Bio - Bianca Beetson



Photo by Chloë Callistemon, courtesy of QAGOMA. Artwork in background: *Dibirdibi Country* 2008 by Mirdidingkingathi Juwarrnda (Mrs Gabori), Brisbane City, 2021.

Dr Bianca Beetson is a Kabi Kabi, Wiradjuri woman and has been a practising artist for over 27 years. Bianca works across a broad range of media including painting, drawing, sculpture, installation, photography, fibre arts and public art. In 2018 Bianca was awarded a Doctor of Visual Art, from the QLD College of Art, Griffith University.

Bianca has lectured and directed the Bachelor of Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art (BCAIA) degree at the Qld College of Art, Griffith University and is currently the Director of Indigenous Research Unit at the same institution. Bianca was formerly also a member of the seminal Aboriginal artist collective proppaNOW Aboriginal artist collective and the Campfire Group.

Her current board and advisory group memberships include the board of trustees of the QLD Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art and its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander advisory panel. She is also a National Association for the Visual Arts board member, and a member of the Arts QLD First Nations Arts and Cultures Advisory panel.

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EDUCATION

2012 – 2018	Griffith University, Doctorate of Visual Arts
2007 1998	Ithaca Tafe, Certificate 4, Workplace trainer and assessor. Queensland University of Technology, Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts - Honors)
1993 - 1995	Queensland University of Technology, Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts)

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2020-present	Griffith University; Director Indigenous Research Unit.
2017-2020	Griffith University; Qld College of Arts, Senior Lecturer, Program Director Bachelor of Arts
	Contemporary Indigenous Australian Art.
2013-2017	Griffith University; Qld College of Art, Lecturer B Acting Program Director Bachelor of Arts
	Contemporary Indigenous Australian Art.
2007-2013	Griffith University; Qld College of Arts, Lecturer, Bachelor of Arts Contemporary
	Indigenous Australian Art.
2012 – 2018	Kabi Kabi first Nations Peoples Native Title Claim - applicant.
2017- Present	Australia Council for the Arts, peer assessor
2017-Present	Moreton Shire Council, Regional Arts Fund (RADF) committee assessor
2016-2017	Guest Curator – Myall Creek and Beyond, New England Regional Art Gallery.
2003- 2014	Arts Qld, peer assessor & member of various past committees.
1995-Present	Self Employed -Visual Artist / Curator.
2007	Brisbane City Council – Indigenous Community Development Officer, South Neighborhood
Team.	
2001- 2008	Brisbane City Council - Indigenous Community Arts Project Officer.
2005 – 2011	ProppaNOW aboriginal artists collective, Board Member/ Artist.
2005 – 06	Catalyst Youth Arts, Artistic Director/CEO.
1999 -2000	Access Arts Inc Regional Indigenous Project Officer.
1995 - 1998	Fireworks Gallery/ The Campfire group - Curator/Project Officer/ Coordinator, Brisbane.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

2022- present	Interim Independent Board, path to treaty.
2021 – present	Indigenous Director, National Association of the Visual Arts.
2021- 2022	University of the Sunshine Coast, Creative Industries and Business external advisory board.
2021-present	Arts QLD First Nations arts and Cultures Advisory Panel.
2018 – present	QAGOMA Board of Trustees
2018- 2022	MCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) Artist Advisory Board
2017 – present	QAGOMA, Indigenous advisory panel.
2017 – 2018	Moreton Shire RADF Committee.
2020 – present	Arts QLD, panel of peers.
2017 – 2021	Australia Council, panel of peers.
2017 - 2018	Digi Youth arts & QLD Museum - Unsettle Project Board.
2016- present	Digi Youth arts Board of Directors.
2017 – 2018	Sunshine coast Council artwork acquisitions advisory committee.
2017 – 2020	Horizon's festival, Indigenous Advisory committee.
2013 -2020:	Griffith university, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee.
2018 –2019	Sunshine Coast Council, Acquisitions committee.
2012-2013	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander dedicated War Memorial Committee member.

2007-2008	Board Member Bunyabilla Aboriginal Corporation

- 2006-2007 Board Member Yalanji pre school
- 2001-2006 Board member of Artworkers Alliance
- 2001-2004 Board member of eyeline publishing.

