- Book illustration: 'Chiko 1 & 2; 'Digger' & 'Shah' by Liliana Stafford, published 2001 – 2004 by Cygnet Books; 2 'Life Books' for Illawarra Area Health Service, 1998 -9; 'Light is Life' by Osanna Waclik, self-published 1998.
- Commissions of portraits, landscapes and other works in pastel.
- Out of School Hours Supervisor for Elonera Montessori School, Wollongong.

**Membership:** Illawarra Association for the Visual Arts (IAVA) (founding member & inaugural secretary); National Association for Visual Artists (NAVA); Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong; Subud International Cultural Association (SICA).

**Collections:** Private collections around Australia and internationally.

#### **Travel**

- Extensive camping trips around Australia.
- Bicycle & camping tour of Europe and India, 1 year.
- Visits to Indonesia, Vietnam, Switzerland & Germany.
- 2009: 7 months camping tour around Australia with motorcycle and trailer.