

Education

2019-2020 University of Wollongong
Master of Teaching – Secondary

2018 H&R Block Tax Accountants
Income Tax Course

2016-2017 Australian College of Higher Studies
Certificate IV, Retail Management

2014-2015 Charles Sturt University – Bathurst
Bachelor of Teaching – Secondary (incomplete)

2009-2013 Australian National University – Canberra
PhD (Visual Art) – Research scholarship

2012 Australian National University- Canberra
Graduate Teaching Program

2010 Injalak Arts and Crafts (sales) – Gunbalanya, Arnhem Land, NT
3 months arts and culture education by traditional owners

2009 Flinders University – Adelaide
Rock Art Field School, Short course, Gunbalanya, Arnhem Land, NT

2008 Australian National University - Canberra
Bachelor of Fine Arts (1st class Honours)

2005 Riverina Institute of TAFE, Wagga Wagga
Certificate IV, Workplace Training and Assessment

2000-2001 Charles Sturt University- Wagga Wagga
Bachelor of Arts (Multimedia) incomplete

1991-1993 Charles Sturt University- Wagga Wagga
Bachelor of Arts (Fine Arts)

1990 Shoalhaven High School - Nowra
Higher School Certificate

Membership

2025-2026 Illawarra Association of Visual Artists
Participating Artist

2025-2026 Shoalhaven Arts Society
Participating Artist

2025 Jervis Bay Art Trail
Participating Artist

2008-2025 National Association for the Visual Arts
Member <http://www.visualarts.net.au/gallery/vanessabarbay>

2016-2022 Guramaa Global Indigenous Corporation
Co Founder and Executive Assistant Secretary

2009-2020 Jervis Bay and Basin Arts Inc.
Participating Artist

Publications

2024 Jervis Bay Weekend – November
'Meet Artist Vanessa Barbay – Natalie McDonagh

2024 BirdLife Shoalhaven Magazine – Summer
'Bherwerre Wetland: A Long Haul' – Chris Grounds

2023 YARNS Spring Issue 04 - Canberra
'Vanessa Barbay' – Petra Jungmanova

2019 Video Interview
YouTube channel – Atelier by Petra

2018 Painting Amongst Other Things Catalogue Essay
'Painting: Real and True' – Su Yilmaz

2018 BirdLife Shoalhaven Magazine – Autumn
'Reading the Bherwerre Wetlands' – Chris Grounds

2017 70+ Journal Project
Gallery Envelope
<https://www.facebook.com/galleryenvelope>

2015 Animals in the Anthropocene: critical perspectives on non-human futures - Human Animal Research Network Sydney University Press
'The matter of death: posthumous wildlife art in the Anthropocene'
<http://purl.library.usyd.edu.au/sup/9781743324394>

2014 Journal of literature and Art Studies – June, Volume 4, Number 6
'Sharing Culture and Belonging Through Cross-Cultural Collaborative Painting' http://www.davidpublishing.org/journals_info.asp?jld=1777

2013 Antennae: The Journal of Nature in Visual Culture – Issue 26
'Becoming Animal: Matter as an Indexical Sign in Representation'

2013 Art Monthly - May Canberra Centennial Issue 259
'Painting our animal selves' – Melinda Hinkson

2013 Linking Art and the Environment: Proceedings of the first EcoArts Australis Conference, 12-13 May 2013, Wollongong, NSW. Edited by David Curtis and Lucia Aguilar

Exhibitions

2026 'Bundanon Artist & Makers Market'
Solo stall, Boyd Education Centre, Illaroo

2026 'IWD Brilliance'
Group Exhibition, Project Contemporary Artspace, Wollongong

2026 'Jervis Bay Portrait Prize'
Finalist, Jervis Bay Brewery, Woollamia

2025-2026 'Curated by Randall'
Group Exhibition, Jervis Bay Brewery, Woollamia

2025-2026 'Summertime'
Group Exhibition, The Common, Culburra Beach

2025 'Mornington Peninsula Contemporary Art Prize'
Finalist, Cook Street Collective, Flinders

2025 'Connections' Illawarra Association Visual Artists
Winner People's Choice, Clifton School of Arts