Professional development & Leadership programs:

- 2018 2019 Griffith University Women in Leadership program.
- 2017-2018 Australia Council for the Arts Leadership program
- 2018 Regionally Speaking ASEAN Arts Leadership program
- 2009 British Arts Council, Accelerate program

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Past, present, future, Woolloongabba Art Gallery, Brisbane QLD
- 2019 Being Human, Caloundra Regional Gallery, Caloundra QLD.
- 2018 I am that...that I am, Gympie Regional Gallery, Gympie QLD
- 2017 Kaptcha, Webb Gallery, Griffith University, Brisbane
- 2016 Being Human, Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection, Virginia, USA.
- 2015 Selected works from the Gushul Studio, Qld College of art project Gallery.
- 2013 Adventures Beyond the Ultra World Metaphoric Illuminations @ Floating Land, Boreen Point
- 2011/12 Bianca Beetson @ Sugarbag Gallery, The Dreaming Festival @ Woodford Festival, Woodford 2011
 - Blak Majick Woman, Qld Centre for Photography, Brisbane
- 2008 Urban Dreams, Christina Mitchell Gallery, Albion, Brisbane.
- 2007 Don't mix your colours, Australian Dreaming Art Gallery, Melbourne.
- 2005 The Other Arty Beetson,1 Year Qld Touring Exhibition , Qld Arts Council.
- 2002 Walt Disney was my Story Teller, a part of the Adelaide Fringe Festival, Tandanya, Adelaide.
- 2001 Batteries not Included, Hands on Arts, South Bank Brisbane
- 2000 Back From The Edge, Cooloola Regional Gallery, Gympie
- 1999 Good Vibrations New Sensations, Fire-Works Gallery, Brisbane.
- 1997 Pepto Bismol, Fire-Works Gallery, Brisbane.
- 1996-97 Sugar lady Star Crash, Cross Gallery, Brisbane & Sugar Coma, The Dog Art Space, Brisbane

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2022 Midgley Dolls: telling tales of Noosa, Noosa Regional Gallery, Noosa QLD 2021 IDEN-DEFY 2021, Pine Rivers Regional Gallery, Strathpine QLD 2021 Songlines; Gympie regional gallery, Gympie QLD 2021 HYPERLOCAL; Brisbane City QLD 2020-21 Storytellers, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane QLD 2020 First: Redcliffe Regional Gallery, Redcliffe QLD 2019 Indelible Stain – Sound, Film and Painting/sculptural Collaboration with Leah Barclay, Floating Land Biennale, Noosa QLD 2019 This is No Fantasy, Noosa Regional Gallery, QLD 2019 New Woman, Museum of Brisbane, Brisbane, QLD 2019 Brisbane Portrait Prize, Finalist exhibition, Brisbane Powerhouse, Brisbane, QLD 2019 Pivot, OneSpace Gallery, Brisbane, QLD 2019. Art+place=Change, NOOSA regional gallery, Noosa QLD 2018 Tree Place, Noosa Regional Gallery, Noosa QLD 2017 Tree Place: community exhibition, Wan'din'in exhibition space, Eumundi, QLD 2017 The Glasshouses Caboolture Regional Gallery, Caboolture, QLD. 2017 Clayton Utz art awards, finalist exhibition. 2017 HYPERACTIVE: Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Canberra ACT. 2017 From the mountains to the sea: Sunshine Coast Stories, the Sunshine Coast Council's 50th Anniversary exhibition
- 2017 MAIWAR: Brisbane Laneways project, Brisbane QLD.

