LINDEN POSTCARD SHOW 2021-22



LIN NEW ART



Linden New Art dedicates the Linden Postcard Show 2021-22 exhibition to the memory of the artist Robert Fenton.

Robert entered the exhibition over many years and won several awards.

Robert Fenton 1968-2021 RIP

IMAGE > Linden Postcard Show 2021-22 [installation view]. Photograph: Theresa Harrison Photography. COVER > Linden Postcard Show 2021-22 [installation view]. Photograph: Theresa Harrison Photography.

INTRODUCTION

As I write this, I am looking at the collection of postcards that are stuck randomly to my fridge. In a world of social media, they seem to be historical artefacts from an archaeological dig. They include postcards sent from friends of art that inspired them on their trips overseas or the tackiest postcards my family could find as holiday souvenirs. Each one has a hand written message scrawled on the back and they tell me about exciting adventures, places I simply must visit, interesting people they have met, things they have discovered, a fantastic meal they have eaten and often they close with I can't wait to tell you more about it all when I return home.

I find myself looking at these handwritten documents with a kind of longing for a past life, from a time when travel was always possible and lists of the next place to visit were carefully reviewed, considered and curated.

The handwritten postcard is a generous act, it takes time and thought and is often navigated through international postal systems. Sometimes the postcard itself arrives long after the person arrives home – having taken its own interesting journey. But it is the sentiment "Miss you ... Wish you were here ... I can't wait to tell you all about" that lingers long after the image fades.

As we live in a world consumed by technology, I wonder will the art of writing a postcard be a lost art. Instead, replaced by short witty lines or clever hash tags accompanying photographs.

And now, Linden is ready to present the 31st *Linden Postcard Show* in a year that was a little bit like 2020. Again, we have been kept apart from each other - borders across Australia and around the world have remained closed. Writing a postcard or travelling seem to be like long lost hobbies. Despite this, artists from across Australia

have created new work providing us with a snapshot of the year and their creativity.

Following on from our 30th anniversary birthday exhibition in 2020, each year Linden will invite a previous prize winner to present as solo exhibition of new work alongside the *Linden Postcard Show*. We encourage each of you to explore the wickedly funny exploration of language and images in Anna Hoyle's exhibition *Your chocmint pelvik floor is so boring*.

Like the time it takes to write on the back of a postcard, the *Linden Postcard Show* requires us to slow down, to pause and to actively look to satisfy our curiosity as we each discover that one work that connects to us. Each year I am always delighted by the openness and freshness people bring to viewing the work on display.

The *Linden Postcard Show* is, at its core, a celebration of creativity and artistic expression. It is open and inclusive with all works being hung on the wall. As one

participant Zoe Arnott recently said – "it is like a choir" where we all come together to share and create a new experience.

Our audience loves this exhibition. It sparks conversations, as people debate which works' they want to buy, which they love and the ones to which they would have awarded the prizes to. Nothing is off limits. It is this openness to explore, discover and engage that we enjoy each year as we overhear the conversations as they waft through the gallery spaces. And the exhibiting artists themselves delight in discovering where their work in hanging and sharing this with family and friends.

We are grateful for the time and consideration of this year's judges who have had the difficult task of selecting the winners. Our thanks to:

- Eric Nash, Director, Benalla Art Gallery
- Joanna Bosse, Curator, Bayside City Council.

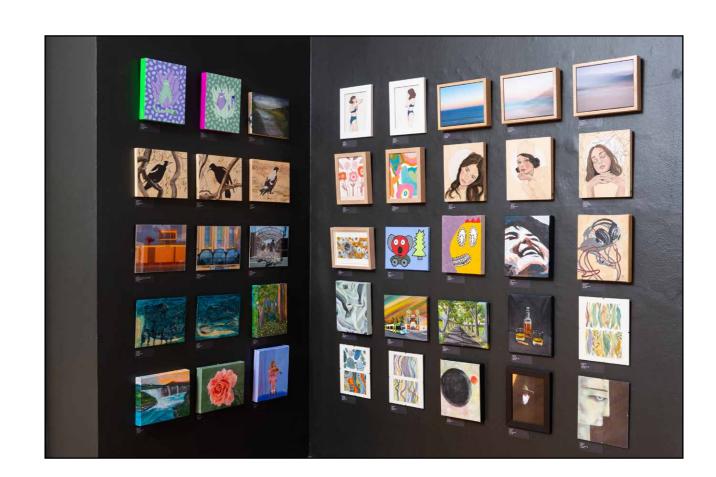


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¹ Melinda Martin video interview with Zoe Arnott for the *Linden Postcard Show 2021-22* virtual opening on 24 November 2021.



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Our thanks also to the many generous supporters who have contributed funding to the *Linden Postcard Show*. Without their belief in supporting the creativity of local communities we would be unable to present this exhibition. We have welcomed new supporters this year and retained many others - in a challenging year we really appreciate your contribution to the arts and our community.

Our thanks to our community of supporters:

- Elwood Community Bank
- Member for Albert Park Minister Martin Foley
- Rotary Club Port Philip
- The Henry Award & Abstract Encouragement Award
- Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation
- Lucky Pet Supplies
- Scout
- This Week in St Kilda
- Eckersley's Art & Craft
- Frames Now.

