



Melinda Jane is an Australian visual artist, whose art practice focuses on the intersubjective space between the felt sense of the body, time, place, and the experiences of memory and dreams, and the inextricable links between these elements.

Melinda's current body of work is about discovery and returning. It's about excavating what it means to be human, to be fallible, to be achingly here, having traversed life until this point. There is a paring back of colour to reveal tracks and traces of experience through phenomenological resonance and inner reflection. The comprehension of meaning hovers with intimacy of experience within her work; sometimes presented as small handmade books and at other times as larger mixed-media collaged works- this is work in progress, it is deeply personal yet universally resonant. it is how you find it.

Melinda lives and works in Castlemaine, on Dja Dja Wurrung country, in central Victoria. Her work has been exhibited both in Australia and overseas, and is held in private collections in Australia, UK, USA and Japan.

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2023**      *NEST* – group show. Art to Art gallery, Melbourne.
- 2022**      *Door to Door* exhibition. LiTE-HAUS Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- 2022**      Melbourne Affordable Art Fair, Australia
- 2022**      *Heartland*, Cornerstore Merchants Gallery, Castlemaine
- 2022**      Castlemaine Open Studios/ group show Lot 19 gallery
- 2021**      *Mapping a Narrative*, Lot 19 Art gallery, Castlemaine
- 2020**      *Lockdown Art project*: Instagram
- 2019**      *1000 Finches project*, Frontlines, Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart
- 2019.**      *Awagami International Miniature print exhibition*, Tokushima Japan
- 2018**      Works on paper, Castlemaine Arts Open, the Chapel gallery, OCG
- 2018**      *Drive By* exhibition, Corner Store gallery
- 2017**      Colab exhibition, Bendigo writers' festival
- 2017**      Brunswick Street Gallery, small works show
- 2016**      Colab Exhibition, Bendigo writers' festival
- 2015**      Pop-Up Art, Bendigo Market Building, Bendigo
- 2015**      *Passing Through*, recent works, Castlemaine state Festival
- 2015**      *Postcard Exhibition*, Falkner Gallery, Castlemaine

- 2014 *Small Works*. Group show, Union Gallery, Castlemaine
- 2013 *PLACE*. Group exhibition, Dudley House, Bendigo
- 2009 *Sense of Place*, Castlemaine. Craft Victoria: 'Craft Cubed'
- 2009 *Unknown ground, new works on paper* Castlemaine State Festival, Togs Gallery
- 2008 *Grief Awareness Week* Exhibition, Castlemaine Art Gallery
- 2008 *Studio Paradiso Printmakers*, Pocket Gallery, Newstead
- 2008 *Recent prints Melinda Hawkes & Jane Marriot*, Castlemaine State Festival. Togs Gallery
- 2008 Sutton Grange Art show, Sutton Grange
- 2007 *Grief Awareness Week* Exhibition, Castlemaine Art Gallery
- 2006 *Castlemaine Peace Festival* Exhibition, Castlemaine Market Building Gallery

#### ART PRIZES

- 2020 Shortlisted Ravenswood Women's Art Prize, NSW
- 2007 Highly commended, *Grief Awareness Week* exhibition, Castlemaine Art Gallery
- 2009 First prize, *Works on Paper*. *Gympie 'GoldRush'* competition, Gympie Regional Gallery, QLD

#### RESIDENCY

- 2022 SkopArt, Skopelos Foundation for the Arts, Greece.