



Ben Winspear is a Bendigo based artist who works in oil, watercolour and more recently sculpture. He has been painting professionally for over fifteen years and has held several successful solo exhibitions.

Ben paints a wide range of subject matter; anything that inspires him at the time, but his love for the Australian landscape is something that stands out.

His work runs the full spectrum from representational through to abstraction, frequently combining both.

He is a multi-award winning artist in Bendigo and surrounding districts including the Castlemaine James Farrell Self Portrait Prize and A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize.

Ben has facilitated the execution of several major art projects in schools – and projects in conjunction with local government and private departments – including The City of Greater Bendigo, Coliban Water, NCCA, Department of Primary Industries.

Ben is a tutor at the Victorian Artists' Society, and offers private tuition also.

2016 December – Winner of the 2016 A.M.E. Bale Travelling Scholarship and Art Prize Major Award, Glen Eira City Council, Melbourne.

2016 November – Winner of the Inaugural Mavis Little Artist of the Year Award, Victorian Artists' Society, Melbourne.

2015 June – July – 3P Exhibition, with Scott Wileman & Warren Cooke. Brunswick Street Gallery, Melbourne.

2015 May – Winner Nada Hunter Award for 'Emily in Black Dress' and Highly Commended for Self Portrait, Victorian Artists' Society Portrait Exhibition, Melbourne.

2014 – 'Two Dimension' Exhibition with Scott Wileman – Ceramist. Customs House Gallery, Echuca.

2013 - Continuing private art tuition, Exhibition Curating and Public school projects.

2012 - Private tutoring and designing and facilitating creative projects.

2012 - Currently serving on Business Together Bendigo Art sector planning Committee.

2011 - Re commencing giving private tuition in Representational realism.

2010 - Construction of Sculpture commissioned by City of Greater Bendigo at California Gully Play Space, Bendigo.

2009 March - Consultant to City of Greater Bendigo in designing and construction of sculpture to be incorporated in City of Greater Bendigo New Play space Strategy 2008-2013.

2008 April - Elected as one of six community members to serve a two year term on the City of Greater Bendigo ACAC committee (Arts and Cultural Advisory committee).

2008 July - Highly commended – Beannaithe Spiorad Art Exhibition - Otis Foundation. Bendigo.

2007 November - Finalist – James Farrell Self Portrait prize.

2007 February - Finalist in the Churches of Christ Theological College Centenary Religious Art Prize – 'The Light of Life' Mulgrave, Victoria

2006 August - Solo Exhibition, Boort Victoria.

2006 July - Finalist – Robert Jacks Drawing Prize 2006.

2006 June - Double Vision, Artist Exchange. Chosen as one of six artists to represent the City of Greater Bendigo to the City of Onkaparinga, South Australia.

2006 March - Solo Exhibition 'The Way I See', The Capital Theatre Bendigo

2005 November - Finalist in the James Farrell Self Portrait prize.

2004 October - Solo Exhibition 'Human Hands – Dudley House hire subsidy. Grant awarded by The City of Greater Bendigo.

2004 May - Solo Exhibition at the Old Colonial Bank Gallery, Bendigo.

2003 November - Winner of the James Farrell Self Portrait Prize. Castlemaine Art Gallery. (Permanent Collection)

2003 June - Solo Exhibition 'The Spirit of Ben Winspear' Dudley House, Bendigo.

1997 - Sam Slater Encouragement Award, Wildlife Art Society of Australasia.

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