



# Paul Compton Apparitions

**Exhibition Catalogue** 

28<sup>th</sup> of February – 14<sup>th</sup> of March



# **Paul Compton**

## **Artist Statement:**

A deep interest in ghosts, the uncanny and hidden spiritual realms have influenced this collection of drawings. Using brush and dip-pen work and repetitive mark-making with ink, these offbeat works include visions of frolicsome specters, haunted plains, quirky deities and playfully conjured creatures.

Paul Compton's drawings, woodcuts and collages are known for their depictions of ghostly apparitions, odd and cosmic beasts, subliminal spaces and playfully conjured portraits. Paul's inspirations range from automatic drawing and writing, spiritualism, animals, cultural oddities and religious iconography through to the visual textures of fur, wood and fabric. The conflicting forces of black and white, physical and spiritual, intertwine.



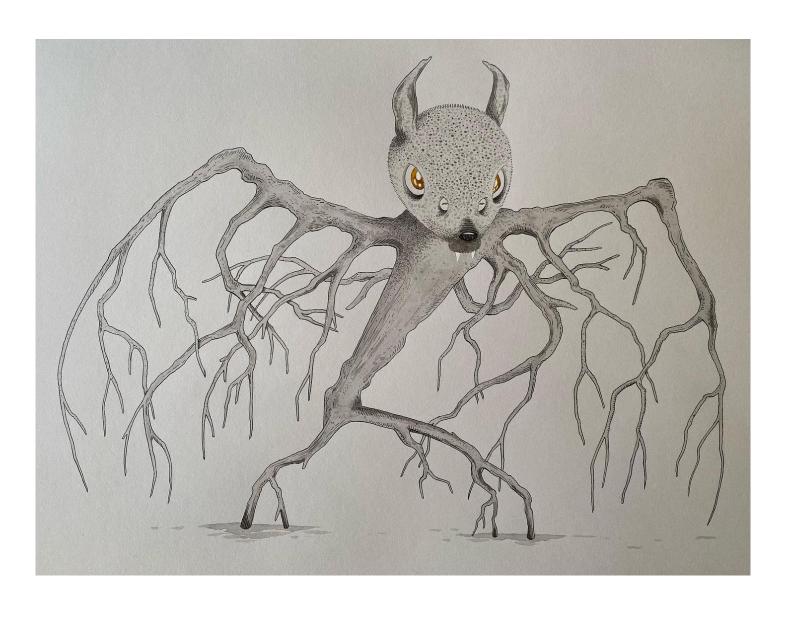


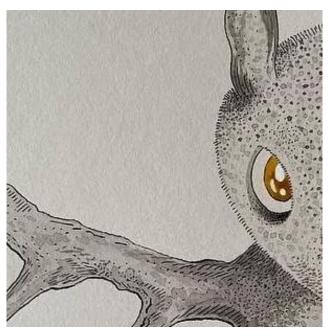
A Terrible Grace Ink & pencil on paper Image size: 281 x 382mm \$200



