

FIONA FOLEY

STUD GINS

FACT, FANTASY AND FRAUD ON AUSTRALIAN FRONTIERS—PROFESSOR ANNA HAEBICH

The recent History Wars in Australia, as in similar earlier disputes in Europe and North America, proved a bloody battleground over historical truth. Revisionists publicly condemned discomforting accounts of systematic violence and oppression documented by historians from the 1970s as a combination of political agendas and dishonest scholarship and heralded a return to earlier celebratory national myths of peaceful settlement and benevolent progress. Politicians joined the fray. Conservative Prime Minister John Howard praised the nation's record of 'heroic achievement' and quoted historian Geoffrey Blainey's epithet 'black armband history' to encapsulate what many Australians considered an 'excessive emphasis ... on past wrongs'. The heated exchanges in Australia's History Wars were proof of the high stakes involved and reflected mounting public anxiety over related matters confronting the nation—Native title, sovereignty, Aboriginal deaths in custody, Mabo, the Stolen Generations and more recently Stolen Wages—debates that prompted a crisis in national conscience and identity.

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The grey rectangular blankets issued as welfare to Aboriginal people by Australian governments along with rations of flour, tea and sugar, have their own meanings in colonial history and within Foley's evolving oeuvre. Onto these blank, grey, rectangular screens are projected imaginings of neglectful charity, patronage and control; disease, death and ghostly tallies of declining Aboriginal populations; furtive sexual couplings; and distorted exchanges of blankets for land, resources and women. In colonial Western Australia, this blank field was emblazoned with the Imperial crown in regal colours—a declaration of government ownership intended to halt illegal blanket sales by police officers.

The text stamped on the row of blankets that line one wall of Foley's installation ('Aboriginal', 'Women', 'Property', 'Defiled', 'Ravished', 'Shared', 'Discarded') also speaks of ownership and exploitation—in this case of Aboriginal women's bodies by white men. The deprecatory title *Stud Gins* encapsulates proprietorial attitudes to Aboriginal women on colonial frontiers, while the text is a terrible, composite narrative of the life trajectories of many women. Such abusive treatment is normally associated with the nightmare of white men invading 'unprotected' Aboriginal camps on stations, in the bush or fringes of towns. By contrast, missions and government settlements are considered to have been refuges where women and girls could find protection and respect. However, even these environments were not always safe.

Yarrabah Anglican Mission in North Queensland in the early 1900s was one such place. As Superintendent of the Mission from 1897 to 1913, Reverend Ernest Gribble ran a tight moral ship for girls forcibly housed in mission dormitories to be cleansed of 'lust and licentiousness' through a 'long catalogue' of deprivations, harsh rules, punishments and public humiliations. This was hardly the promised, respectful world of Christian womanhood. Nor were the girls safe from sexual exploitation by mission staff, including Gribble's own family—in 1897 his married younger brother was forced out of Yarrabah after he allegedly raped a fifteen-year-old girl, leaving her pregnant.

Ten years later Gribble, in the throes of a failed marriage, broke his own strict moral standards when he fell deeply in love with one of his charges. His efforts to staunch his feelings by forcing the girl into an unwanted marriage failed and in 1908 she bore him a daughter. This sexual encounter across white and Aboriginal frontiers, Halse writes, 'transgressed the very foundation of the faith and moral codes on which [Gribble] had built his life'¹. Already psychologically unstable and subject to bouts of suicidal depression, Gribble broke down and had to be hospitalised. His anxieties escalated as rumours of his sexual misconduct spread through the local Cairns community who

^{1.} Christine Halse, A Terribly Wild Man, Crows Nest: Allen & Unwin, 2002, p.87.

resented his hypocrisy as well as his efforts to curb their exploitative labour and sexual arrangements with local Aboriginal people.

As the mission spiralled into chaos and neglect Gribble's staff threatened to resign *en masse* if he was not sacked. Finally, in 1910 the new Primate and Archbishop of Sydney endorsed Gribble's removal and the Australian Board of Missions announced that he had resigned due to ill health. The family left Yarrabah for good, leaving behind their unacknowledged Aboriginal offspring.

Within three years the disgraced missionary was back in the field, having been summonsed by Bishop Gerard Trower of the North West diocese to pioneer the Forrest River Mission in the West Kimberley, despite the scandal surrounding his forced resignation and the Archbishop of Sydney having banned him from ever working in his diocese.

