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▪ Education

2016-2018 **Masters of Teaching (Primary & Secondary)**

2007-2008 **Certificate Level III in Small Business Management**

2005-2007 **RMIT University, Melbourne**
Masters in Arts: Art and Public Space
Develop and execute artworks for public places, community engagement & event management

2000-2003 **Lancaster University, Lancaster, England**
Bachelor of Arts: Fine art (Practice and Theory)
Double Major Geography
My course combined theoretical knowledge of art and studio practice specializing in printmaking and painting.

Public Arts Officer/Curator/Project Manager

Oct 18-P **'Seasonal' Exhibition, Curator, City of Whittlesea**

Dec 17 **'New Beginnings' Exhibition, Curator, City of Whittlesea**

Dec 16 **'Mosaic of Life' Exhibition, Curator, City of Whittlesea**

Nov 15 **Laurimar Sporting Pavilion public art installation, Laurimar**

Oct 15 **'Doorways' Exhibition, Curator, City of Whittlesea**

Jul 15 **Whittlesea CAC public art project, Whittlesea**

2014-15 **150th Agricultural Society Commemorative Sculpture, Whittlesea**

Dec 14 **'Growth' Exhibition, Curator, City of Whittlesea**

Sept 13 **'Harmony' Exhibition, Curator, City of Whittlesea**

Mar 13 **'Publican Gallery Mural', public art project, Prahran**

Nov 12 **'Celebrating Our School Mural', public artwork, FKI P.S, St.Kilda**

Aug 12 **'Dreaming', Curator, City of Whittlesea**

May 12 **'Don't Park in the Blue' Arts officer, Whittlesea**

Dec 11 **'Pathways', Curator, City of Whittlesea**

Dec 11 **Olympic Village shopping precinct installation, Heidelberg**

Dec 10 **'Diversity of Life Exhibition', Curator, City of Whittlesea**

Dec 10 **'Memories', Peter Lalor S.C Photographic Exhibition, Lalor**

Nov-Jun 10 **'Around the Track', Mooroolbark Train Station Public Art Project**

Mar 10 **'Artyfarty Parade' Girls Rock Group, Community Artist, Heidelberg**

Jan 10 **'The Gift of Giving', Laneway installation, Box Hill**

Feb 08/09 **Sustainable Living Festival, Create Public Art Section, Fed Sq.**

Nov 07 **'Mindful Terrains' Public Art Laneway Installation, Dandenong**

April 07 **'Essence' Public Art Laneway Installation, Dandenong**

Solo Exhibitions

Mar 19 **'Publican Gallery', Prahran**

Nov 18 **'Visual Diaries', Hobsons Bay**

Feb 16 **'New Collection of Paintings', Art in Public Places, Williamstown**

April 14 **'Visual Journals II' Melbourne Art Fair, Carlton**

April 11 **'Collection One' Melbourne Art Fair, Carlton**

Nov 10 **'Memories', Open Studio's, Williamstown**

Jun 10 **'Northern Exposure Festival', Northcote TownHall**

Jun/Aug 09 **'New Journeys', Dogs Bar, St Kilda**

July 08	'The Australian Car Dream', Walker St Mural, <i>Dandenong</i>
July 08	'Suburban Edge', Thomas St Car Park, <i>Dandenong</i>
Mar 08	'Visual Journals', Brunswick Street Gallery, <i>Brunswick</i>
Feb 08	'We just like to pile up', Sustainable Living Festival, <i>Fed Square</i>
Nov 07	'We just like to hang around', Laneway Installation, <i>Dandenong</i>
Oct 07	'Where did you swim from...?' Myer Window Installation
Apr 07	'Distortion of Maps' Laneway Installation, <i>Dandenong</i>
Dec 06	'Beyond I', Workshop, <i>Melbourne</i>
Dec 06	'Beyond II', QVWC, <i>Melbourne</i>
Aug 06	'Memory, Time and Place', Mad Gallery, <i>Lancefield</i>
Feb 06	'Moments', E55, <i>Melbourne</i>

