

MELA COOKE

SELECTED CV

Born in Victoria and educated at University of Melbourne & University of Qld.
Worked as a physiotherapist in own private practice for 25 years in Brisbane, Qld.
2015-16 President of Sculptors Qld
2017-20 Vice President Sculptors Qld

QUALIFICATIONS

2000 Studied marble sculpting with Italian sculptor Giovanni Balderi
1998 - 2000 Studied Marble Sculpting with Graham Radcliffe
1991 - 1993 Brisbane Institute of Art, with Frank Lambert and continued his classes (up to 2014)

EXHIBITIONS

1992 - 2023 Group Exhibitions in Brisbane, Melbourne and London
2002 - 2023 Solo Exhibitions in Brisbane, Sydney and Sorrento
2022 Collective Exhibition Galeria Azur Berlin
Northshore 'Sculpture By The River', Brisbane
Sculpture on The Edge , Maleny ,Qld
Sculptors Qld Sculpture Festival
Sculptures In The Garden Mudgee
'Edges' exhibition New York, Galeria Azur
International Contemporary Art Fair Innsbruck, Austria
International Contemporary Art Fair Paris, France
International Contemporary Art Fair Milan, Italy
Galeria Azur Miami Opening exhibition
Van Gogh Gallery 'Vision' Exhibition Madrid, Spain
2021 'A Brush With Sculpture' Exhibition Mercedes Building, Brisbane
International Contemporary Art Fair Paris, France
Sculpture On The Edge, Maleny Qld
Sculptures In The Garden, Mudgee NSW.
2020 Manyung Gallery Sorrento 'Women in Action' solo exhibition
Sculptures In The Garden, Mudgee NSW
Northshore 'Sculpture By The River', Brisbane
2019 Sculptors Exposed Pine Rivers Art Gallery
Qseven Sorrento, Vic
Sculptures In The Garden, Mudgee, NSW
Sculptors Exposed, Pine Rivers Art Gallery, Qld
2018 Exhibition 'Wild Forms', Urban Paradise Gallery Brisbane.

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

Twenty-four sculptures in the streets of Maryborough, Qld
Sculptures 'Dingo Family' and 'Platypus' in forecourt of Hervey Bay Cultural Centre, Qld

PRIZES

2021 2nd prize: Brookfield Sculpture Exhibition
2020 Finalist: Montalto Sculpture Prize, Mornington Peninsula Vic Feb
2019 2nd prize: Brookfield Sculpture Exhibition
Winner: George Verine Memorial Prize, Sculptors Qld Annual Exhibition
Winner: 3D Award Somerset Bendigo Bank Art Award
2nd prize Outdoor Sculpture: Royal Qld Exhibition
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2018

Finalist: Montalto Vineyard Annual Sculpture Exhibition Vic
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Winner: Family Choice Award, Montalto Sculpture Exhibition Vic
Winner: Brookfield Sculpture Exhibition
Winner: 'Volunteers Choice' Award Stanthorpe Art Prize
Finalist: Artentwine Sculpture Biennial Tas
2nd prize Indoor Sculpture: Royal Qld Exhibition
1st prize Outdoor Sculpture: Royal Qld Exhibition
Winner: Wynnum Manly Yacht Club Sculpture Exhibition
Winner: People's Choice Sculptors Qld Annual Exhibition

COLLECTIONS

Private collections: Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, France, USA, UK, Belgium, HK, Shanghai.
Private collection of McCarthy Homes, work displayed in several of their display homes.