

# Making my Mark



A YEAR OF DAILY DRAWING

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CATALOGUE

**2020** began swathed in gloom and smoke as Australia burned. I felt unable to work due to worry about our future, plus the clear and present danger all around. A coastal walk on 1 January failed to lift my mood, until my partner Mike handed me a piece of paper and suggested I make a drawing. Reluctantly I did so, and I was immediately engaged and definitely in the moment.

I went home with new resolve to commit to draw every day of 2020. What a solace it turned out to be! I had no idea a pandemic was about to impact all our lives and how important a connection to nature via drawing would be, in this strangest of years.

I kept my resolution and drew every day.



## Always seeking playful experimentation...

Everything about the daily drawings had to stay random - this was a year long opportunity to play and experiment. I drew with a wide range of mixed media and foraged for sticks I found out on location to create many homemade 'Nature's brushes'. Sizes and subject matter of the drawings swung widely in every direction. My marks were sometimes abstracted and sometimes more realistic. I did not want to set rules.

# FLORALS

Flowers brought joy into the darkest corners of 2020.



**Native Blooms 1**  
mixed media  
A3 unframed \$400



**Native Blooms 2**  
mixed media  
A3 unframed \$400



**Native Blooms 3**  
mixed media  
A3 unframed \$400

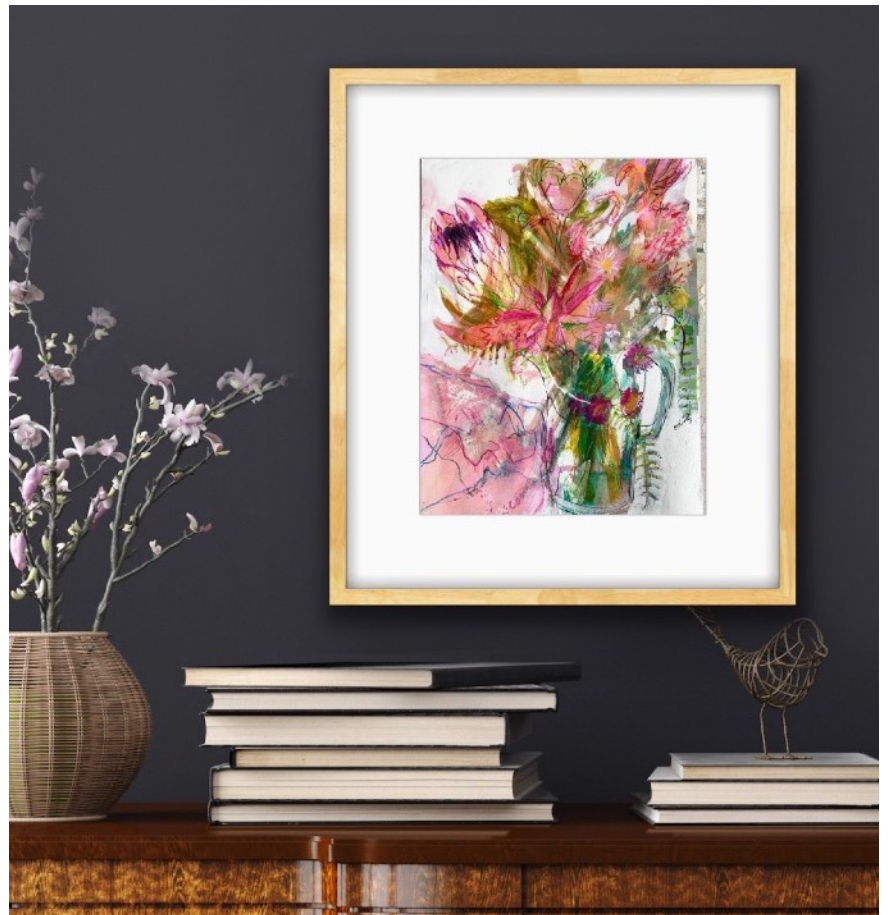


**Native Blooms 4**  
mixed media  
A3 unframed \$400

**Native Blooms 5**  
mixed media

A3 unframed \$400

*Framing suggestion. All work can  
be framed on request*





**Waratahs** mixed media and collage diptych 42 x 59 cm \$800 ●



**Wattle** mixed media and collage  
300 x 295 cm \$300, unframed



**Sunflowers**  
mixed media and collage  
61 x 50 cm  
float framed in natural Australian Ash  
\$650



**There Will Always Be Flowers**

mixed media and collage  
21 x 15 cm x 16 pages plus cover  
unframed \$1600

There are many more concertina books in the show.



**Lilies**  
mixed media and collage  
42 x 29 cm  
unframed  
\$400 ●



**A Jug of Golden Wattle**  
mixed media and collage  
42 x 29 cm  
unframed  
\$400



**Poppies 3,4 and 5**  
mixed media and collage  
42 x 29 cm  
unframed  
\$400 each



**Bringing Joy ↑**  
mixed media and collage  
42 x 29 cm  
float framed in Australian Ash  
\$650



**Bring Me Sunshine →**  
mixed media and collage  
59 x 42 cm unframed



**Cow Parsley ↑**

mixed media and collage  
61 x 50 cm  
float framed in natural Australian Ash  
\$650



**Poppies 1 and 2 →**

mixed media and collage  
61 x 50 cm  
float framed in natural Australian Ash  
\$650 each



**Lily The Pink ←**

mixed media and collage  
59 x 42cm unframed \$800

**Strelizias ↓**

mixed media and collage  
42 x 29cm unframed \$400



I spent many hours at the lotus pond in the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney... there are many more lotus inspired works on display at the gallery.



