

William Robinson

b.1936, Brisbane

Life & Education

- 1954 Studied Queensland College of Teachers, Brisbane
- 1955–56 Studied Central Technical College, Brisbane (now part of Queensland University of Technology)
- 1957 Began teaching geometrical drawing, perspective, freehand drawing and colour study at Central Technical College, Brisbane
- 1958 Married Shirley Rees, lived at Gaythorne, Brisbane
- 1963–69 Moved to Coorparoo, Brisbane
Teaching at Kedron Park Teaching College, Brisbane
- 1970–75 Moved to Birkdale, near Brisbane
Teaching at Kelvin Grove Teachers' College, Brisbane
- 1975 Moved to Toowoomba. Teaching at Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education, Toowoomba, Queensland
- 1976–82 Moved back to Birkdale
Teaching at North Brisbane College of Advanced Education, Brisbane
- 1982–89 Moved to Beechmont
Teaching at Brisbane College of Advanced Education, Kelvin Grove Campus, Brisbane
- 1989 Became a full time painter
- 1990 Travelled to Europe visiting galleries in Athens, London, Venice, Paris, Milan and Rome
- 1994 Moved to Kingscliff and the same year acquired the Springbrook studio
Travelled extensively in Europe
- 1996 Made lithographs in Paris with Franck Bordas
Visited Belgium and The Netherlands
- 1998 Made lithographs in Paris
Visited St. Petersburg and Greece
- 2000 Made lithographs in Paris at Studio Franck Bordas'
Travelled in Italy
- 2004 Made lithographs in Paris at Studio Franck Bordas'
Visited Scandinavia
- 2006 Made lithographs in Paris at Studio Franck Bordas'
Visited Italy

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
- 2024 *Numinous: The landscape paintings of William Robinson*, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
Cows: Two Paintings, A Selection of Drawings, Lithographs & Etchings 1979-2018, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2023 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
The Painter & The Printmaker, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 2022 *Love in life & art*, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 2021 *Lyrical Landscapes: The Art of William Robinson*, Home of the Arts, Queensland
Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
Nocturn, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 2020 *By the book*, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 2019 *Elixir of light*, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 2018 *Five paintings from the personal collection of William and Shirley Robinson*, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
Nature Imagined, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
Painted from my life, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Painted from my life, Australian Galleries, Sydney
Three bronze sculptures and extensive selection of lithographs and etchings made over 20 years in Australia and France, Australian Galleries/Stock rooms, Melbourne
- 2017 *Eternal Present: The Still Life Paintings of William Robinson*, Curated by John McDonald, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
Genesis, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University Technology, Brisbane touring to Embassy of Australia, Washington DC, United States of America; Embassy of Australia, Paris, France; Hamilton Gallery, Victoria; S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Still lives and interiors, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
- 2016 *The artist's garden, house and memories*, Australian Galleries, Sydney
The artist's garden, house and memories, Australian Galleries, Melbourne

- 2015 *Inspirations*, William Robinson Gallery , Queensland University of Technology , Brisbane
- 2014 *Infinite sphere*, William Robinson Gallery , Queensland University of Technology , Brisbane
Paintings and pastels, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
- 2013 *The farmyards*, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 2012 *Insights*, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
Still life and landscape paintings 2010 – 2012, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Still life and landscape paintings 2010 – 2012, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2011 Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
William Robinson: The transfigured landscape, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 2010 *Hinterland: The rainforest works of William Robinson*, William Robinson Gallery, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
Ekka series 1-20, Phillip Bacon Heritage Gallery, State Library of Queensland, Brisbane
Twenty ink drawings, Eight paintings, One sculpture, New works 2009, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Twenty ink drawings, Eight paintings, One sculpture, New works 2009, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2009 *Paintings 2009*, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
- 2007 *Paintings and Lithographs 2000 – 2007*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Paintings and Lithographs 2000 – 2007, Australian Galleries, Sydney
The French Lithographs, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
- 2006 *Paintings and Pastels 2006*, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
- 2005 *Landscapes*, Australian Galleries, Sydney
Landscapes, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 2004 *Place & Memory: The Graphic Work of William Robinson*, Queensland Univeraity of Technolgy Art Museum, Brisbane
travelling to Cairns Regional Art Gallery; Campbelltown City Bicentennial Art Gallery, Sydney;
Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Queensland; New England Regional Art Museum, New South Wales;
Stonington Stables Museum of Art, Melbourne, Deakin University, Melbourne; Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery,
Queensland; Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales
Self portraits 2004, Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Sydney
Self portraits 2004, Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Melbourne
Self Portraits 2004, Australian Galleries Stand 17A, Melbourne Art Fair, Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne
Self portraits 2004, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
William Robinson: The Revelation of Landscape, University of South Australia Art Museum
- 2003 *Paintings and pastels*, Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
William Robinson: The Revelation of Landscape, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney and Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Mornington, VIC
- 2002 *Recent Paintings*, Australian Galleries, Melbourne 'Recent Paintings', Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2001 *Darkness and Light – The Art of William Robinson*, QAGOMA, Brisbane; National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
Pastels and prints, Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Melbourne
Pastels, watercolours and prints, Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Sydney
Philip Bacon Galleries, Brisbane
- 1998 Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
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- 1994 Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 1992 Darren Knight Gallery, Melbourne
- 1991 *Creation Landscape: Water and Land*, Ray Hughes Gallery stand, International Print Fair, Sydney
Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
Selected Works from the University Art Collection, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 1989 Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education, Brisbane Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
- 1988 Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
- 1986 Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
- 1985 Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 1984 *Ray Hughes Gallery at Reconnaissance*, Reconnaissance Gallery, Melbourne
- 1982 Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
- 1981 *Farm Images*, New England Regional Art Museum, New South Wales
- 1980 Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
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- 1977 Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
- 1975 Kelvin Grove College of Advanced Education, Brisbane
- 1974 Leveson Street Gallery, Melbourne
- 1971 Leveson Street Gallery, Melbourne
- 1969 Design Arts Centre, Brisbane
- 1967 Design Arts Centre, Brisbane