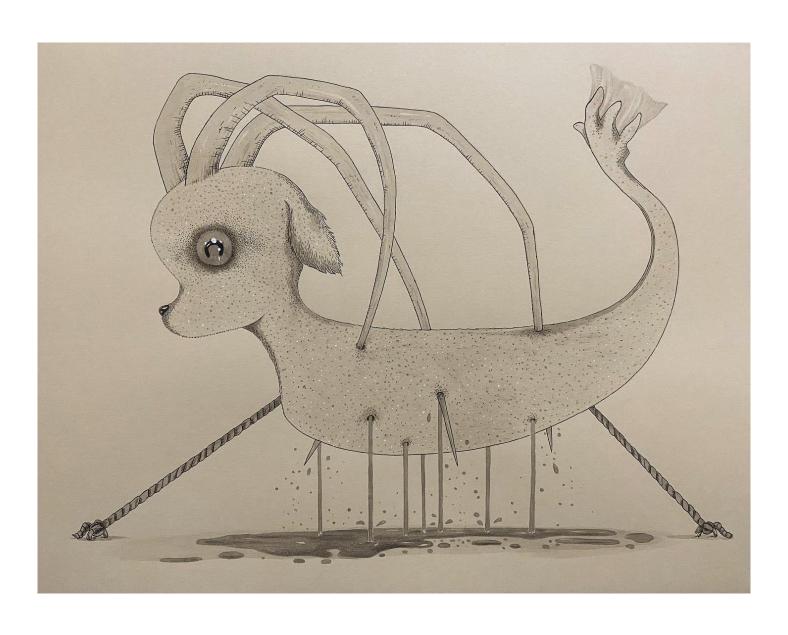


Bewitched Floatie Ink & pencil on paper 282 x 370 mm \$330





Bughouse Lurcher Ink on paper 281 x 372 mm \$330





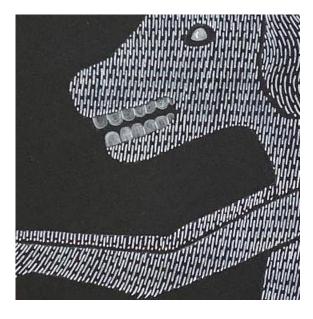
Buoyant Bleeder Ink & pencil on paper 288 x 373 mm \$330



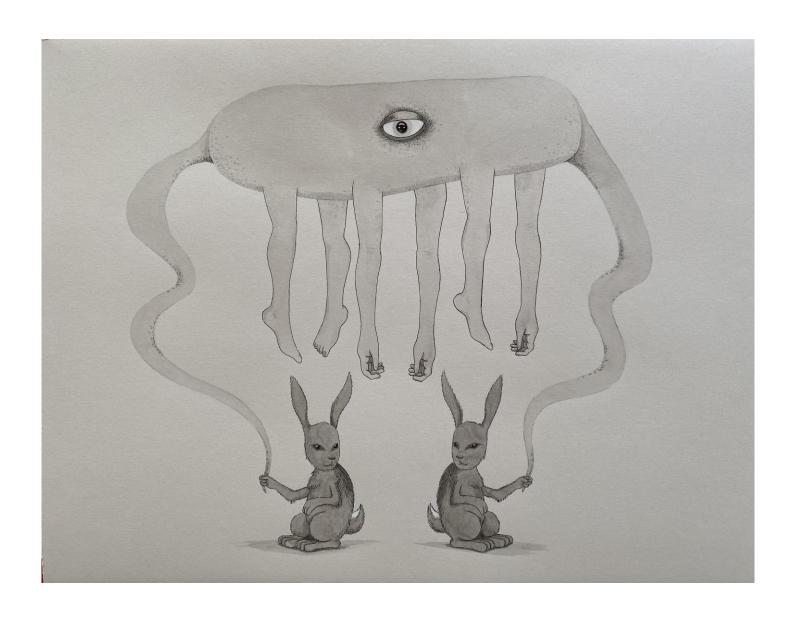


Coy, Roaming Cryptid Ink, pencil & watercolour on paper 288 x 370 mm \$360





Creeper from the Cave Ink & pencil on paper 400 x 300 mm \$280





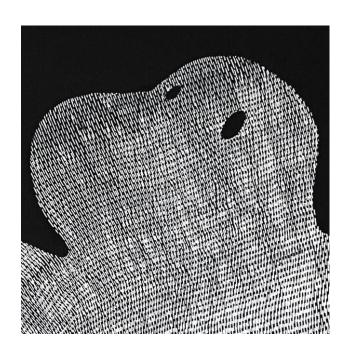
Dreamt Dangler Ink & pencil on paper 285 x 370 mm \$330