Group Exhibitions

Oct 19	'Hobsons Bay Art Show', Altona
Nov 19	'Linking', Bowling Club Studio Exhibition, St Kilda
Sept 19	Lightcycle:Electrolight Design show, <i>City of Melbourne</i>
Jun 19	Hobsons Bay Art Show, Altona
April 19	Hobsons Bay Art Society Group Show, Altona
Jun 18	Hobsons Bay Art Show, Altona
April 18	Hobsons Bay Art Society Group Show, Altona
May 09	'aRtECYCLE', Ephemeral Sculptural installation, <i>Moonee Ponds</i>
Nov 08	'The Garden Party', St.Kilda Bowling Club Studio Exhibition
May 08	'aRtECYCLE', Ephemeral Sculptural installation, <i>Moonee Ponds</i>
May 08	'Visual Journals', Brunswick Street Gallery, <i>Brunswick</i>
Mar 08	Chillout Photography Prize, Short listed <i>Daylesford Foto Biennale</i>
July 07	Louey and Lane Gallery Opening Exhibition, <i>Glen Waverley</i>
Mar 07	New Days, Toyota Community Spirit Gallery, <i>Port Melbourne</i>

Public Art Projects

Mar 13	'Publican Gallery Mural', public art project, <i>Prahran</i>
Jan 13	'True North' Window installation, <i>Darebin Public art</i>
Jan 13	'Colours' Window installation, <i>Baseline Youth Service Public art</i>
Oct 08	'Shadows of the Landscape Mural' <i>University of Prato, Italy</i>
Nov 07/08	'Mindful Terrains' & 'Essence' Laneway Installation, <i>Dandenong</i>
Oct 06	'Red Tomb Lantern Mural' Installation, <i>Xian, China</i>
Aug 06	'Colour of Night', Laneway Installation, <i>City of Dandenong</i>
Mar 06	'Infringement' Arts Festival, <i>Northcote, Melbourne</i>
Jan 06	'888' Monument project, <i>Melbourne</i>
Oct 05	'Great Wall Mural' Sile, <i>Turkey</i>

Awards

May 09	Judgers Choice Award for aRtECYCLE, Ephemeral Sculptural installation, <i>Moonee Ponds</i>
May 08	Judgers Choice Award for aRtECYCLE, Ephemeral Sculptural installation, <i>Moonee Ponds</i>

Art workshops for Festivals and Community Centers

Jan 10-20	School Holiday & Afterschool Art Program , <i>Seabrook C.C, Altona</i>
Jan 11-17	Australia Day Festival workshops, <i>South Morang</i>
Mar 11-17	Community Festival workshops, <i>Lalor</i>
Feb 11-16	'Rockin @ Redleap Festival', <i>South Morang</i>
Dec 11-15	Carols by Candlelight workshops, <i>South Morang</i>
April 11-12	'School Holiday Program ', <i>Mooroolbark Community</i>
Mar 11-12	'Banyale Festival', <i>Heidelberg</i>
Mar 11	'Celebrate Mooroolbark Festival, <i>Mooroolbark</i>
Jan 11	'Do it together' Parents and Child workshops, <i>South Melbourne</i>
Sept 10	'School Holiday Program ', <i>Mooroolbark Community Center</i>
Aug 10	'Decoupage ', <i>Lost art festival, Rosanna Library, Rosanna</i>
May - Aug 10	'Mini Picasso's', weekly aged 2-5, <i>Family life cafe, Prahran</i>

May - Aug 10 'Mini Picasso's', monthly aged 2-5, Day Dreamers, Windsor
Feb 10 'Dress a Bear', Sustainable Living Festival, Fed Square
Jan 10 'Australia Day Festival', City of Casey
Dec 09 'Origami Workshop', Council Team Building, Moreland
Sep 09 'Creative Arts Program', Heidi Museum of Modern Art Heidelberg
Feb 09 'Carry the message', Cranes Junk Mail SLF, Fed Square
Feb 08 'We just like to pile up', SLF, Fed Square

Residencies

Aug 16- Nov 17 Bowling Club Studio Artist Residency, St.Kilda

Grants

Aug 17 Graffiti Prevention Grant for Revitalise Whittlesea, Department of Justice and Regulations.