Halse provides no explanation for this injudicious appointment. Perhaps there was simply no other experienced missionary willing to take on the post, or church authorities may have been inclined to excuse misconduct in such a complex frontier of human relationships. On the other hand, such decisions appear to fit with earlier church practice in handling cases of sexual misconduct by clergy. The churches' negligent response was highlighted in allegations made during 2002–03 that the then Governor-General of Australia Peter Hollingsworth had failed to deal with claims of child sexual abuse brought to him by families while he was Archbishop of Brisbane. The fiery public debate eventually prompted Hollingsworth's resignation.

In the case of Gribble, the eventual result was, as we have seen, the export of chaos and scandal to a new clime and a further traumatic conclusion to his mission endeavours. Astoundingly, Gribble's 1928 resignation was again only a temporary stay and in 1930 the Bishop of North Queensland, John Feetham, impressed by Gribble's stand on the Forrest River massacre, appointed him Anglican chaplain at Palm Island Aboriginal Settlement off the Townsville coast. Ironically, Gribble's arrival was delayed by the shocking news that the Superintendent of Palm Island had gone on a demented rampage, shooting at people and dynamiting and setting fire to buildings, resulting in the death of his son and stepdaughter and the wounding of two of his staff.

Fact, fantasy and fraud sit easily together in white imaginings about Indigenous Australians. Within these seemingly charmed circles of mutually reinforcing illusion and delusion are created and recreated various comforting and familiar imaginings about Indigineity and non-Indigineity that are surprisingly resilient to challenge and change. They act to maintain the narcissistic thrall that feeds white paternalism and feelings of superiority. They also shield white Australians from the pressing need to resolve the tragic legacies of past injustices such as the violence and abuse perpetrated against Aboriginal people, the tragedy of the Stolen Generations and the nation's fraudulent claims to rights of ownership of the Australian continent.

As Stephen Gray¹ observes:

There is something tawdry about all of this. It reflects an unwillingness to grapple seriously with the issues, a gullible self-centredness, a preference for romantic play-acting that lends itself to fraud.

Foley's installation slices through these charmed circles; her works dissect and expose the facts, fantasies and frauds, they force us to look into the abyss of our imaginings; and, finally, they thrust us out into expanding frontiers of human relationships where we encounter ever more uncertainties.

^{1.}Stephen Gray, Going native: Disguise, forgery, imitation and the "European Aboriginal", *Overland 170*, 2003, p. 34.



STUD GINS 2003 | ABORIGINAL | WOMEN | PROPERTY | DEFILED | | RAVISHED | SHARED | DISCARDED |

Seven ex-Government woolen blankets with screen-printed lettering
Sizes variable
Collection: National Gallery of Australia



STUD GINS (DETAIL) [ABORIGINAL]



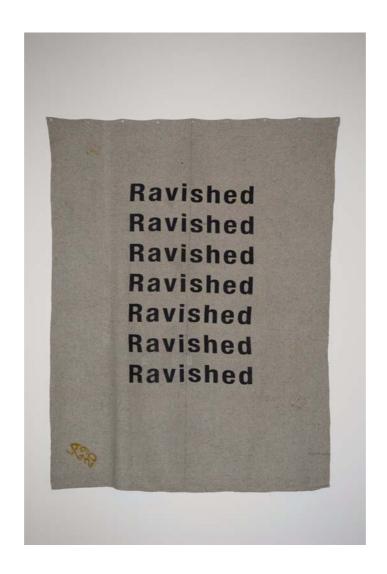
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FIONA FOLEY 1964 Born Maryborough, Queensland QUALIFICATIONS/APPOINTMENTS 2011-Adjunct Professor, The University of Queensland 2003-09 Adjunct Professor, Griffith University 1987 Diploma of Education, Sydney Institute of Education, Sydney University 1984-86 Bachelor of Visual Arts, Sydney College of the Arts 1982-83 Certificate of Arts, East Sydney Technical College SOLO EXHIBITIONS 2016 Biting the clouds (as a part of Tarnanthi—Festival of Contemporary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art), Contemporary Art Centre of South Australia (CACSA), Adelaide 2014 Vexed, Northern Centre for Contemporary Art, Darwin 2013 Retro-active: A 25 year survey, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane 2012 Flotsam and Jetsam, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane The Oyster Fishermen, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne 2010 Circumspect Circumstances, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane Fiona Foley, Glasshouse Regional Gallery, Port Macquarie, New South Wales 2009 Nulla 4 Eva, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne 2009-10 Fiona Foley: Forbidden, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney; The University of Queensland Art Museum. Brisbane 2008 Sea of Love, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane 2006 Strange Fruit, October Gallery, London, England Black Friday, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane Red Ochre Me, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Sydney 2005-07 No Shades of White. Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane: Niagara Galleries, Melbourne: Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney; The Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, USA 2004 Bring It On a.k.a. HHH, International Studio and Curatorial Program, Brooklyn, NY, USA Beyond the Sea, Presentation Convent, Carlow, Ireland Wandering, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne Fiona Foley, Karen Brown Gallery, Darwin 2003 Samsara, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane Red Ochre Me, Dell Gallery, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Brisbane 2002 Wild Times Call, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney