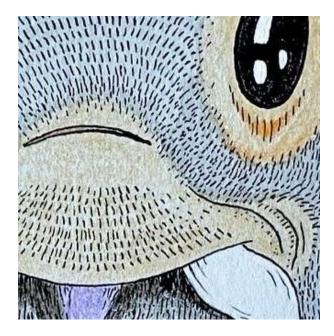
Drooling Bloomer Ink & pencil on paper 290 x 371 mm \$330





Eat the Faery Butter Acrylic, ink & pencil on wood 810 x 1200 mm \$1,200





El Doop Ink, watercolour & pencil on paper 223 x 171mm Framed \$300



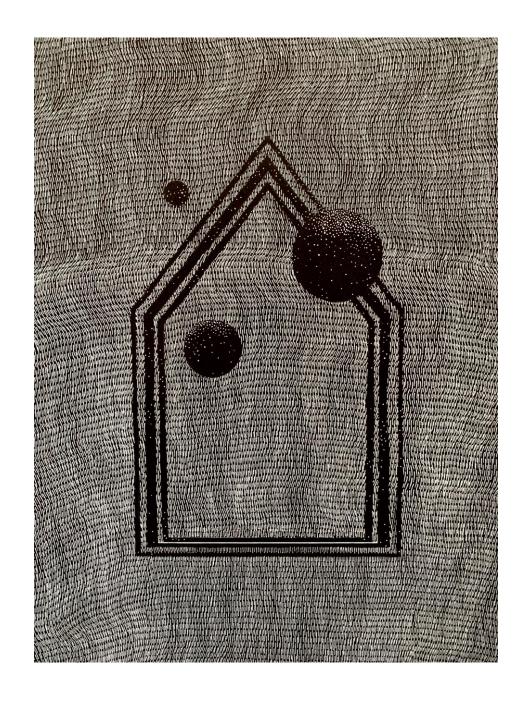


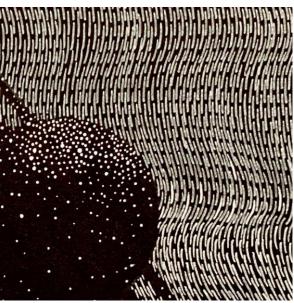
Eyeball-Sucker Ink & pencil on paper 280 x 374 mm \$330



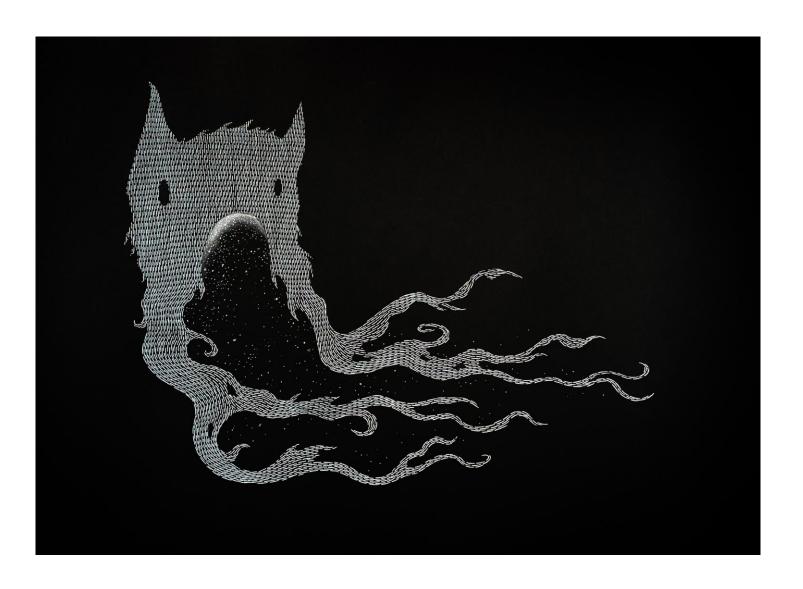


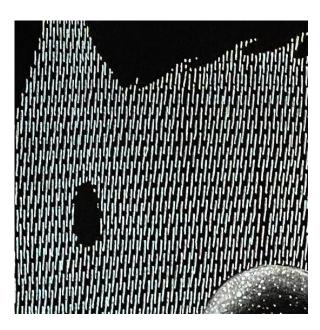
Face in the Night Ink & pencil on paper 485 x 382 mm \$340