- 2017 Glasshouses: Bribie Island Seaside Museum, Bribie QLD.
- 2017 Nandeebie Dreemz, Redlands Regional Gallery, Redlands QLD.
- 2016 The Other Art Fair: Sydney, NSW.
- 2016 WANDILL, QUT, Kelvin Grove, Brisbane QLD.
- 2016 Festival of Pacific Arts exhibition, Guam Gallery, GUAM USA.
- 2016 Sunshine Coast Art prize Finalists exhibition.
- 2016 RMIT Lightscape project: Gushul, Rodda Lane, Melbourne.
- 2015 Lifelines: Indigenous Contemporary Art from Australia, Musées de la civilisation, Quebec city,
- Canada. Australian Artist in Milano at Milan arts expo, Milan Italy.
- 2015 The Selfie show, Museum of new art, Detroit, USA.
- 2015 The Clayton UTZ art prize exhibition, Lethbridge Gallery, Brisbane.
- 2015 Quaternary, QUT Art Museum, Brisbane.
- 2015 CollaboratioNZ 15, exhibition, Whangarei New Zealand.
- 2015 Warriors, Sorcerers & Spirits, Kick Arts, Cairns.
- 2014 East Coast Encounter, Touring Exhibition.
- 2013 Generate, IAM PROJECTS, The Gas Works Precinct, Newstead
- 2013 Point to Point, POP Gallery, South Brisbane and Japan
- 2012 Hot Chocolate, SASA Gallery, University of South Australia, Adelaide
- 2012 Shared Vision, Touring Exhibition various venues, Poland
- 2011 Jus' Drawn, proppaNOW touring exhibition, Lake Macquarie Regional Gallery
- 2010 PUTSCH, proppaNOW, Adelaide Festival, Tandanya National Cultural Institute Sugarbag Gallery,
 - Dreaming Festival, Woodford
- 2010 Jus' Drawn proppaNOW, Linden Gallery, Melbourne
- 2010 27th Telstra Aboriginal Art Awards, Finalist Exhibition, Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
- 2010 proppaNOW New & Recent Works, Canberra Contemporary Art Space
- 2009 Sugarbag Gallery, Dreaming Festival, Woodford
- 2009 Ooga Booga, proppaNOW exhibition, George Petelin Gallery, Gold Coast
- 2009 Sugar Bag Gallery, The Dreaming Festival, Woodford
- 2005 Thick & Thin, proppaNOW, Brisbane Powerhouse
- 2005 proppaNOW, Lane Gallery, New Zealand
- 1997 Primavera, Museum of Contemporary Art, Sydney

COMMISSIONS & PUBLIC ART:

2021 - present	<i>If these walls could talk:</i> Dubbo Old Goal Public Art commission, to be completed by April 2022.
2021- present	Suncorp stadium, Wunya Wall (Welcome wall) – to be completed by March 2022.
2018	Sunshine Plaza, Carpark Mural, Maroochydore
2018	Duckholes Creek Mural, Unitywater
2018	Ba'boon bi'ra, Art on Council Bus, Horizions Festival
2018	Energy Crisis, Art projection on the William Jolly Bridge.
2017	Bi'ra'lu'gun mu'loo'ban, Acrylic on canvas, 2017 for Deloitte, Brisbane.
2017	Arthur Beetson, Jersey for Beetson v's Bronco's legends game, Murri Carnival.
2016	Sydney City Roosters, Indigenous Legends Jersey.
2016	St Vincent's Hospital Australia, Reconciliation print project, Sydney, Brisbane & Melbourne.
2016:	Sunshine coast University Hospital, public art and internal artwork commission.
2014	The Feast of the Bunya's, 3 sculptural elements at University of Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs.
2013	"The Gathering of the Tribes" 6 Sculptural elements, BCC, Botanical Gardens Mt Cootha.
2013	"Namba" & "Songlines" Nambour Coles - 2 sites works on building & 3 street sculptures, UAP.
2013	"Kulum - galangur ngarawiny" Coolum Mural, on the David Low way, Sunshine Coast Council.
2012	Bloodlines/Songlines- reminiscence of Early Brisbane II, Brisbane North Busway Tunnel.
2010	<i>Chasing the Lollyman</i> –Designed artwork incorporated into the stage design toured Nationally
2010	Story Poles, Charlish Place Redcliffe public art installation Moreton Bay Regional Council.
2010	Bloodlines/Songlines- reminiscence of Early Brisbane, Platform RBWH public art project
	Museum of Brisbane, RBWH busway, Brisbane.

COLLECTIONS:

Qld Performing Arts Trust, Artbank, Qld Art Gallery, University of the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Sunshine coast Regional Council, Brisbane City Council, Redcliffe Regional Gallery, Unitywater, Deloitte Maori Health Ministry, The Brian Tucker collection, Kluge Ruhe Aboriginal Art Museum and the Museum of Guam and various private Collection around Australia and overseas.