Them There Bones, New Land Gallery, Adelaide

Pir'ri-Mangrove, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane

Falling Tide—Kung Dhu'marami, Redback Art Gallery, Brisbane

2001

	Fiona Foley, Niagara Galleries, Melbourne
	River of Corn, University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL, USA
2000–02	Invisible Voices, Bundaberg Arts Centre, Queensland; Yarrabah Museum, Queensland; The Tanks, Cairns, Queensland
1998	Living with the Wind, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
1997	Dulingbara—People of the Nautilus Shell, Hervey Bay Regional Gallery; Savode Gallery, Brisbane
1996	Fiona Foley, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Santiago de Chile; Banco BHN, La Paz, Bolivia
	Wun'Duman, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
1995	Exotica Under the Microscope, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
	Land Deal—Velvet Waters, Savode Gallery, Brisbane
1994	Fiona Foley, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
1993	Lick My Black Art, Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, Melbourne
1992	Fiona Foley, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
1991	By Land and Sea I Leave Ephemeral Spirit, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
1989	A Three Legged Dog Day, Maningrida Arts and Craft, Northern Territory; Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
1988	Fiona Foley, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
	My Fishing Line is Still in the Ocean, Central Theatres Gallery, Griffith University, Brisbane
	JOINT EXHIBITION
1994	Fiona Foley and Olu Oguibe, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney
	SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS
2016	Over the fence: Contemporary Indigenous photography from the Corrigan Collection, UQ Art Museum, The University of Queensland, Brisbane
	Kurlkayima Ngatha—Remember Me, Form, Perth
	Impact: New Media Works by Michael Cook, Fiona Foley, Taloi Havini and Angela Tiatia, Cairns Regional Gallery, Queensland
	Sixth Sense, National Art School, Sydney
2015	Colonial Afterlives, Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart
	21, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Sydney
	When the Ocean Turns to Dust, Campbelltown Arts Centre, New South Wales
	A Time and a Place: Landscapes from the Griffith University Art Collection, Griffith University Art Gallery, Brisbane
	War: A group exhibition examining an experience of war beyond the two world wars, Wyndham Art Gallery, Werribee, Victoria
2014	TarraWarra Biennial 2014: Whisper in My Mask, TarraWarra Museum of Art, Healesville, Victoria
	Black and White Art, University of Southern Queensland Arts Gallery, Toowoomba, Queensland