**New Life (diptych) ↑**

mixed media and collage on hot press paper

70 x 100 cm

unframed \$1500

framing price on request

**Embrace the Light ↓**

mixed media and collage

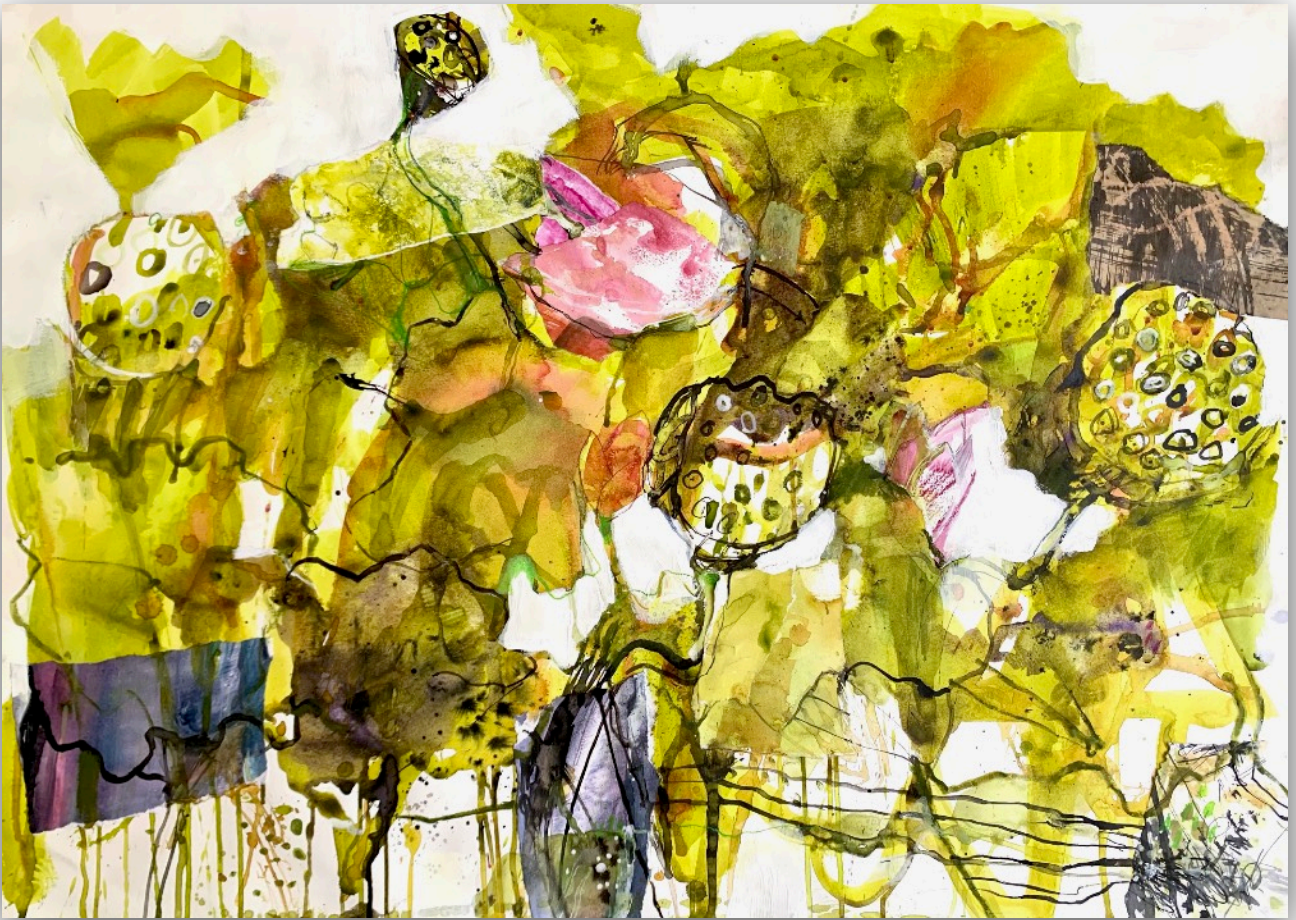
50 x 1040 cm

float framed in natural Australian Ash

\$1200







**New Beginnings ↑**

mixed media and collage

58 x 84 cm

unframed \$1200



**Emerging ↑**

mixed media and collage

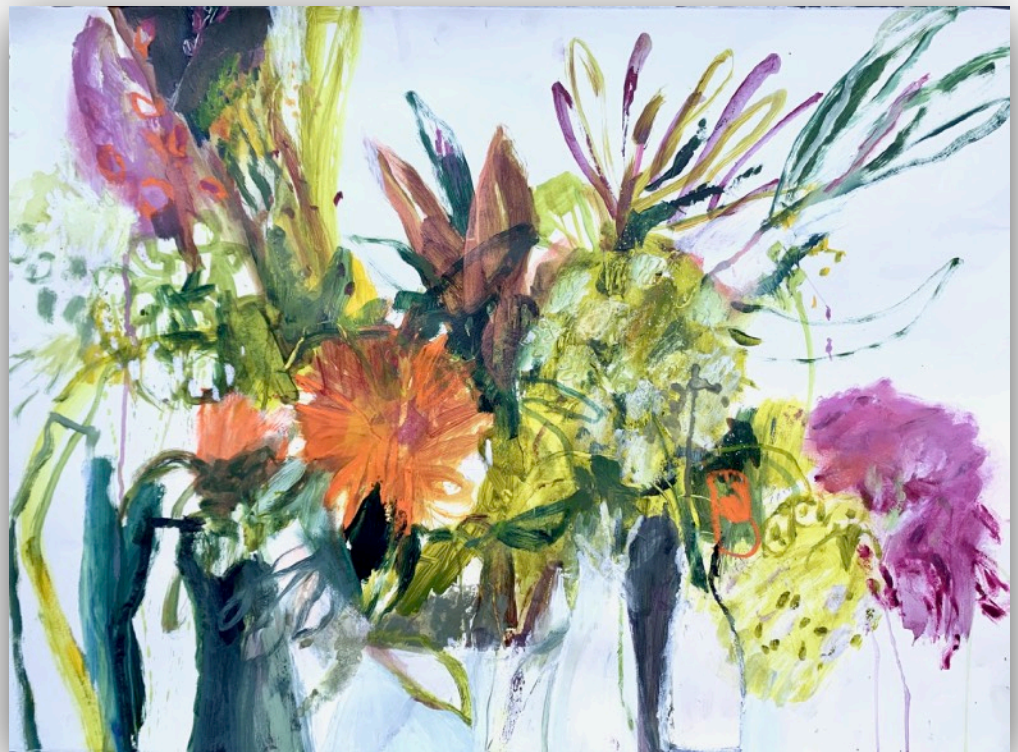
21 x 60 cm

unframed

\$400



**Flower Power ↑**  
mixed media and  
collage on Arches  
paper  
56 x 76 cm  
unframed \$1200



**Unexpected Joy ↑**  
mixed media and collage on Arches paper  