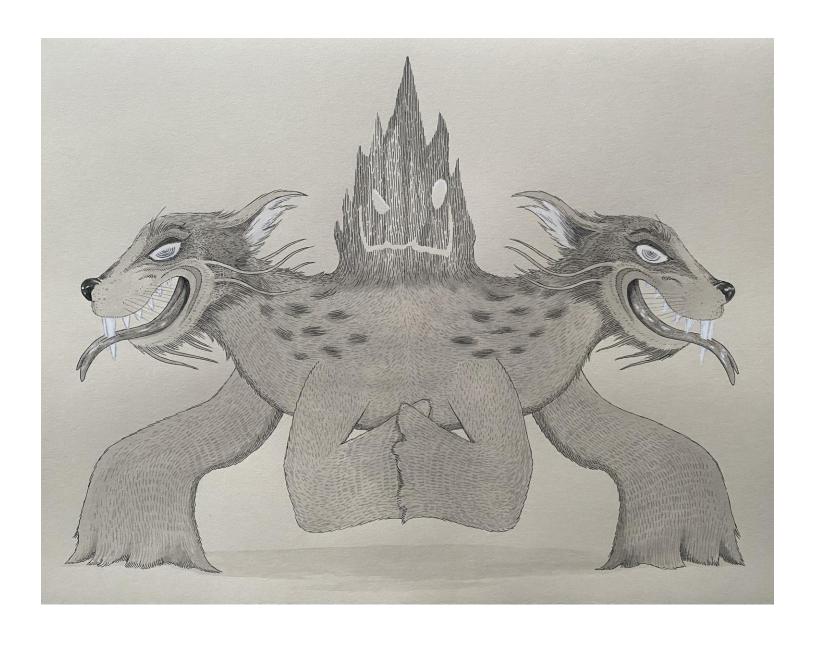


Gem Ink on paper 380 x 280 mm Framed \$540



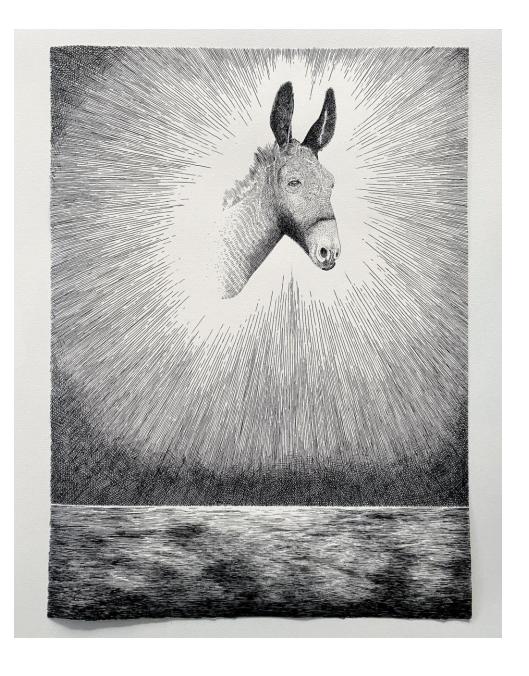


Gentle Devourer Ink & pencil on paper 370 x 567 mm \$290





Gnashing Galumpher Ink & pencil on paper 290 x 372 mm \$330



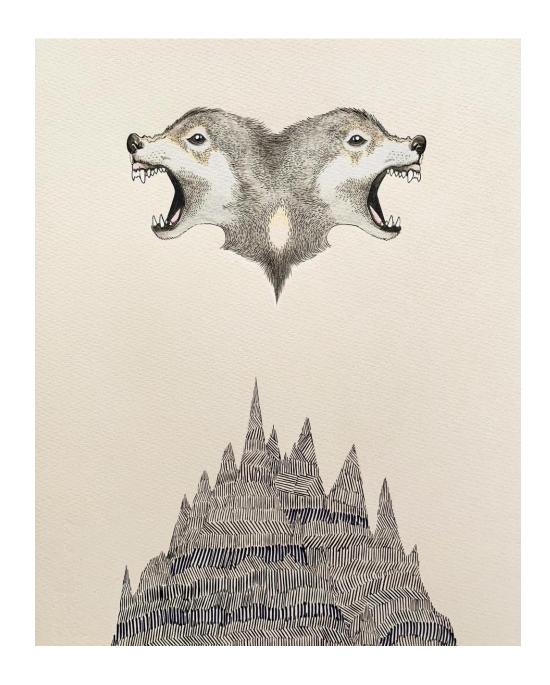


Heavenly Ass Ink on paper 380 x 280 mm Framed \$780





His Many Faces Fall Ink & pencil on paper 410 x 295 mm \$130





Janus Ink & pencil on paper 350 x 260 mm \$260