Japan; Fukyama Museum of Art, Japan Courting Blakness: Recalibrating Knowledge in the Sandstone University, The University of Queensland, Brisbane 2014-17 Saltwater Country, Gold Coast City Gallery, Queensland; Australian Embassy, Washington DC, USA; AAMU, Museum of Contemporary Aboriginal Art, Utrecht, Netherlands; Manly Art Gallery and Museum, New South Wales; Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, Queensland; Cairns Regional Gallery, Queensland; Grafton Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales; Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery, Victoria; Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, South Australia; Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, Western Australia; Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo, New South Wales; Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, New South Wales; State Library of Queensland, Brisbane 2013 My Country, I still Call Australia Home: Contemporary Art form Black Australia, Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane Collection and Place: A decade on—Redland Art Gallery celebrates 10 years, Redland Art Gallery, Queensland New Acquisitions, Presiding Officers' Gallery, Parliament House, Canberra Ghost Citizens: Witnessing the Intervention, Counihan Gallery, Melbourne Voice and Reason, Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane The Art of Sound, Caboolture Regional Art Gallery, Queensland 2012-13 Bungaree: The First Australian, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney; Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, New South Wales; The Glasshouse, Port Macquarie, New South Wales UnDisclosed: 2nd National Indigenous Art Triennial, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra; Cairns Regional Gallery, Queensland; Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art, University of South Australian, Adelaide; Western Plains Cultural Centre, Dubbo 2012 Moving Change, National Art Museum of China, Beijing, China Shadowlife: Moving Image, Melbourne Indigenous Arts Festival, Federation Square, ACMI and Birrarung Marr, Melbourne; India Art Fair, Delhi, India; Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria Shadowlife. Bangkok Arts & Cultural Centre. Thailand: Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts: Taiwan: Nanyung Academy of Fine Art, Singapore; Bendigo Art Gallery, Victoria Convergent Worlds, Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Canberra Polarized: political photomedia in Queensland, Colour Factory Gallery, Melbourne 2011 Saying No: Reconciling Spirituality and Resistance in Indigenous Australian Art, The Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA), New York, NY, USA

Kyota Hanga: International Print Exhibition Japan and Australia, Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art,

Off the Walls: Art from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Agencies 1967–2005, Gallery

Saying No: Reconciling Spirituality and Resistance in Indigenous Australian Art, Museum of

People of the First Sunrise: Indigenous Art from Eastern Australia, Port Macquarie-Hastings Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales; Glasshouse Regional Gallery, New South Wales

2010 15th Redlands Westpac Art Prize, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney

of the First Australians, National Museum of Australia, Canberra

Contemporary African Diasporan Art (MoCADA), Brooklyn, NY, USA

17th Biennale of Sydney—The Beauty of Distance: Songs of Survival in a Precarious Age, Sydney A Generosity of Spirit: Contemporary Women's Art from the QUT Collection, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane

Nyah-Bunyar (Temple), The Arts Centre, Melbourne

Hard Sleeper, 7+/-1 Australian Artists, Red Gate Gallery, Beijing, China

2009 Continuity and Change, The British Museum, London, England

Floating Life: Contemporary Aboriginal Fibre Art, GoMA, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane Breaking Boundaries: Contemporary Indigenous Australian Art from the Collection, GoMA, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane

Speakeasy, Gallery 4A, Sydney

Character, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane

2009–10 Twelve Degrees of Latitude: Regional gallery and university art collections in Queensland,

Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum, Queensland; Artspace Mackay, Queensland; Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Queensland; Caloundra Regional Art Gallery, Queensland; University of the Sunshine Coast Gallery, Queensland; Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery,

Queensland; Warwick Art Gallery, Queensland

2008 [Re]inventing the Wheel, Denver Art Museum, CO, USA

Western Australian Premier's Indigenous Art Awards, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth Kate Challis RAKA Award, The Ian Potter Museum of Art, University of Melbourne, Victoria New: Selected recent acquisitions 2007–2008, The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane

Open Air: Portraits in the Landscape, National Portrait Gallery, Canberra

Skin Deep, Canberra Contemporary Art Space, ACT

Repeat that again!: The serial impulse in art since the 'sixties, The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane

Home, Lismore Regional Gallery, New South Wales

Depth of field: Contemporary photography from The University of Queensland Art Collection, The University of Queensland Art Museum, Brisbane

Cruel and unusual punishment: Art and violence, La Trobe University Art Museum, Melbourne

Habitus—Habitat, Noosa Regional Gallery; Queensland; Grafton Regional Gallery, New South Wales; Gladstone Regional Gallery and Museum, Queensland; Centre for Scenic Rim Arts & Culture, Brisbane, Queensland; Toowoomba Regional Art Gallery, Queensland; Gympie Regional Gallery, Queensland; Artspace Mackay, Queensland; Umbrella Studio, Townsville, Queensland; Bundaberg Arts Centre, Queensland; Tamworth Regional Gallery, New South Wales; Yugambeh

