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Artist Profile

Valerie Hibberd is a multidisciplinary visual artist based in Gippsland, Victoria, working primarily in painting, alongside printmaking and sculpture. Her practice explores the relationship between humanity and the natural world, drawing on mythology, folklore, cultural memory and storytelling to examine identity, transformation, environmental fragility and societal expectations.

Her work combines expressive imagery with an interest in the stories, beliefs and traditions through which people understand their world. Earlier explorations of social inequality and environmental concerns continue to inform her evolving artistic practice.

Selected Gallery Exhibitions

2026 — Whispers of the Forest: A Journey Through Spirit and Time, Arc Yinnar, Yinnar, Victoria. Collaborative exhibition.

2026 — Whispers of the Forest: A Journey Through Spirit and Time, Yarram Courthouse, Yarram, Victoria. Collaborative exhibition.

2022 — Witness, PollyannaR Gallery Studio. Collaborative exhibition.

2019 — Fire Bricks and the Switch, Traralgon Courthouse, Traralgon, Victoria. Collaborative exhibition.

2018 — Expressive and Varied, Traralgon Courthouse, Traralgon, Victoria. Collaborative exhibition.

2017 — Exploring the Disconnect, Meeniyan Art Gallery, Meeniyan, Victoria. Collaborative exhibition.

2016 — Contrast and Connections, The ArtSpace, Mirboo North, Victoria. Collaborative exhibition.

2016 — Resonate, The Gallery, Arc Yinnar, Yinnar, Victoria. Collaborative exhibition.

ART SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS

2025 - Leongatha Art Show

2022 - Mirboo North Art Show

2022 - Trendy Art, Cardinia Cultural Centre

2022 - Brunswick Street Gallery Small Works Art Show

2021 - Annual Womens Exhibition – ARC Yinnar, Mini Portraits, Little Fox, Rosedale, Annual Womens Exhibition, Arc Yinnar

2019 - Resin and Flow Art Show, Pakenham:

2017 - Mornington Art Show

2017 - Camberwell Art Show

2017 - Annual Women's Exhibition' – ARC Yinnar

OPEN STUDIOS

2017, 2018, 2019, 2023, 2025, 2026 — Open Studios Latrobe, Victoria

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2019 — First in Class, Resin and Flow Art Show, Pakenham, Victoria.
2018 — Encouragement Award, Tyers Art Show, Tyers, Victoria.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2002 — Bachelor of Arts, Monash University. Studies in History, Politics and Koorie Studies.

2023 — Foundations of Art Therapy for Professionals, Artpa.

2019–2023 — Artistic Mentorship with Alvina Bishop-Edwards.

2018 — Painting and Drawing, Arc Yinnar.

2017–2022 — Selected workshops and short courses:
Sculpture with Jessie McLennan
Screen Printing and Nature Printing, Arc Yinnar
Grampians Brushes, Halls Gap, Victoria

UPCOMING EXHIBITION

March 2027 — Whispers of Earth and Forest: A Journey Through Mind and Myth, Station Gallery, Baw Baw Arts Alliance, Yarragon, Victoria.
Two-artist exhibition with Alvina Bishop-Edwards.

An evolving exploration of mythology, folklore, ritual, cultural memory and humanity's relationship with the natural world, bringing together forest imagery and new interpretations of the stories and beliefs that shape our connection to the earth.

OTHER ARTISTIC PROJECTS

Museum of Manufactured Girls

An ongoing body of work exploring femininity, identity and societal expectations through the imagery and symbolism of dolls.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND ARTS INVOLEMENT

Former Research Fellow, Federation University Australia

Co-founder, GippslandCreative, an artist-led initiative

Active participant in regional arts initiatives, collaborative exhibitions and Open Studios