Legion Licker Ink, pencil & watercolour on paper 287 x 370 mm \$330





Mirage Maven Ink & pencil on paper 284 x 372 mm \$330





Pomeranian Hellhound Ink & pencil on paper 350 x 248 mm Framed \$670





Rat-Retcher Ink & pencil on paper 284 x 372 mm \$360



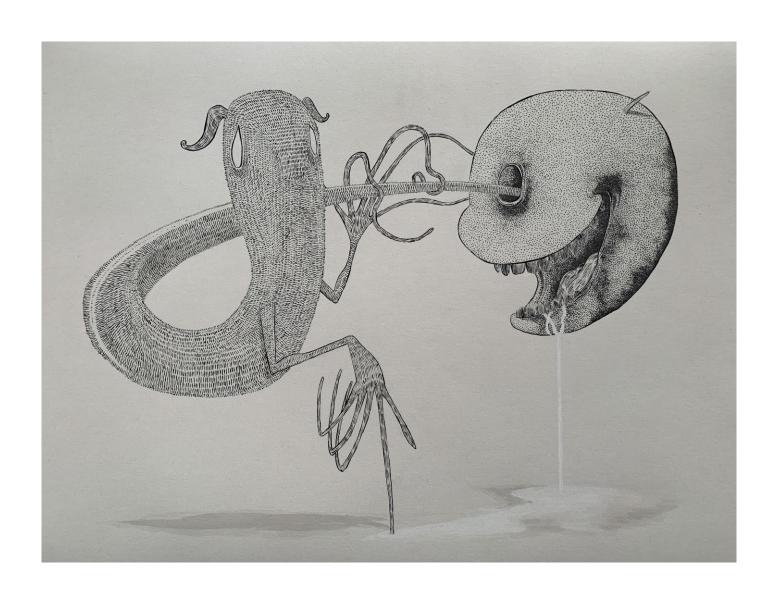


RorschAchangels Ink on paper 288 x 370 mm \$280





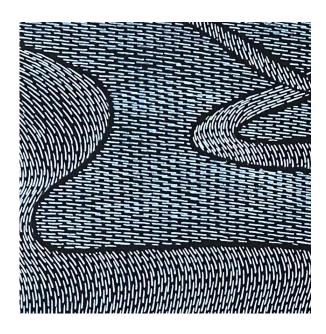
Severed Head Kiss Ink, pencil & watercolour on paper 287 x 370 mm Framed \$750