Language and Heritage Research Centre, Beenleigh, Queensland; Logan Art Gallery, Logan City,

Queensland

2008-10

2007 Global Feminisms: New Directions in Contemporary Art, Brooklyn Museum, NY, USA

No Laughing Matter, Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA

Power and Beauty: Indigenous art now, Heide Museum of Modern Art, Melbourne

Fifteen Years of Urban Art Projects, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane

The Betty Quelhurst Gift, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane Sunshine State: Smart State, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney Eye to "I": The Self in Recent Art, Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Victoria Celebrating Indigenous Rights?, Macquarie University Art Gallery, Sydney I Saw the Sun East Coast, Lismore Regional Gallery, New South Wales Boomalli Founding Members Exhibition, Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, Sydney The Unusual Suspects III, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane 2006 Prism: Australian Contemporary Art, Bridgestone Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan Habitus-Habitat, The Lobby, 111 George Street, Brisbane Bangu Yilbara: Works from the MCA Collection, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney Doubletake, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane Colonial to Contemporary, Dell Gallery, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Brisbane 2005 Out There, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Norwich, England Black Ink: Indigenous Prints from the Queensland Art Gallery, Collection, Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane 2004 Spirit & Vision: Aboriginal Art, Kunst der Gegenwart, Sammlung Essl, Klosterneuburg/Wien, Austria Cultural Copy, UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History, Los Angeles, CA, USA Out of Country, Gallery 1601, Embassy of Australia, Washington DC, USA Blak Insights: Contemporary indigenous art from the collection of the Queensland Art Gallery. Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane The Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award, Werribee Park, Victoria If You Only Knew, City Gallery, Melbourne Town Hall, Melbourne Passage, Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, Booragul, New South Wales Blackspot, Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne 2003 The American Effect, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY, USA Telstra 20th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Darwin (travelling exhibition) The Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award, Werribee Park, Victoria Witnessing to Silence, Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra Fields, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane Indians+Cowboys, Gallery 4a Asia-Australia Arts Centre, Sydney Wide Angle: Lateral perspectives from coastal Queensland, Rockhampton Art Gallery, Queensland Shield + Show, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, Queensland 2002-05 Native Title Business: Contemporary Indigenous Art, Queensland Museum, Brisbane (touring nationally)

The Queensland/Berlin Indigenous Art Exhibition, Ludwig Erhard Haus, Berlin, Germany

2002

Meridian: Focus on contemporary Australian art, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

Your Place or Mine, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane

Wild Nature in Contemporary Australian Art and Craft, a travelling exhibition Funded by Visions

Australia and the Gordon Darling Foundation: Jam Factory, Adelaide

Postmark Post Mabo, Post Master Gallery, Melbourne

Wide Angle, Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, Queensland

Conspectus, Artworkers Space, Brisbane

Far From Home, Andrew Baker Art Dealer, Brisbane

2001 Central Queensland Art Purchase, Rockhampton Art Gallery, Queensland

Lightness of Being, Monash University Gallery, Victoria

MCA Unpacked, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

Who What Where: Recent Sculpture Commissions at the Australian National University, CSA Gallery, Canberra

What's Love Got To Do With It, RMIT Gallery, Storey Hall, Melbourne

2000 Aboriginal Art in Modern Worlds, Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, Russia; National Gallery of

Australia. Canberra

Bonheurs des Antipodes, Musée de Picardie, Amiens, France

Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennial, Niigata Prefecture, Japan

All Stars, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney

1999 Claiming Title, Carleton and Saint Olaf Colleges, Northfield, MN, USA; Laurence University, WI,

USA; Samuel Dorswky Museum, State University of New York at New Paltz, New York, NY, USA

Love Magic: Erotics and Politics in Indigenous Art, Perspecta 99: Living Here Now, Art+Politics,

SH Ervin Gallery, Sydney

Possession, Herringbone Gallery, Sydney

Isintu: Ceremony, Identity and Community, South African National Gallery, Cape Town, South

Africa

Enjoin, Cairns Regional Gallery, Queensland

Cinderella's Gems, University of Technology, Sydney (touring)

Island, Artspace, Sydney

Spinifex Runner, Campbelltown City Bicentennial Art Gallery, Sydney

Fine lines: Works of Ornamentation and Design by Maningrida Artists, Museum of Contemporary