Group Exhibitions

- 2020 *Off the Wall Summer Group Show*, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2019 *Australian Galleries: The Purves Family Business. The First Four Decades*, Book Launch and Group Exhibition, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
Between the Moon and the Stars, Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory, Darwin
papermade, Australian Galleries, Melbourne
- 2017 *Sculpture: medium and small – Mixed Sculptors*, Australian Galleries, Sydney
- 2016 *Panorama: Part Two*, TarraWarra Museum of Art, Victoria
- 2015 *An exhibition of paintings, sculpture & works on paper*, Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney
- 2014 *Australia Day 2014 Celebratory Exhibition*, Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
one of each, Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
- 2013 *Australia*, Royal Academy of Arts, London
Australian Galleries exhibition, Manning Regional Art Gallery, Taree, NSW
Australian Galleries at Gallows Gallery, Gallows Gallery, Perth
- 2012–13 *Summer Stock Show*, Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
- 2011 *large exhibition of small works*, Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney
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- 2010 *Artists' Prints made with Integrity I*, Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
Summer show, Australian Galleries, Glenmore Road, Sydney
Summer stock show, Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
- 2009–10 *Summer Stock Show*, Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
- 2009 *A Sculpture by...*, Australian Galleries, Royston Street, Sydney
- 2008 *Stock Show*, Australian Galleries, Glenmore Road, Sydney
Summer Stock Show, Australian Galleries, Smith Street, Melbourne
Wish You Were Here, Tweed River Art Gallery, New South Wales
- 2007 *Small Pleasures*, Australian Galleries Painting & Sculpture, Melbourne
Summer Stock Show, Australian Galleries Painting & Sculpture, Melbourne
Summer Stock Show, Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Melbourne
The story of Australian printmaking 1801 – 2005, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
- 2006 *Fine Australian Prints and Drawings*, Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Melbourne
Stock Show, Australian Galleries Painting & Sculpture, Melbourne 'Summer Stock Show', Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Melbourne
50th Anniversary Exhibition, Australian Galleries, Derby Street, Melbourne
- 2005 *End of Year Group Exhibition*, Australian Galleries Painting & Sculpture, Sydney 'Personage the figure on paper',
Works on Paper, Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Sydney
- 2004 *In the presence of all creatures great and small*, Australian Galleries Works on Paper, Sydney
- 2000 *Bonheurs des Antipodes*, Regards sur l'art contemporain Australien, Musée de Picardie, Amiens, France
Drawing Exhibition, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 1999 *Global Links*, Ipswich Art Gallery, Queensland
- 1998 *The Australian Drawing Biennale*, Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra
- 1997 *'Spirit and Place: Art in Australia 1961-1996'*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
- 1996 *Wynne Prize (Winner)*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1995 *Archibald Prize (Winner)*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Figures from life, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 1994 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Insights, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
- 1993 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
The Big Brisbane Pictures, Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
- 1992 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Animals on Paper, touring: Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney; Dubbo Regional Gallery, New South Wales; Lake Macquarie City Gallery, New South Wales; Grafton Regional Gallery, New South Wales
- 1991–92 *John McCaughey Memorial Prize (Winner)*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1991 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Green Art: Contemporary Australian Images of the Bush, selected by Robin Williams, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney
Thinking allowed, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
The City and Beyond, curated by Elizabeth Cross, touring to regional galleries
- 1990 *Twenty Australian Artists*, Touring: Galleria San Vidal, Italy; QAGOMA, Brisbane; Benalla Art Gallery, Victoria;
Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
Wynne Prize (Winner), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1989 *Archibald Prize*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Beneath the Surface: selected works from the ARCO coal collection, QAGOMA, Brisbane
Delineations, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney
Jack Manton Exhibition, QAGOMA, Brisbane & Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney

