

ANITA TRAVERSO GALLERY

MELISSA POWELL Curriculum Vitae

TRAINING/PROJECTS

- 2013 *Small Town Transformations* - Black and white portraits of Natimuk locals welcome Nati Frinj visitors on street banners. Funded by Regional Arts Victoria
Seeking Refuge in Nhill - A travelling exhibition, highlighting the journey and settlement of the Karen community in Nhill. Funded by the Victorian Multicultural Commission.
Masterclass- Wimmera Parklife/Skater for Horsham Regional Art Gallery
- 2010 *Life's Cycle*- Photography mentoring project involving African refugees in Ballarat and local kids exploring the theme of bikes, and their role in society, in conjunction with Shiree Pilkinton.
Funded by Regional Arts Victoria
- 2009 *Masterclass*- Bridging the Gap- Photography mentoring project involving Wimmera youths exploring the idea of age.Horsham Regional Art Gallery
- 2004-09 *Sessional teacher*- Basic Photoshop, Diploma of Information Technology,University of Ballarat
- 2002-10 *Sessional teacher*- Photography, Diploma of Visual Arts, University of Ballarat
- 2001 *Certificate IV Workplace Assessment* - University of Ballarat
- 1992 *Bachelor of Applied Science in Photography* - RMIT

EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 *Seeking Refuge in Nhill* Immigration Museum Melbourne
Outback Art Prize (group) Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery
Vestige II Natimuk Café
Seeking Refuge in Nhill travelling Nhill, Kaniva, Horsham
Vestige II Anita Traverso Gallery, Albert St, Richmond
2012 *Vestige* Horsham Regional Art Gallery, Horsham
- 2011 *Grounded Flooded Dry* Yering Station Art Gallery, Yarra Valley
Flooded A Mini Series Natimuk Frinj Festival
Outback Art Prize (group) Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery
Flooded The Goat Gallery, Natimuk
Flooded (group) New North Gallery, Fairfield
- 2010 *Grounded* (group) New North Gallery, Fairfield
Grounded (group) Brunswick St Gallery, Fitzroy
Grounded The Goat Gallery, Natimuk
Outback Art Prize (group) Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery
Drought and Women's Stories of Change travelling Nhill, Kaniva
Drought and Women's Stories of Change Horsham Regional Art Gallery
- 2009 *Drought and Women's Stories of Change* Queen Vic Women's Centre, Melbourne
- 2007 *Art Is Festival* (group) Horsham Regional Art Gallery
- 2006 *Multiple Roofs Under One Roof* The Goat Gallery, Natimuk
- 2005 *The Letterboxes* Nati Frinj Festival
- 2005 *Stories About Disability* (group), Touring exhibition- Melbourne and Regional Victoria

AWARDS

- 2013 *International Photography Awards* - Honorable Mention
Fine Art Abstract - Vestige series
International Photography Awards - Honorable Mention
Fine Art Abstract - Remnants series
International Photography Awards - Honorable Mention
Nature Aerial - Vestige series
International Photography Awards - Honorable Mention
Nature Aerial - Remnants series
International Photography Awards - Honorable Mention
Nature Aerial - Long Time Wet Long Time Dry series
International Photography Awards - Honorable Mention
Nature Trees - Long Time Wet Long Time Dry series
Outback Art Prize – Shortlisted and selection for exhibition
- 2012 *Outback Art Prize* – Shortlisted and selection for exhibition
- 2011 *International Photography Awards* – Winner Nature Aerial
Drought and Flooding Rains series
- 2011 *International Photography Awards* - Honorable Mention
Fine Art Abstract - Shagpile Harvest
- 2011 *International Photography Awards* - Honorable Mention
Fine Art Landscape - Drought and Flooding Rains series
Outback Art Prize - Shortlisted and selection for exhibition
- 2010 *International Photography Awards* - Honorable Mention –
Special Aerial - Grounded series
Outback Art Prize - Highly commended, finalist, selection for exhibition
- 2010 *Picture This* - Brunswick St Gallery finalist, selection for exhibition
- 2009 *Horsham Rotary Art Show* – finalist twice