Spit-Flicker Ink & pencil on paper 282 x 370 mm \$330





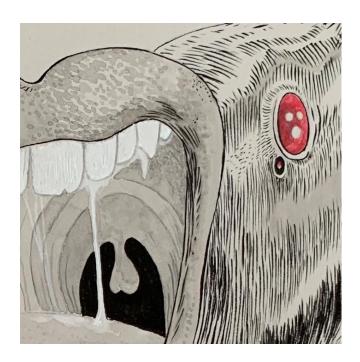
The Mist Speaks Ink on paper 450 x 351 mm Framed \$610





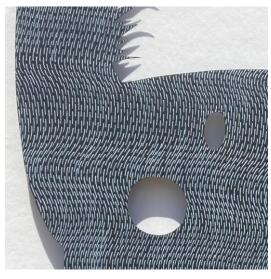
Toy Cù-Sìth Ink, pencil & watercolour on paper 105 x 90 mm Framed \$180



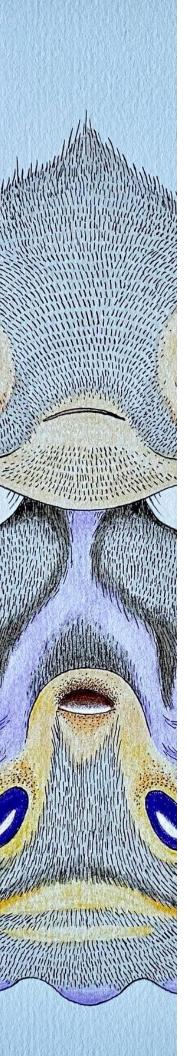


Twitch-Licker Ink & pencil on paper 280 x 374 mm \$330





Vision of a Mask Ink & pencil on paper 260 x 450 mm Framed \$780



# CV

#### **Solo exhibitions:**

2017 Noirscapes, Printmaker Gallery, Melbourne

2016 Kingdom, Off the Kerb, Melbourne

2012 Bygones, Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre, Melbourne

2012 Varieté, Gecko Studio Gallery, Fish Creek Victoria

2012 Domestic Disturbance, Hand Held Gallery, Melbourne

2010 Houses of Blood and Rapture, Hand Held Gallery, Melbourne

2009 Tender Things, Hand Held Gallery, Melbourne

2006 The Dead Dog Project, First Site Gallery, Melbourne

#### **Two-person exhibitions:**

2018 Conjurings (with Michael Needham) The Lost Ones Gallery, Ballarat

2011 Lost Is Found (with Priscilla Ambrosini) Hand Held Gallery, Melbourne

2010 Drift (with Ellen Benson) Library Art Space, Melbourne

2010 The Franky and Paul Show (with Franky Howell) Pigment Gallery, Melbourne

#### **Selected Group Exhibitions:**

2022 Animal Crackers, Satellite Projects, Castan Chambers, Melbourne

2021 ALLone, Satellite Projects (online exhibition)

2019 CUT, Red Gallery, Melbourne

2019 Paperlicious, Red Gallery, Melbourne

2019 The Museum of Platitudes and Aphorisms, Rubicon ARI, Melbourne

2019 The Museum of Platitudes and Aphorisms, C3 Gallery, Melbourne

2018-19 Drawing Strength, Montsalvat, Melbourne

2018 The Mule a Thousand Miles From Home, Jacombe, Victoria

2018 Through a Glass Darkly, Collins Place Gallery, Melbourne

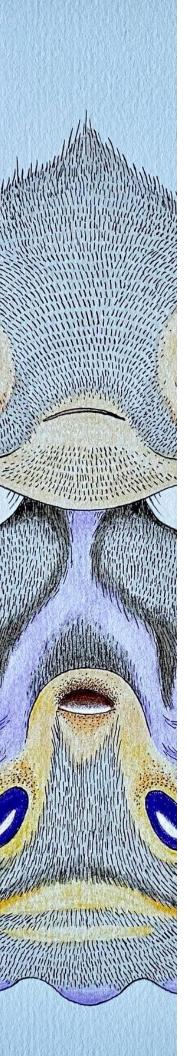
2017 Imaginings, Neospace, Melbourne

2017 First Site 21st Birthday Show, First Site Gallery, Melbourne

2017 Graeme Hildebrand Art Prize for Young Contemporary Artists, Red Gallery, Melbourne

2017 Dark Contrasts, Town Hall Gallery Hawthorn

2017 Cut and Press, Red Gallery, Melbourne



2016 Panoply, Metropolis Gallery, Geelong

2016 Creatures, Queenscliff Gallery & Workshop, Victoria

2016 CUT, Dirty Dozen, Melbourne

2016 Carousel, Melbourne Fringe Festival