AWARDS & GRANTS:

2021 2019	Winner of the Dubbo Kinetic, Public Art competition / commission. Winner of the National Museums and Galleries associations award - best Indigenous Project.
2019	Australia council: Collaborations: Cultural diversity in contemporary Australia on the international stage, \$3000
2018	Winner of the Inaugural Indigenous Curator IMAGINE award, Musuems and Galleries NSW.
2017	Selected for the Australia Council Arts leaders 12 mth program.
2014	Gushul Studio, Indigenous Artist in Residency, University of Lethbridge, Alberta Canada'
2014	Copyright agency, \$1400 grant for costs associated with Alberta Residency.
2013	Awarded Kluge Ruhe USA Artists in Residence, for 2016, partnership with Uni Virginia & Australia Council.
2012	Accelerate program shortlist & workshop participant, British Arts Council.
2010	15 Artists, winner, Redcliffe Regional Gallery, Redcliffe QLD.
2008	Wilson Htm National Art Prize, Finalist & Winner of the people's choice award, touring Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane.

External Guest Lectures, keynotes and Panels:

2019 2019	Listening to Country, AAANZ Conference, University Auckland, Auckland NZ Indelible Stain: Mapping Murdering Creek, Floating Land Biennale Symposium, Noosa QLD
2019	Myall Creek and Beyond, National Museums and galleries association conference, Alice
2019	Springs
2019	Keynote address: NAVA Monash uni symposium the future of Arts Policy, Melbourne
2019	Listening to country, Lowitja Insitute knowledge translation Symposium, Melbourne
2019	Chair: Panel: CABAH Salon, When art meets science, World Science festival Brisbane.
2018	Guest speaker NAVA indigenous curatorial lab, topic: The Myall Creek exhibition, Brisbane
2018	Chair: Panel Session: Myall Creek and beyond Symposium, University New England,
	Armidale.
2018	Keynote address: vision for the future for Museums and Galleries, Indigenous road map
	consultations, Sunshine Coast
2018	Panel, Creativity Summitt, teacher education, Brisbane
2017	Keynote address, "Our Shared History", Indigenous education symposium, University of the
	Sunshine coast. Sippy Downs.
2017	Guest Speaker, Opening of "The Glasshouses" Caboolture regional Gallery, Caboolture.
2017	Panel, Remix summit 2017, University of the Sunshine Coast
2017	Guest Speaker, Qld Sculpture society, Brisbane QLD
2017	Guest Speaker, Indigenous Cultivate the arts, Redcliffe
2017	Guest Speaker, Cultivate the arts - showcase, North Lakes.
2017	Guest Speaker, Redcliffe reenactment festival, Redcliffe.
2017	Panel, NAVA:Best practice: working together with artists, Artisan, Brisbane.
2017	Panel, Curating and Writing Indigenous Art: Tokenism, Pluralism and Other Perspectives, Uni
	QLD.
2017	Guest lecture, "Aboriginal Art and protocols', Flying Arts webinar
2017	Panel, Cossack Art Awards Judges Panel Talk, Cossack, WA.
2016	Guest Speaker, QAGGOMA, Volunteers professional development program.
2016	Guest Speaker, Juice & Jam Breakfast, Sunshine coast arts alliance, Mooloolaba.
2016	Panel, East Coast Encounter, Caboolture regional Gallery, Caboolture.
2016	Keynote Plenary panel, ACUADS, QUT, Brisbane QLD

- 2015 Presenter, Resistance to reconciliation SEQ frontier wars @ The USQ Noosa campus Topic: Aboriginal Memorial.
- 2015 Panel presenter, In the pink @ QUT Museum as a part of the WOW festival topic: The gender politics of colour.
- 2015 TEDX, Noosa, Lands Edge, Noosa QLD.

Art award judging

2020	Maari Ma Indigenous Art Prize, Broken Hill, NSW, Judge
2020	SWELL Sculpture prize, Gold Coast, QLD, Member of Curatorial Selection panel.
2019	Clarence Valley Indigenous art award, Grafton QLD, Judge
2019	St Vincent De Paul – Reconciliation Art prize, Judge.
2018	Redlands Art Prize, Judge.
2017	Cossack Art Award, panel Judge .
2015	Churchie art awards, pre- selection panel Judge.
2015	Art Force Art awards, Panel Judge
2002	The Robin O'Chin art awards, panel Judge.