2025 'Shoalhaven Art Society's 58th Annual Art Exhibition'
2nd Prize Still Life, Berry School of Arts

2025 'Creator's Mark Art Prize & Exhibition'
Finalist, Gerringong Town Hall

2025 'Hornsby Art Prize'
Finalist, Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, Hornsby

2025 'Birds of a Feather'
Group Exhibition, The Common, Culburra Beach

2025 'Open Field' Salon
Group Exhibition, Berry School of Arts

2025 'Jervis Bay Arts Trail'
Group Exhibition, Cambewarra Estate, Bangalee

2025 'Habitat' Art Prize
Finalist, Belconnen Arts Centre, Canberra

2025 'Coastal Creatives' Autumn Shoalhaven Food Network Festival
Group Exhibition, Club Jervis Bay, Huskisson

2025 'Retrospective' Autumn Shoalhaven Food Network Festival
Solo Exhibition, Bud's Tavern, Huskisson

2025 'Death's Witness'
Solo Exhibition, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra

2025 'All About Women – Art Exhibition & Competition'
Special Commendation, University of Wollongong Shoalhaven Campus

2025 'Halloran Contemporary Art Prize'
Finalist, Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, Huskisson

2024 'Community Connect'
Group Exhibition, Burton Street Mall, Vincentia

2024 'SOAP (Shoalhaven Open Art Prize)'
Finalist, Escape ARTfest, Ulladulla Civic Centre

2024 'WTF'
Group Exhibition, Artscape 481, Bangalee

2022 'Halloran Contemporary Art Prize'
Winner, Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, Huskisson

2022 'Art Springs for Wildlife'
Group Exhibition & Fundraiser for Wildlife Rescue, Berry School of Arts

2022 'Kangaroo Valley Art Prize'
Finalist, Visual Arts in the Valley, Kangaroo Valley Hall

2020 'Making Community'
Online Group Exhibition, See Change, Jervis Bay and Basin Arts

2019 'NOW' Shoalhaven Contemporary Art Prize
Finalist, Shoalhaven City Art Centre, Nowra

2019 'Haven Art Prize'
Finalist, See Change, Huskisson

2019 'Vital Wetlands'
Group Exhibition, See Change, Worrwing Heights

2019 'Making Community'
Winner People's Choice, Group Exhibition, See Change, Huskisson

2019 'Shared Pathways: Reimagining the Wool Road'
Group Exhibition, Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra

2018 'Painting Amongst Other Things'
Group Exhibition, Australian National University, Canberra

2018 'The Fellows'
Group Exhibition, Australian National University, Canberra

2018 'Journeys to the Point'
Group exhibition, Sanctuary Point Community Centre

2018 'Threads'
Group exhibition, See Change, Vincentia

2018 'Sandholme Salon Show'
Group exhibition, See Change, Huskisson

2018 'Reading The Bherwerre Wetlands'
Group exhibition, See Change, Huskisson

2017 The Other Art Fair Sydney
Solo Exhibition, Australian Technology Park, Eveleigh

2017 'Naturally Yours'
Group exhibition, ANU School of Art and Design Gallery, Canberra

2017 'NOW' Shoalhaven Contemporary Art Prize
Finalist, Shoalhaven City Art Centre, Nowra

2016 'Animal Ladies' postcard project
Group exhibition, Interlude Gallery, Glebe

2016 'Marine Relics' with Sally Simpson, See Change
Joint Exhibition, Jervis Bay Maritime Museum, Huskisson

2016 'Artstream II'
Group Exhibition, Owen street, Huskisson

2015-16 'Emergence' Art Prize
Highly Commended, Lady Denman Heritage Complex, Huskisson

2015 'Barbay's Nature Display' with Tibor and Jade Barbay, Siteworks
Joint Exhibition, The Feral Amongst Us, Bundanon, Riversdale, Illaroo

2015 'Barbay's Nature Display' with Tibor Barbay
Joint Exhibition, Gallery Envelope, Nowra

2015 'Being Unique' Shoalhaven Mental Health Fellowship Art Award
Finalist, Shoalhaven City Art Centre, Nowra

