

MAX WATTERS

Born 1936 in Muswellbrook, New South Wales

Lives in Muswellbrook

Self-taught painter

1992 Awarded OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) for Services to Art

Retrospective Exhibitions

1971 Newcastle Region Art Gallery

1978 Maitland Art Gallery
Muswellbrook Art Gallery

1982 Maitland Art Gallery
Broken Hill City Art Gallery

1994-96 Survey of an Artist: Max Watters, New England Regional Art Museum, Manning Regional Art Gallery,
Newcastle Region Art Gallery, Stanthorpe Art Gallery, Lismore Regional Art Gallery, Noosa Regional Gallery
& Muswellbrook Regional Gallery

Solo Exhibitions

2014 Max Watters – paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney

2012 Max Watters - recent paintings from the Upper Hunter, (with Paul Bacon) Watters Gallery, Sydney

2010 Max Watters Preview 2010, Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre, Muswellbrook

Max Watters – paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney

2008 Max Watters - recent paintings, Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre, Muswellbrook

Max Watters – paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney

2006 Max Watters – recent paintings and Kia-Ora Series, Watters Gallery, Sydney

2004 Max Watters - recent paintings, Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre, Muswellbrook

Max Watters - recent paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney

2002 New Paintings – Broomfield and Stewarts Brook, Watters Gallery, Sydney

2000 Recent Works, Watters Gallery, Sydney

1998 Watters Gallery, Sydney

1996 Watters Gallery, Sydney

1994 Recent Paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney

1993 Watters Gallery, Sydney

1992 Murulla Gallery, Muswellbrook

1989 Murulla Gallery, Muswellbrook

Watters Gallery, Sydney

1990 Another Look at Max Watters and Maeve Woods, Watters Gallery, Sydney

1987 Watters Gallery, Sydney

Muswellbrook Regional Art Gallery

1985 Watters Gallery, Sydney

1984 Victor Mace Fine Art Gallery, Brisbane

1983 Watters Gallery, Sydney

Cook's Hill Galleries, Newcastle

1981 Stuart Gerstman Galleries, Melbourne

1980 Watters Gallery, Sydney

1978 Watters Gallery, Sydney

Stuart Gerstman Galleries, Melbourne

Cook's Hill Galleries, Newcastle

1975 Watters Gallery, Sydney

1973 Watters Gallery, Sydney

1972 Powell Street Gallery, Melbourne

1971 Watters Gallery, Sydney

1966-68 Watters Gallery, Sydney

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2014 Some Ways of Depicting Landscape, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2013 Watters Gallery 27th Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2012 Realistic Landscape Watters Gallery, Sydney
Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 2011 Frank's Flat, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, NSW
- 2010 Art Month Sydney, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Packsaddle Fundraiser for the New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale
Watters Gallery Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2009 2008 Re-visited, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2008 Stock Show, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 2006 Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 2005 2004 Revisited, Watters Gallery, Sydney
There's ...something in the landscape, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2004 Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Watters Gallery 19th Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2003-04 Watters Gallery 18th Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2002 Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Watters Gallery 17th Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2001 Watters Gallery 16th Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 2000 Selected Works, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 1999 Small Landscape Paintings, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1998 Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1997 Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1996 Fifth Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1995 Works from the Stock Room, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1994 Naive Art, Barry Stern Gallery, Sydney
Fourth Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1992 The Max Watters' Collection, Muswellbrook Town Hall and Regional Art Gallery
Third Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Looking Through, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Max Watters' Collection, Muswellbrook Town Hall and Art Gallery, New South Wales
Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1991 Packsaddle Fundraiser for the New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale
Summer Exhibition, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1990 Second Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Works on Paper: 40 Artists - 40 Works, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Summer Exhibition No.6, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1989 Portrait of a Gallery, Watters Gallery 25th Anniversary Exhibition, touring 8 regional centres until 1991
Houses, Watters Gallery, Sydney
Summer Exhibition No.5, Watters Gallery, Sydney
- 1988 First Australian Contemporary Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
- 1986 The Challenge of the Landscape, New England Regional Art Museum, Armidale
Max Watters' Collection, Muswellbrook Art Gallery, Muswellbrook, New South Wales
- 1985 The First Decade 1975-1985, Victor Mace Fine Art Gallery, Brisbane
- 1982 Four Local Painters, Muswellbrook Art Gallery and Tamworth Art Gallery
- 1981 Artists of the Hunter Region, Project 34, Art Gallery of New South Wales
- 1980 Figurative Artists of the Hunter Valley, Newcastle Region Art Gallery

- 1979-80 The Upper Hunter Environmental Exhibition, Muswellbrook, Scone, Denman, Singleton
1978 Landscape and Image - Australian Art of the 1970s, exhibition touring Indonesia
1977 Naive Painters, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Watters at Pinacotheca, Pinacotheca, Melbourne
1976 Abraxas Gallery, Canberra
1974 Ten Years, Watters Gallery Sydney
1967 Hunter Valley Review, Newcastle Region Art Gallery
1965 Australian Landscape (with Henri Bastin and Muriel Luders), Watters Gallery, Sydney
1964 Naive Painters of Australia, Gallery A, Melbourne and Sydney

Collections

National Gallery of Australia
Art Gallery of New South Wales
National Gallery of Victoria
Newcastle Regional Art Gallery
Artbank
Wollongong City Gallery
Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre
Newcastle University Collection
Maitland City Art Gallery
Sydney College of Advanced Education
Allen Allen & Hemsley
Mallesons Stephen Jacques
Brisbane CAE
Broken Hill City Gallery
Art Gallery of Ballarat

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