2016 Eventide Mornington Peninsula Regional Art Gallery, Victoria

2016 Modern Myth Counihan Gallery, Melbourne

2016 Return To Hanging Rock: 40 Years of Picnic At Hanging Rock Mulberry Hill, Victoria

2015 Magical, Neospace, Melbourne

2015 Allusion, The Art Vault, Mildura Victoria

2015 Group Therapy, Brunswick Arts, Melbourne

2015 2015 Silk Cut Award for Lino Cut Prints, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Melbourne

2015 Two of a Kind, Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre, Melbourne

2014 Above the Mantle: 21st Mayoral Art Exhibition, Maroondah Art Gallery, Melbourne

2014 The Bloke Show, Project Space/Spare Room, Melbourne

2014 Swan Hill Print & Drawing Acquisitive Awards 2014

2013-14 Darebin Art Show Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre, Melbourne

2013 Wonder Room Maroondah Art Gallery, Melbourne

2013 Monstrous Neospace, Melbourne

2012-13 The Enchanted Dome: The Library and the Imagination, State Library of Victoria

2012 Vignette/Vitrene, Hand Held Gallery, Melbourne

2012 Freak of Nature, King Family Artspace, Boulder Colorado USA

2011 In Suspense, Hand Held Gallery, Melbourne

2011 Nether Regions, St. Heliers Street Gallery, Melbourne

2011 Freak of Nature, Switchbank Gallery, Victoria

2011 Manly Library Artists' Book Award, Manly Library, NSW

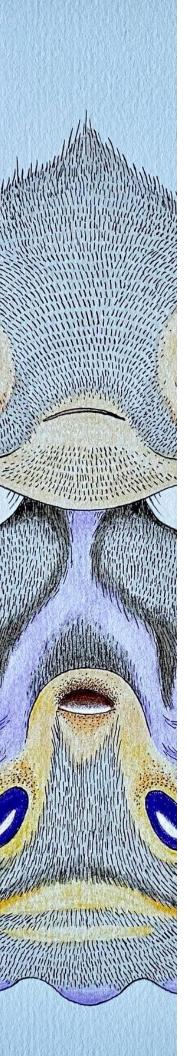
2010-11 High Tea, Bundoora Homestead Arts Centre, Melbourne

2010 Blackboard, Hand Held Gallery, Melbourne

2009 Heidelberg Fine Art Group Show, Somewhere Gallery, Melbourne

2009 Small Works 09, Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne

2009 Linden Postcard Show, Linden Gallery, Melbourne



2007 Folio 10, Forty-Five Downstairs, Melbourne

2006 Verisimilitude, Jackman Gallery, Melbourne

2005 Function / Satisfaction, Goya Galleries, Melbourne

2004 Sweet Sixteen, Goya Galleries, Melbourne

2003 Three Hundred and Eight Days, Project Space Gallery, Melbourne

#### **Art Prize:**

Mayoral Acquisition Prize at the 21st Mayoral Art Exhibition, 2014 Maroondah Art Gallery

Commendation award at the Graeme Hildebrand Art Prize for Young Contemporary Artists, 2017 Red

Gallery

### **Residency:**

Print Imaging Practise Residency 2014, RMIT University, Melbourne

#### **Public Collections:**

City of Darebin

Maroondah City Council

State Library of Victoria