Work Experience and Major Projects

April 14 - Currently ARTea Art School and Mini Picasso's Creative Arts Program, Director and Business owner

I am currently the director of ARTea Art School. I facilitates art workshops for children & adults, art parties and events in Altona (Seabrook C.C & Hobsons Bay Art Society), Port Melbourne and Elwood.

Dec 10 - Currently 'Celebration of Creativity' annual exhibition, City of Whittlesea

For the past nine years I have been the curator of this annual exhibition. My duties include managing the reference group, organizing meeting, creating the agenda's, developing the theme, EOI application, encouraging and supporting artist to apply, selecting the final works, managing installation and overseeing the opening night.

Jan 16 - 18 Youth Development Officer – Baseline for Young People

Facilitating workshops and public art projects to support young people and to provide a nurturing environment for cognitive, social and emotional development. I also run a young parents playgroup that aims to support and guide parents aged 16-24 years of age. It is based on a support peer model to build the capacity of young parents.

Nov 15 Laurimar Sporting Pavilion public art installation

To celebrate the refurbishment of Laurimar Sporting Pavilion, I was employed by the city of Whittlesea to work as an Artist in Resident at Laurimar P.S. The students and I create large temporary artworks that were installed around the Pavilion and surrounding park.

Jan 15 'Conservation of Local Birds', Whittlesea Community Center Public Artwork Installation, Project Manager

To celebrate the opening of the Whittlesea CAC, I was employed to select and commission artworks from five local artists. The project brief was to activate areas of the center relating to the theme of conservation. I also worked along side students from Whittlesea Secondary College to create temporary artworks.

2014 'The Grand Parade by Geoff Hocking, 150th Agricultural Society Show Commemorative Sculpture, Whittlesea Showgrounds, Project Manager

As Project Manager of this permanent public art work, I lead and co-ordinate the installation which involved developing the project brief, commission and selecting artists and responsible for the installing and launch.

2012/13 'Sights to be Seen – private art in public places', ephemeral public art project, High St, Thomastown, Project Manager

As project manager I over seen the installation of 70 artworks, involving 37 artists. The artwork was printed onto road foil and installed on pavements, walls, planters and unexpected places along High St. The aim of the project was to revitalize the shopping precinct.

2012 Art teacher for Mount Scopus College

I run the art department for two terms covering the art teacher's long service leave. I was responsible for developing and delivering lesson plans relating to the national curriculum.

2011 'Olympic Village Art Project', Heidelberg, Arts Officer

I was employed by Banyule City Council to an Artist in Residence at Olympic Village P.S. I worked with grade four students on a weekly basis for 8 weeks producing temporary public artworks. The aim of the artworks was to give the Olympic village Shopping precinct a vibrant creative and safe community space.

2007 Art in the City, City of Dandenong, Project Manager

Project Manager of 'Essence' and 'Mindful Terrains' - installations of temporary public artwork. I lead and coordinated the installation of five artworks that responded to the identity of the local area. My duties involved developing the project brief, commissioning and selecting artists and responsible for the installing and de-installing. The aim of the project was to activate the laneway and discourage vandalism.

Oct 09/10 Mooroolbark Train Station Public Art Project, Mooroolbark

As Project Manager of 'Around the Tracks', I lead and co-ordinate the installation. The focus of the project is to creatively activate the space at Mooroolbark Train Station and encourage cultural engagement by commuters and the broader community by appointing undertaking interventions in and around the station precinct. I collaborated with a group young local people, the theme was focused around games.

Mar 09 Pure Art – Interior Design Company

Interior designer, developing new ranges of Paintings for commercial & corporate

Feb 08/09/10 Create – Sustainable Living Festival, Federation Square

As Project Manager for the Public Art component of the festival my role involved commissioning artist to develop artwork in response to the project brief, managing installation and de-installation and maintain throw-out the festival.

▪ **Additional information**

- Working with Children Police Check
- CPR Training
- First Aid Certificate
- Public Liability Insurance
- Victoria Driving License

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