As a home for new art we are open to bold ideas, to different ways of experiencing and seeing the world and oneself. We believe this role is an important part of contemporary art and we aim to foster a curious audience that is open to engaging with art, ideas and

approaches to the world. We encourage each of you to explore, debate and of course purchase an artwork for yourself to celebrate getting through this year or as a gift for someone to enjoy.

This act of support fosters the self-belief that is so vital to the creative practices of the artists whose work is on display.

Melinda Martin Director Linden New Art December 2021

PRIZE WINNERS



ARTIST ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
Proudly Supported by Elwood Community Bank
\$2,000 cash prize

Tracey Jones *About the Truth III*, 2021 Artwork number: 491



MEMBER FOR ALBERT PARK AWARD \$1,000 cash prize

Alan Cotton *The Between #3*, 2021
Artwork number: 211



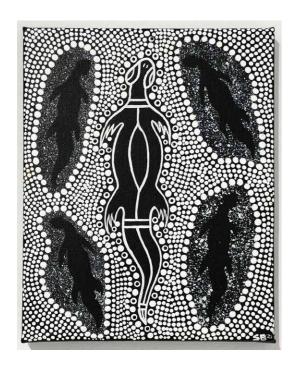
BEST PORTRAIT IN SHOW
Proudly supported by Rotary Melbourne South
\$1,000 cash prize

Anthony Romagnano
A Portrait of Warren Ellis, 2021
Artwork number: 847



THE HENRY AWARD - AWARD FOR BEST ABSTRACT ART WORK Proudly supported by an anonymous family \$1,000 cash prize

Kate Stewart Untitled (Pink), 2021 Artwork number: 916



FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY ART PRIZE
Proudly supported by Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation
\$500 cash prize

Shannon Bausch Mother Protector, 2021 Artwork number: 92



BEST ANIMAL IN SHOW
Proudly supported by Lucky Pet Supplies
\$500 cash prize

Mark Seabrook *The Rodeo #1*, 2021 Artwork number: 870



BEST STILL LIFE IN SHOW
Proudly supported by Scout
\$500 voucher to spend in store

Susan Morris Bottlebrush, 2021 Artwork number: 685



BEST OF ST KILDA AWARD Proudly supported by This Week in St Kilda \$400 cash prize

Tess Rice *The Greyhound Hotel 1979, Dean*, 2021
Artwork number: 797



BEST WORK ON PAPER IN SHOW Proudly supported by Frames NOW \$250 voucher to spend in store

Damon Kowarsky In the Gardens, 2021 Artwork number: 522



BEST LANDSCAPE IN SHOW
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\$200 voucher to spend in store

Diane Quick Hiking Larapinta II, 2021 Artwork number: 777

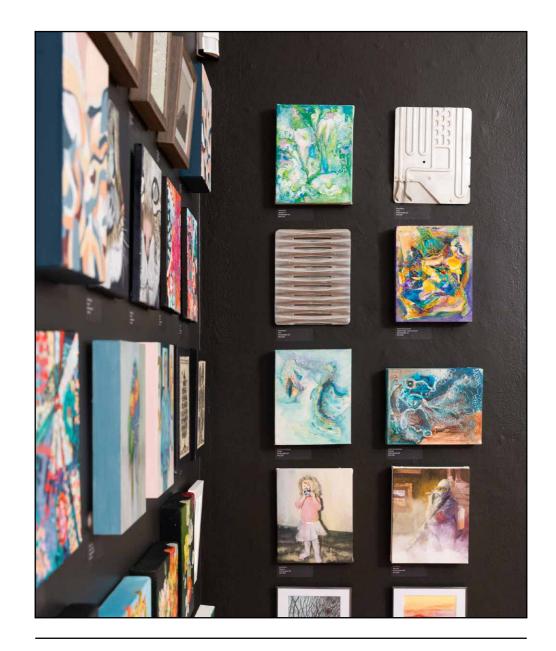


ABSTRACT ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD
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Nanou Dupuis Reverse Process, 2021 Artwork number: 286



IMAGE > Linden Postcard Show 2021-22 [installation view]. Photograph: Theresa Harrison Photography.





WHAT'S ON

ARTIST TALKS

MEET THE ARTIST > LINDEN POSTCARD SHOW WINNING ARTISTS Sunday 30 January 2022 Free, at Linden New Art

MEET THE ARTIST > ANNA HOYLE Thursday 24 February 2022 Free, at Linden New Art

TOURS

MULTILINGUAL TOURS Free, Linden website AUSLAN TOURS Free, Linden website

FOR ARTISTS

ARTIST SPEAKEASY > PUBLIC ART PROJECTS Thursday 10 February 2022 Free, Facebook & YouTube live

CRAFTERNOON FOR ADULTS Free, Linden New Art website

FOR CHILDREN

CRAFTERNOON FOR CHILDREN Free, Linden New Art website

ON HOLIDAYS WITH LINDEN
> NGV KIDS ON TOUR
Free, take home and online

ON HOLIDAYS WITH LINDEN
> TREASURE HUNT
Free at Linden New Art



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