

IAN BROWN

Ian Brown is an Australian abstract artist creating in Thirroul on the Coal Coast of New South Wales.

His paintings push the boundaries beyond the edge of the canvas taking the viewer further. Mark making is an important aspect, where layers are built to provide the depth required.

At times Ian hand prints abstracted forms on paper then explores layering with paint, ink, charcoal and crayon. In other works fragmented landscapes emerge from bold textured responses. Baring back the pristine natural wooden canvas allowing the imagined world to evolve.

True colour is not necessarily an important aspect of his work, as the abstracted form takes precedence. Bold, large and colourful... his works provide a narrative to explore the landscape with a non-traditional edge fitting perfectly in contemporary spaces, both residential and corporate.

In the past few years Ian has worked extensively in traditional Japanese printmaking techniques, exploring the contemporary nature of zinc etching and caustic etching in lino.

Ian is currently the Vice President of the Illawarra Association for the Visual Arts (IAVA).

He worked in art education for over 30 years. He retired from the University of Wollongong (UOW) where he was Dean and Head of the School of Education. He is an Honorary Professorial Fellow with the Faculty of Social Sciences. His PhD was completed in arts education policy and was recently awarded Fellow of the UOW.

RECENT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *Ensemble*, Gallery 109, Manly
- 2022 *Northern Illawarra Art Trail*, (April), Thirroul
Northern Illawarra Art Trail, (November), Thirroul
Locus + Botanica, Clifton School of Arts, Clifton

RECENT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Linked*, Frances Keevil at W Studio, Woolloomooloo
- 2023 *Small Works Show*, Tiliqua Tiliqua Gallery, Enmore
Passage of Time, Illawarra Association for the Visual Arts (IAVA) Group Show, Clifton School of Arts, Clifton
Curious Rhythm, IAVA Group Show, Frances Keevil at W Studio, Woolloomooloo
Print Maker Show, Tiliqua Tiliqua Gallery, Enmore
Impressing the Ink, Printmaking Exhibition, Ewart Gallery, Willoughby Arts Centre, Willoughby
Reach, IAVA Group Show, Gallery Lane Cove, Lane Cove
Visual Reference #1, IAVA Group Show, 5 Islands Exhibition Space, Wollongong
55 Parrots, IAVA Group Show, Bulli
- 2022 *Travelling On*, IAVA Group Show, Clifton School of Arts, Clifton
Upsurge, Wollongong Art Gallery, Wollongong
Divergence, IAVA Group Show, M2 Gallery, Surry Hills
Splash Gap, IAVA Group Show, Old Kiama Fire Station, Kiama
Hunters Hill Art Exhibition, Finalist, Hunters Hill Town Hall, Hunters Hill
55 Parrots, Bulli
ACB Selects, Michael Reid Gallery. (Online exhibition)
- 2021 *Flow On*, National Watercolour Prize, Wollongong Art Gallery, Wollongong
Ten, IAVA Group Show, Clifton School of Arts, Clifton
Ewart Art Prize, Finalist, Willoughby Arts Centre, Willoughby
55 Parrots, Bulli
The Original Print, Printmaking exhibition, Willoughby Arts Centre, Willoughby
- 2020 *Ewart Art Prize*, Finalist, Willoughby Arts Centre, Willoughby
View From the Coast, IAVA Group Show, Bowral Art Gallery, Bowral
Lines, The New Artisans Gallery, Milsons Point
- 2019 *Camden Art Prize*, Finalist, Highly Commended, Camden