Art, Sydney

1998 Ceremony, Identity and Community, Flinders Art Museum City Gallery, Adelaide

Land and Sea: The Cultural Connection, Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, Queensland

Enjoin, Manila, The Philippines

1997–98 Dreaming the Republic, Newcastle Regional Art Gallery, New South Wales

1997 Eye of the Storm, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney; Museum of Modern Art at Heide,

Melbourne

Wind and Water, Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, Queensland

NAIDOC Week Exhibition, Bundaberg Arts Centre, Queensland In Place (Out of Time), The Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, England Drift, Penrith Regional Gallery, The Lewers Bequest, Wollongong City Gallery, City Art Gallery, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales Sense, Centre for Contemporary Photography, Melbourne; Whanki Museum, Seoul, South Korea Painting the Land Story, Old Parliament House, Canberra 1996 Containers '96, Adelaide Festival of the Arts, South Australia; Copenhagen Cultural Capital Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark Colonial/Post Colonial, Museum of Modern Art at Heidi, Melbourne Photography is Dead! Long Live Photography!, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney Islands, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra The Eye of the Storm, National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi, India Art Head Land, Festival of Darwin, Supreme Court, Darwin, Northern Territory Spirit + Place, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney 1995 Australian Perspecta 1995, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney Island to Island: Cheju Pre-Biennale, Cheju Art Center, South Korea Asia & Oceania Influence, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney Rereading Eliza Fraser, Museum of South Australia, Adelaide Sight Seeing, Australia Post Gallery, Melbourne 1994 Moving Sands, Tandanya, Adelaide Installations, Adelaide Festival, Adelaide True Stories, Artspace, Sydney Identities: Art from Australia, Taipei Fine Arts Museum, Taiwan; Wollongong City Gallery, New South Wales Localities of Desire: Contemporary Art in an International World, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney Palindrome, Xchanges Gallery, Victoria, BC, Canada Photosynthesis, Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney 1993 Death, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney Wiyana/Perisferia (Periphery), satellite event of the 9th Biennale of Sydney, Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative at the Performance Space, Sydney (touring New South Wales) Raka, Ian Potter Gallery, Melbourne Yanada (New Moon), Ivan Dougherty Gallery, Sydney Dream Time, Vigado Gallery, Budapest, Hungary Aratjara: Art of the First Australians, Kunstsammlung Nordrhein-Westfalen, Düsseldorf, Germany; Hayward Gallery, London, England; Louisiana Museum for Moderne Kunst, Humlebæk, Denmark; National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne 1992

Flash Pictures, Australian National Gallery, Canberra

Tyerabarrbowaryaou, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

	Crossroads: Towards a New Reality, National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan; National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
1992–93	New Tracks Old Land: An Exhibition of Contemporary Prints from Aboriginal Australia, Northern Territory Museum of Arts and Sciences, Darwin; Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA; Austral Gallery, St. Louis, MO; Augen Gallery, Portland, OR, USA; Davidson Galleries, Seattle, WA, USA; also Santa Fe, New York, Florida and Washington DC, USA
1991	The Concept of Country, Ivan Dougherty Gallery, College of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales, Sydney
	Who's Sorry Now, Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane
1988	From Pukumani Poles to Sand Paintings, Craft Centre Gallery, Sydney
1987	Aboriginal Australian Views in Print & Poster, Australian Print Council, Melbourne
	Boomalli Au-Go-Go, Chippendale, Sydney
1986	Urban Koories, Willoughby Workshop Arts Centre, Sydney
	Art Bites, Piers 2 & 3 Walsh Bay, Sydney
1985	Aboriginal Artist Gallery, Melbourne
	Aboriginal Artist Gallery, Sydney
1984	Koorie Art '84, Artspace, Sydney; Butchers Exhibit Gallery
	AWARDS
2014	Australia Council Visual Arts Laureate Award, Australia Council
2010	15th Redlands Westpac Art Prize, Redlands, Sydney Church of England Co-educational Grammar School, Sydney, 2010
2003	Gallery Australian Art Competition
1995	Lloyd Rees Award for Outstanding Urban Design
	Residencies
2006	University of Wollongong, New South Wales
	Sydney College of the Arts, Sydney University, Sydney
2004	International Studio and Curatorial Program (ISCP), New York, NY, USA
2002	Canberra School of Art, Australian National University, Canberra
1996	Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, 2 months
1994	Commonwealth Artists Exchange, Open Space, Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada, 2 months
1990	Cleveland Street Intensive Language Centre, Sydney
1988	Griffith Artworks, Nathan campus, Griffith University, 3 months
	Maningrida Arts and Crafts, Maningrida, Arnhem Land, Northern Territory 2 months
	Co-ordinator, silk screen printing workshop Ramingining, Northern Territory
1983	Visiting Student to St Martins School of Art, London
	Workshop
2005	Gil'la. Fraser Island—Great Walks. Art and Environment