- They're Still Thinking Aloud*, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 1988 *A Horse Show (The Horse in Contemporary Australian Art)*, Heide Park and Art Gallery, Melbourne
Artists for Another Biennale, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
Seventeen Australian Artists, Galleria San Vidal, Venice, Italy organized on behalf of Richard Ellis World Wide to coincide with the Biennale of Venice, Italy
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1987 *Aberdare Prize for Landscape*, Ipswich City Council Art Gallery, Queensland
Another Summer: The Australian Landscape 1942-87, Heide Park and Art Gallery, Melbourne
ANZ Bicentennial Commissions, QAGOMA, Brisbane
Archibald Prize (Winner), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Contemporary Art in Australia – A Review, Museum of Contemporary Art, Brisbane
Museum of Modern Art, Saitama, Japan
Painters and Sculptors: Diversity in Australian Contemporary Art, QAGOMA, Brisbane
Recent works, Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
Seven Queensland Artists, Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education, Queensland
The Face of Australia: The Land, The Present, presented by the Bicentennial Authority of Australia, Touring: Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Victoria; Perc Tucker Regional Art Gallery, Queensland; New England Regional Art Museum, New South Wales; Newcastle Region Art Gallery, New South Wales; Warrnambool Art Gallery, Victoria
The ID Show, Centre for Arts Gallery, Hobart
Wynne Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1986 *Australian Fortnight*, Ray Hughes Gallery at Neiman Marcus, Dallas, United States of America
Origins, Originality and Beyond, The Sixth Biennale of Sydney, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Thinking Aloud, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 1985 *Aberdare Art Prize (Winner)*, Ipswich City Art Gallery, Queensland
Queensland Works 1950-85, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
Sorry – I'm Thinking Aloud, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
The First Exhibition, Ray Hughes Gallery, Sydney
- 1984 *Ray Hughes Gallery at Reconnaissance*, Reconnaissance Gallery, Melbourne & Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
- 1983 *Australian Perspecta '83'*, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
Acquisitions 1973-83, University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
Archibald Prize, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1982 *Big Drawings*, Ray Hughes Gallery, Brisbane
- 1981 *Nine Queensland artists*, Perc Tucker Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
Ray Hughes Gallery at Pinacotheca, Pinacotheca Gallery, Melbourne
The Queensland Connection, Contemporary Art Society, Adelaide
- 1980 *Contemporary Art Society*, Adelaide
- 1979 *Trustees' Purchase Exhibition*, QAGOMA, Brisbane

Prizes & Awards

- 2009 Chancellor's Outstanding Alumnus Award, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 2007 Officer of the Order (AO), Queen's Birthday Honours, Australia
- 2005 Honorary Doctorate, Griffith University, Brisbane
- 2002 Honorary Doctorate, University of South Queensland, Queensland
- 1998 Honorary Doctorate, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
- 1996 Wynne Prize (Winner), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1995 Archibald Prize (Winner), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1991-92 John McCaughey Memorial Prize (Winner), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1990 Wynne Prize (Winner), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1987 Archibald Prize (Winner), Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- 1985 Aberdare Art Prize (Winner), Ipswich City Art Gallery, Queensland
- 1970 David Jones Painting Prize, Australia
- 1956 Godfrey Rivers Memorial Medal, Central Technical College, Brisbane

Collections

- ANZ Bank, Australia
- Art Gallery of Ballarat, Victoria
- Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney
- Art Gallery of South Australia, Adelaide
- Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth
- Artbank, Sydney

Auckland City Art Gallery, Auckland, N.Z.
Australian Print Workshop Archive, Melbourne
Benalla Art Gallery, Victoria
Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria
Brisbane Grammar School, Brisbane
Burnie Regional Art Gallery, Burnie, Tasmania
Cairns Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
Campbelltown City Bicentennial Art Gallery, Sydney
First Chicago National Bank, Chicago, U.S.A.
Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Queensland
Griffith University, Brisbane
IBM, Australia
Ipswich City Art Gallery, Queensland
JP Morgan Chase, Australia
Macquarie Bank, Australia
Melbourne State College, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, U.S.A.
Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane
National Gallery of Australia, Canberra
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne
New England Regional Art Museum, New South Wales
Newcastle Art Gallery, New South Wales
Parliament House, Canberra
Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane
Queensland University Art Museum, Brisbane
Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane
Redcliffe City Art Gallery, Queensland
Rockhampton Art Gallery, Queensland
Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
State Library of Queensland, Brisbane
Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Queensland
Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah, New South Wales
UC Art Collection, University of Canberra, Canberra
University of New South Wales, Sydney
University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane
University of Tasmania Fine Art Collection, Hobart
Vatican Museums, Vatican City, Italy
Wagga Wagga Art Gallery, New South Wales
Waikato Art Museum, Hamilton, New Zealand