COMMISSIONS

- 2001- Current various editorial, commercial and agricultural photography
Clients include The Age, Sydney Morning Herald, Sunday Life, Herald Sun, Regional Arts Victoria, Nati Frinj, Y Space, Art Is Festival, Awakenings Festival, Horsham Regional Art Gallery, Oxfam, Department of Primary Industries, National Native Title Tribunal, Meat and Livestock Australia, Agfarm and Nufarm

MEDIA/REVIEWS

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| Rainbow Argus | 23/8/13 | 'Seeking Refuge' Exhibition goes to Melbourne |
| Dimboola Banner | 21/8/13 | Seeking Refuge in Nhill |
| Weekly Advertiser | 21/8/13 | Hang On a Tick |
| Wimmera Messenger | 21/8/13 | 'Seeking Refuge' Exhibition goes to Melbourne |
| West Wimmera Messenger | 21/8/13 | 'Seeking Refuge' Exhibition goes to Melbourne |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 16/8/13 | Finding Refuge |
| Sunday Age | 11/8/13 | Eightdays |
| Melbourne Leader | 6/8/13 | Refugees Call Nhill Home |
| Frankston Leader | 6/8/13 | Refugees Call Nhill Home |
| WIN TV Ballarat | 2/8/13 | Seeking Refuge in Nhill |
| WIN TV Ballarat | 31/7/13 | Seeking Refuge in Nhill |
| 3WM Horsham | 25/7/13 | Seeking Refuge in Nhill |
| Channel Ten News | 25/7/13 | Seeking Refuge in Nhill |
| Only Melbourne | 23/7/13 | Seeking Refuge in Nhill |
| ArtsHub | 23/7/13 | Unlikely Match Seeks Refuge in Nhill |
| Weekly Advertiser | 10/7/13 | Powell Exhibition in Melbourne |
| Mordialloc Chelsea Leader | 10/7/13 | What's On |
| The Age | 23/3/13 | No halfway steps as Nhill welcomes it's newest residents |

<http://artblart.com/2013/02/13/review-vestige-ii-melissa-powell-and-darkness-by-day-shannon-mcgrath-ay-shannon-mcgrath-at-anita-traverso-gallery-melbourne/>

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| Australian Art Review | 01/13 | Profile Horsham Regional Gallery |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 4/2/13 | Aerial photographer's Melbourne exhibition |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 12/11/12 | Stories of the Land |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 12/10/12 | Traces on the Land Inspire 'Vestiges' |
| Rural Women's Network Mag | | Winter 2012 edition- Loving the Land |
| ABC Open website | 04/12 | Aerial paintings |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 21/9/11 | Natimuk's Melissa Powell wins international award |
| Weekly Advertiser | 4/9/11 | International recognition for photographic artist |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 24/6/11 | 'Thirsty Land' short-listed for art prize |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 29/4/11 | A bird's view- aerial images of the region's floods |
| Stock and Land | 21/4/2011 | Wonders of the 'big wet' |
| Weekly Advertiser | 21/4/2011 | Aerial marvels on show at Natimuk |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 30/8/2010 | New York honour for Powell |
| Weekly Advertiser | 25/8/2010 | About Drought |
| Weekly Advertiser | 11/8/2010 | Melissa's Top Snap |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 28/5/2010 | Floating on air over Grounded |
| Weekly Advertiser | 27/5/2010 | Sky High |
| Stock and Land | 20/5/2010 | Front page- Crop wonder on high |
| Age | 1/5/2010 | Seen from above, Wimmeras beauty reveals itself |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 3/5/2010 | Artistic tribute to farmers |
| Ballarat Courier | 6/2/2010 | Youth clicks into focus |
| Weekly Times | 13/1/2010 | Pictures of tenacity |
| Wimmera Mail Times | 8/1/2010 | Drought, change, survival |

PUBLICATIONS

- 2013 *Outback Art Prize* catalogue
- 2012 *Outback Art Prize* catalogue
- 2012 Les Belges du Bout du Monde (Belgian)
- 2011 *International Photography Awards* Catalogue
- 2011 *Outback Art Prize* Catalogue
- 2010 *Outback Art Prize* Catalogue
- 2009 Melbourne Food and Wine Legends
- 2007 Beyond the Smoke
- 2007 Arapiles: A Million Mountains - Keith Lockwood

COLLECTIONS

Horsham Regional Art Gallery
University of Ballarat Arts Academy
Various private collections throughout
Australia, France, Singapore, USA and the UK