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	TRAVEL
2007	New York, NY, USA
	Copenhagen, Denmark
	Dublin, Ireland
2006	London, England
	Auckland, New Zealand
2005	Norwich, United Kingdom
2004	New York, NY, USA
	Carlow, Ireland
2003	New York, NY, USA
2002	Madrid, Spain
2001	Tampa, FL, USA
	New York, NY, USA
2000	St Petersberg, Russia; London, England; New York, NY, USA; Niigata, Japan
1999	Cape Town, South Africa; New Delhi, India; Niigata, Japan
1997	Seoul, Korea
1996	Santiago De Chile, Chile
	La Paz, Bolivia
	New Delhi, India
1995	Berlin, Germany
	Cheju, Korea
1994	Havana, Cuba
	Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
1993	Ramingining, Arnhem Land, Northern Territory
	London, England
1000	Budapest, Hungary
1992	Kyoto, Japan
1991–92	Maningrida, Arnhem Land, Northern Territory
1990	New York, USA
1989	Ramingining, Arnhem Land, Northern Territory
1988–89	Maningrida, Arnhem Land, Northern Territory
1988	La Perouse Invasion Day March, Sydney
	Musgrave Park Ceremony, Brisbane
1005	Barunga Festival, Barunga, Northern Territory
1985 1985–87	Bathurst Island, Northern Territory
1900-07	Ramingining, Arnhem Land, Northern Territory

	COMMISSIONS
2008	Bluewater Trail Public Art, Mackay Regional Council, Queensland
2006	Black Opium, Millennium Arts Project, State Library Queensland, Brisbane (sculpture)
	pir-ri, Queensland College of Art, South Bank, Brisbane (sculpture)
2004	Witnessing to Silence, Brisbane Magistrates' Court, Brisbane (sculpture)
	Untitled, Tallebudgera, Queensland (sculpture)
2001	Winged Harvest, Centre for Cross Cultural Research, Australian National University, Canberra (sculpture)
	Tribute to A'vang, Parliament House, Canberra (sculpture)
	Falling Tide–Kung Dhu'marami, New Farm River Walk, Merthyr Park, New Farm, Brisbane (sculpture)
2000	Untitled, Brenden Hanson Building, Hervey Bay, Queensland (sculpture)
	Tubowgulel (Director Stephen Page), Olympic Arts Festival, Sydney (set design)
	Queensland Arts Council, Brisbane (poster design)
	Ochre and Dust (Director Aku Kadogo), Adelaide Arts Festival, Adelaide (set design)
1999	Queen Street Mall, Brisbane (pavement design)
1997	The Lie of the Land, Melbourne Town Hall, Melbourne (sculpture)
1996	Alchemy (The Australian Ballet), Sydney Opera House, Sydney; Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne (set design)
1995	Edge of the Trees, Museum of Sydney, Sydney (sculpture)
1994	Adelaide Festival of the Arts, Adelaide (poster design)
1993	Black Cockatoo (Australia Post stamp issue, International Year of Indigenous People, forty-five cent stamp)
	CURATORIAL
2004	Co-curator, Skin, Salamanca Arts Centre, Long Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania
1993–94	Guest Curator, Tyerabarrbowaryaou II, Museum of Contemporary Art, Havana Biennial 1994
1991–92	Guest curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art, Tyerbarrbowaryaou
1991	Curator at Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative: Ian Abdulla & Harry Wedge, Kudjeri's, Boomalli End of Year Exhibition
	CONFERENCE PAPERS
2007	Australia: What's Left? (keynote address), EASA Conference, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
	Black 2 Blak Conference, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Sydney
2005	Murri Milestones: 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, Queensland Museum, Brisbane Claiming Ground, Public Art Conference, Hobart (Key Note Speaker)