2015 'Ochre' with Margot Curtis
Joint Exhibition, Shoalhaven City Art Centre, Nowra

2014 Fisher Ghost Art Award
Finalist, Campbelltown Art Centre, Sydney

2014 '49th Annual Open Art Exhibition: Shoalhaven Art Society Inc.'
Group Exhibition, Shoalhaven City Art Centre, Nowra

2014 'Becoming-Intense, Becoming-Animal, Becoming-Imperceptible'
Solo Exhibition, Squid Studios and Gallery, See Change, Nowra

2014 'Synergy' See Change Community Prize
Group Exhibition, Lady Denman Heritage Complex, Huskisson

2014 'Vice-Chancellor's College Visiting Artist Fellows Scheme'
Group Exhibition, Foyer Gallery, ANU School of Art, Canberra

2014 'Out and About' International Women's Day Art Prize
Highly Commended, UOW campus, Nowra

2013-14 'Endless Summer'
Group Exhibition, Lady Denman Heritage Complex, Huskisson

2013 The Fleurieu Art Prize
Finalist, McLaren Vale and Fleurieu Peninsula

2013 'Reading the Land'
Group Exhibition, Lady Denman Heritage Complex, Huskisson

2013 1/2013 Visual Arts Graduate Season
Solo Exhibition, ANU School of Art Gallery, Canberra

2013 'Year of the Bird'
Group Exhibition, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, Maitland

2012 Blake Prize
Finalist, S.H. Ervin Gallery, Sydney

2012 Jan Brown Drawing Prize
Finalist, ANU Foyer Gallery, Canberra

2012 The Waterhouse Art Prize
Finalist, South Australia Museum, Adelaide

2012 Cliftons Art Prize
Finalist, Cliftons Foyer, Canberra

2012 'In My Eyes' ANU Photography competition
Finalist, Notaras Multicultural Centre, Canberra

2012 'Dead Beauty'
Solo Exhibition, ANU Foyer Gallery, Canberra

2011-12 'Art by the Sea' Jervis Bay and Basin Arts Inc.
Group Exhibition, Lady Denman Heritage Complex, Huskisson

2011 'Timescape'
Group Exhibition, M16 Artspace, Canberra

2011 Jan Brown Drawing Prize
Finalist, ANU Foyer Gallery, Canberra

2011 The Mosman Art Prize
Finalist, Mosman Art Gallery, Sydney

2011 The Waterhouse Art Prize
Winner painting section, South Australia Museum, Adelaide

2011 'Animals, People: A Shared Environment' AASG
Group Exhibition, Pop Gallery, Griffith University, Brisbane

2010 'Art by the Sea' Jervis Bay and Basin Arts Inc.
Group Exhibition, Lady Denman Heritage Complex, Huskisson

2010 'Partly Cloudy'
Group Exhibition, ANU Foyer Gallery, Canberra

2009 'No Boundaries' Jervis Bay and Basin Arts Inc.
Group Exhibition, Lady Denman Heritage Complex, Huskisson

2009 'Material Formations' Emerging Artists Support Scheme Award
Group exhibition, Alliance Francaise, Canberra

2009 M16 Drawing Prize
Finalist, M16 Gallery, Canberra

2009 Phoenix Prize for Spiritual Art
Finalist, ANU School of Art Gallery, Canberra

2009 'Spectrum'
Group Exhibition, ANU Foyer Gallery, Canberra

2008 Graduating Exhibition
Group Exhibition, Australian National University, Canberra

2008 Italian Language Week Art Prize
Finalist, ANU Foyer Gallery, Canberra

2008 ANU Drawing Prize
Highly Commended, ANU Foyer Gallery, Canberra

2006 Exquisite Corpse
Solo exhibition, HR Gallop Gallery, CSU, Wagga Wagga

2005 All in One Go 'Mark I'
Group exhibition, Wagga Wagga Art Gallery

2000 'Attrition'
Group exhibition, HR Gallop Gallery, CSU, Wagga Wagga

1999 'Kialitás' - funded by Arts Council of NSW Grant
Solo exhibition HR Gallop Gallery, CSU, Wagga Wagga

1999 'Integration'
Group exhibition, Eastern Riverina Arts Program gallery, Wagga Wagga