Curatorship, Research and special projects:

2019	Listening to country, collaborator, Brisbane women's correctional centre.
2017-2018	Myall Creek and Beyond, Guest Curator, New England Regional Gallery.
2007	Tellem ya dreamin' Gallery, Woodford Folk festival, Gallery Manager / Curator.
2000	Message Sticks: Prison Art exhibition: Australian Museum, Sydney NSW.
1999	From Houses to Humpies, Touring exhibition: Surat Cobb & Co Museum, Surat QLD.

Research:

My research interest areas include: Aboriginal Art and its connection to country and well-being of Aboriginal people; the Bunya tree and its related cultural significance to Aboriginal peoples; the Native honey bee and related cultural significance to Aboriginal peoples; Contemporary Indigenous Australian art; Aboriginal Identity, the politics of skin and representation in contemporary Indigenous art; the restoration and retention of Kabi Kabi cultural heritage; the commodification of Aboriginal culture; the demarcation between art, artefact and kitsch; critique of social and cultural structures; critique of the beauty and the feminine; public art; remapping Aboriginal massacre or resistance sites; remapping the postcolonial dialogue; and decolonising the self.

2021	\$19,500 Arts QLD, First Nations "Grow" Road map consultation
2019	\$70,300 Lowitja Institute grant, Listening to Country: Exploring the Value of Acoustic
	Ecology with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women in Prison (project leader Dr
	Sarah Woodland, project team Dr Bianca Beetson, Dr Vicki Saunders, Dr Leah Barclay),
2014	\$1400 grant to assist with Alberta Residency, Copyright Agency
2001	\$2500 Individual Grant "Walt Disney was my story teller" Arts QLD

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2020 Morrison, B., Woodland, S., Barclay, L., Saunders, V., & Beetson, B. (2020). Weaving our Narratives: Amplifying the Social Echo of Restorative Justice through the Arts. In G. Martinez (Ed.), Arte en Prisión. Justicia Restaurativa a Través de Proyectos Artísticos y Narrativos [Art in Prison. Restorative Justice Through Artistic and Narrative Projects] (pp. 41–52). Spain: Tirant lo Blanch. Retrieved from <u>https://research.usc.edu.au/discovery/</u> <u>delivery/61USC_INST:61USC/12132709860002621</u>
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- 2019 "Exhibition: Tony Albert, Visible, Queensland Art Gallery, 2 June to 7 October 2018 Journal article, Qld Review, <u>Volume 26</u>, Issue 1 June 2019, pp. 180-183.
- 2016 "Joel Birnie: Australian Gothic", catalogue essay: Boo Aboriginal ghost stories and other scar matters.
- 2012 "<u>Aboriginal Art is a White thing : Images of whiteness in non-white cultures</u>", Journal article, Images of Whiteness conference, Oxford university.
- 2009 "proppaNOW 2004-2008, co-authored Book.

PEER JOURNAL ARTICLES, CATALOGUE ESSAYS AND EXHIBITION REVIEWS:

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- Broker, David. Retail therapy [online]. Eveline, Vol. 47, Summer 2001 2002: 44-45.
- Jackson, Beth. "Sea Changes: the role of public art and the expression of creativity, identity and sense of place in a healthy city." *5th Healthy Cities: Working Together to Achieve Liveable Cities*: 59.
- Milledge, Russell. "ProppaNOW Artists Panel Seminar 2011-The Black See." (2011).
- Cater, Melissa. "Struggling to be seen.[Emerging artists' exhibitions.]." Artlink 17.4 (1997): 18.
- Rollman, Louise. "Klatsassin." Eyeline 64 (2007): 54.
- Chapman, Christopher. "Cleanskin." Eyeline 37 (1998): 39.
- Bamford, Anne. "Mark Titmarsh: Stream of consciousness." Eyeline 47 (2001): 45.
- Martin-Chew, Louise. "Written on the body." Eyeline 82 (2015): 86.
- Roberts, Roberts. "East coast encounter-re-imagining the 1770 encounter." (2014).
- Broker, David. "Re/form." Eyeline 37 (1998): 41.
- Butler, Rex. "Where to put Aboriginal art." (2010).
- Petitjean, Georges. "The cairns indigenous art fair 2010: Towards recognition." *Eyeline* 73 (2011): 74.
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- Duncan, Pearl. "The role of Aboriginal humour in cultural survival and resistance." (2014).
- Cininas, Jazmina. Sean Meilak: Pin Oak court, Vermont south [online]. <u>Eyeline</u>, Vol. 47, Summer 2001 2002: 43-44.
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