The Art of Politics/The Politics of Art, Brisbane (Conference Convenor)

Art and Human Rights, Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra

2003

International Human Rights Day Symposium, Centre for Public Culture and Ideas, Griffith

University, Brisbane

Native Title Business, National Museum of Australia, Canberra

LECTURES

2007 College of Fine Art, University of New South Wales, Sydney

2004 B.CAIA Convener, Semester Two 2004, Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Brisbane

New York University, New York, NY, USA The University of Arizona, Tcson, AZ, USA

Columbia University, NYC, USA

2003 Queensland College of Art, Griffith University, Brisbane

Fine Arts Department, Sydney University, Sydney

Art and Human Rights, Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra International Human Rights Day Symposium, Centre for Public Culture and Ideas, Griffith University, Brisbane

Native Title Business, National Museum of Canberra

2002 On the Bunya Trail Symposium, Griffith University, Nathan Campus

Presenting Indigenous Arts, Centre for Cross Cultural Research, Australian National University,

Canberra

Home, Queensland University of Technology

Many Rivers to Cross, Canberra School of Art, Australian National University, Canberra

Yarrabah High School, Queensland

The Tanks, Cairns

Queensland College of Art, Brisbane

2001 University of South Florida, College of Art, Tampa, Florida

Columbia University, New York, NY, USA

Pinnacles Gallery, Townsville

Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane

Griffith University, College of Art, Brisbane

Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane

Hervey Bay Regional Gallery, Hervey Bay

1998 Adelaide Arts Festival Artists Week

Cultural Tourism, University of Southern Queensland (Wide Bay)

Griffith University, Stradbroke Island Project

University of Southern Queensland, Hervey Bay Cultural Tourism Seminar—Yagubi Festival

University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba, Faculty of the Arts

1996 Australian Ambassador's Residence, Santiago de Chile

University of Chile, Escuela de Arte, Santiago de Chile

	Towards the New Millennium, Museums Australia Inc. 1996, Conference Power and Empowerment, Sydney
	University of Tasmania, Department of Fine Arts, Launceston, Tasmania
	A Blast from the Past, Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Launceston, Tasmania
	Northern Territory University, School of Fine Arts, Darwin, Northern Territory
	Arts Symposium, Imaginary Places, Indian International Centre, New Delhi
1995	University of Western Sydney, Nepean Faculty of Visual and Performing Arts, Sydney
	Post Colonialism Eliza Fraser Workshop, Berlin, Germany
	Cultural Policy—State of The Art, NIAAA representative
	Post-Colonial Fictions Symposium, Department of Women's Studies, University of Adelaide
1994	Museums Associations of Australia, Traditional Boundaries, New Boundaries, Sydney
	Regional Galleries Association of New South Wales, <i>Traditional Boundaries, New Perspective</i> , Newcastle
	Minded Cultures—Contemporary Artists and Post-Colonialism in the Commonwealth, Canada
	Artist Talk, Localities of Desire, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney
	Sydney College of the Arts, Sculpture Department, Sydney
1993	Co-Judge, National Aboriginal Art Award, Darwin
	Aboriginal Printmaking Symposium, Aboriginal Issues in Print, Darwin
	SELECTED BOARD MEMBERSHIPS
2002–06	Institute of Modern Art, Brisbane (Executive Member)
1997–98	Yag'ubi Multicultural Festival
1996	Hervey Bay Regional Gallery (Exhibition Panel)
1995–	Wondunna Aboriginal Corporation
1994–95	Artspace, Sydney
1993–97	National Indigenous Arts Advocacy Association (Executive Member)
1993–94	Director of Bangarra Dance Theatre
1992–95	Thoorgine Educational and Culture Centre (Executive Member)
1990–1993	Aboriginal Arts Committee of the Australia Council
	Visual Arts Panel of the Australia Council
1987	Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative (Founding Member)
	INTERNATIONAL ARTIST EXCHANGES—HOSTED AT HERVEY BAY
1998	Kelvin Yazzie, USA (2 months)
1996	Rose Spahan, Canada (2 months)
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