1998 John O'Brien Art Exhibition
Winner Pastel Section, Narrandera

1998 'Epiphenomenon'
Solo exhibition Horse's Mouth gallery, Wagga Wagga

1997 'New Art/Non-Art'
Group show HR Gallop Gallery, CSU, Wagga Wagga

1996 'For Want of a Better Word'
Group exhibition, Activity Centre, CSU, Wagga Wagga

1996 'International Women's Day Exhibition'
Group exhibition, ABC, Wagga Wagga

1995 'Elbow Room'
Group exhibition, Riverina Arts Program, Wagga Wagga

1994 'Drawn Out'
Group exhibition, Celf Gallery, Sydney

1994 National Graduate Student Show
Group Exhibition, Perth Institute of Contemporary Art, WA

1993 Graduating Exhibition
Group exhibition, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga

Professional Experience

2026 Tea Club Mural Project
Participating artist & youth mentor
Reignite Nowra

2026 Art Club in the Hub
Facilitator, Vincentia Connections Community Hub
Vincentia Matters

2025 Playing in Pastels 2-day Workshop
Tutor, Huskisson Public School & Jervis Bay Maritime Museum
Arts Muster

2025 Grant Recipient Free Community Wildlife Art Workshops
Country Arts Support Program
Jervis Bay Arts Trail & Vincentia Matters Inc.

2020 Professional Secondary Visual Art Teaching Experience
Vincentia High School
University of Wollongong

2019 Professional Secondary Visual Art Teaching Experience
Bomaderry High School
University of Wollongong

2019 Painting and Language class
Sanctuary Point Public School
Bay and Basin Community Resources

2017-2019 Visual Art and Culture class with Leon Brown
Guramaa Global Indigenous Corporation
Jervis Bay Primary School

2018 Aboriginal Art and Culture Educator
Trinity Grammar School, Woollamia

2017-2018 Grant Recipient Public Art, Bherwerre Wetlands
Shoalhaven Arts Board
Bay and Basin Community Resources, Sanctuary Point

2016-2018 Mural artist, Bherwerre Wetland Project
Bay and Basin Community Resources, Sanctuary Point

2017 Artist in Residence
Worwowing, Jervis Bay

2016 'Night Vision' Collaborative performance artwork
Siteworks, Bundanon Trust, Illaroo

2016 Artist in Residence
Haefligers Cottage, Hill End

2015-16 Mural Artist, Sanctuary Point Public School Fair
Bay and Basin Community Resources, Sanctuary Point

2015 Artist in Residence
Bundanon Trust, Illaroo

2015 'Slick Bins' Skip Bin Mural Youth Project
Bay and Basin Community Resources, Sanctuary Point

2015 Mural Project, Youth Mentoring Program
Sanctuary Point Youth and Community Centre, Sanctuary Point

2014-16 Vacation Care School Holiday art workshops
Bay and Basin Community Resources, Sanctuary Point

2014-15 Tomerong Public School Mural Project,
Bay and Basin Community Resources, Sanctuary Point

2014 'Where Are We? Visual Cultures of Place-making in a Precarious Age' Conference Presentation, Australian National University, Canberra

2014 'Driving Forces: The Role of Artists and Designers in Interdisciplinary Research' Conference Presentation, School of Art, Australian National University, Canberra

2013-2014 ANU College Visiting Artist Fellows Scheme
Visual Anthropology Unit, Australian National University, Canberra

2013 'On Species: Narrative, Indigeneity, Ecology, Afterlife' Symposium Presentation, University of Melbourne, Melbourne

2013 'Interdiscipline' AAANZ Conference Presentation, Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne

2013 ANU 'Anthropology and the Animal Turn' Conference Presentation, Australian National University, Canberra

2013 'Ecoarts Australis' Conference Presentation, University of Wollongong Innovations bldg, Wollongong

2013 'Portrayal and Identity' Symposium Presentation, National Gallery of Australia, Canberra

2012 Australian National University, School of Art, Canberra
Assistant teacher – Painting Workshop

2012 'Framing Lives' Conference Presentation, Portrait Gallery, Canberra.

2012 'Object Art and Theory' guest lecture Presentation, Art theory, ANU Canberra

2011 'Artworlds' Symposium Australian National University Presentation, Art History, ANU Canberra

2011 'Critical Animals' Symposium TINA festival
Panel presentation, Newcastle.

2011 'Animals, People: a shared environment' Conference AASG Presentation, Griffith University, Brisbane.

2010 'Tradition and Transformation' Conference AAANZ
Post-graduate presentation, University of SA, Adelaide

2010 'This Way Up' Symposium
Presentation, School of Art, ANU Canberra

2009 'Artworlds' Symposium
Presentation, Art History, ANU Canberra

2009 'Minding Animals' Conference University of Newcastle
Presentation, Civic Precinct Newcastle

2002-14 Charles Sturt University, Humanities and Social Sciences
Marking and Tutor – Art History and Visual Communications subjects

2007 Hackett Preschool, Canberra
Mural artist

2007 5-day Anatomy Drawing Workshop
School of Medical Sciences UNSW

2006 Fine Art Teacher
Riverina Institute of TAFE

2005-2006 Art History Teacher
Riverina Institute of TAFE

2005 5th Landcare/Catchment Management Forum
Official Artist

2004-2005 Apprentice tattooist
Wagga Body Art

2004 Murrumbidgee Water Catchment Management Authority –
Illustration

2004 CDEP Wiradjuri cultural centre Wagga Wagga
Mural artist

2004 Wagga Regional Art Gallery/Junee High School
Mural artist

2003-2004 Possums Playground Daycare Centre
Mural artist

2003-2004 South West Stockfeeds
Mural artist

2003 Wagga Regional Art Gallery/Tarcutta Public School
Mural artist

2002 South Wagga Wagga Public School
Mural artist

2001-2002 Freeman's Photographics
Professional photographer (Kapooka Army Base)

2000 Kapooka Public School, Wagga Wagga
Mural artist

1999-2006 Wagga Space Program, Wagga Wagga
Committee member and participating artist

1998 Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery/Sturt Public School
Mural artist

1998 Illustration
Book project with Koori storyteller Pauline McLeod

1997 Junee Youth Centre
Mural artist

1996-2004 Riverina Institute of TAFE, Riverina Community College &
Charles Sturt University - Life model

Other Employment

2026 Vincentia High School
Creative and Performing Arts Teacher

2025 Vincentia High School
Casual Teacher

2024 Vincentia High School
Creative and Performing Arts Teacher

2021-23 Vincentia High School
English Teacher

2021 Vincentia High School
Casual Teacher

2014-2021 Shop Between the Flags, Sanctuary Point & Huskisson
Retail Assistant

2019-2020 Fletcher & Co, Vincentia
Front of House/Dishwasher/Burger Cook

2018-2019 Chief Entertainment/Gravity Media, Gore Hill Sydney
Accounts Payable Officer

2015 Chief Entertainment, Gore Hill Sydney
Accounts Administration Assistant

2010 Injalak Arts and Crafts, Gunbalanya, Arnhem Land, NT
Retail Assistant, Postal Manager and Cross-Cultural Liaison

2007-2013 The Food Co-op Shop, Canberra
Retail Assistant (co-ordinator) and fresh produce delivery processor
2009 co-manager responsible for roster, ordering produce and banking

1999 Woolworths, Wagga Wagga
Nightfill

1997 Riverina Community College, Junee
Tutor - Vegetarian Cooking Workshops

1996-2004 Harefield Pistachios, Harefield
Seasonal nut collecting, processing and packaging

1992-1994 Vincentia Post Office, Vincentia
Sorting Mail and Parcel Processing

1989-1990 Greenspot Fruitmarket, Sanctuary Point
Retail Assistant in charge of fresh produce and icecream/milkshake bar

1985-2025 Drummer in various bands

Referees

Dr Neill Overton, Retired Postgraduate Coordinator, Art History & Visual
Culture Lecturer, Communication and Creative Industries, Charles Sturt
University, 0269332776, former employer for external marking

Vivienne Binns OAM, Retired Painting Lecturer, School of Art, Australian National University, 0417212629, former PhD studio supervisor