56 x 76 cm  
unframed \$1200



**Floribunda 1 and 2 ↑**

charcoal and collage  
59 x 42 cm each  
unframed \$600 each



**Poppiness ←**

SELECTED FINALIST ARTIST BOOK AWARD  
to be displayed at Manly Regional Art Gallery  
19 Feb- 28 March 2020

mixed media in a homemade book  
NFS



# LANDSCAPE

Walking and drawing outside provided many highlights in an otherwise crazy year. Disappearing with my sketchbook and hiding away in a remote corner of the coast or bush gave me space to breathe. A chance to fully experience the seasons and elements.



from top left clockwise:

**Clifftop**

**Top of the World**

**Beachcombing**

**Crystal Clear**

**Coastal Path**

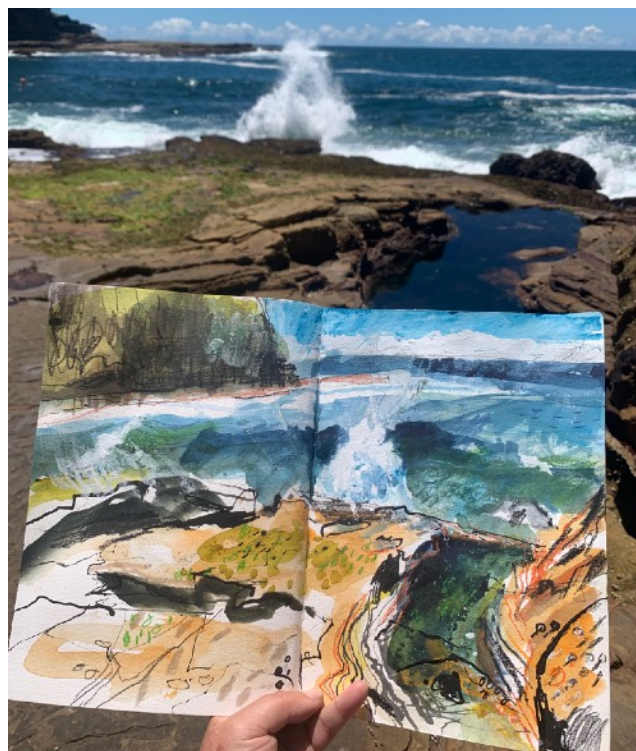
mixed media and collage  
29 x 42 cm unframed  
\$400 each



I made plenty of drawings on location both in sketchbooks and on A3 hot press smooth watercolour paper. The sketchbooks will be on display in the show and many of the loose sheets available for sale. All unframed.



**Putty Beach** Mixed media 29x42 cm \$400



**Sketchbook** NFS



**On the Ridge** Mixed media on handmade paper  
35 x 51 cm \$450



**Wendys Garden** Mixed media on handmade paper  
35 x 51 cm \$450

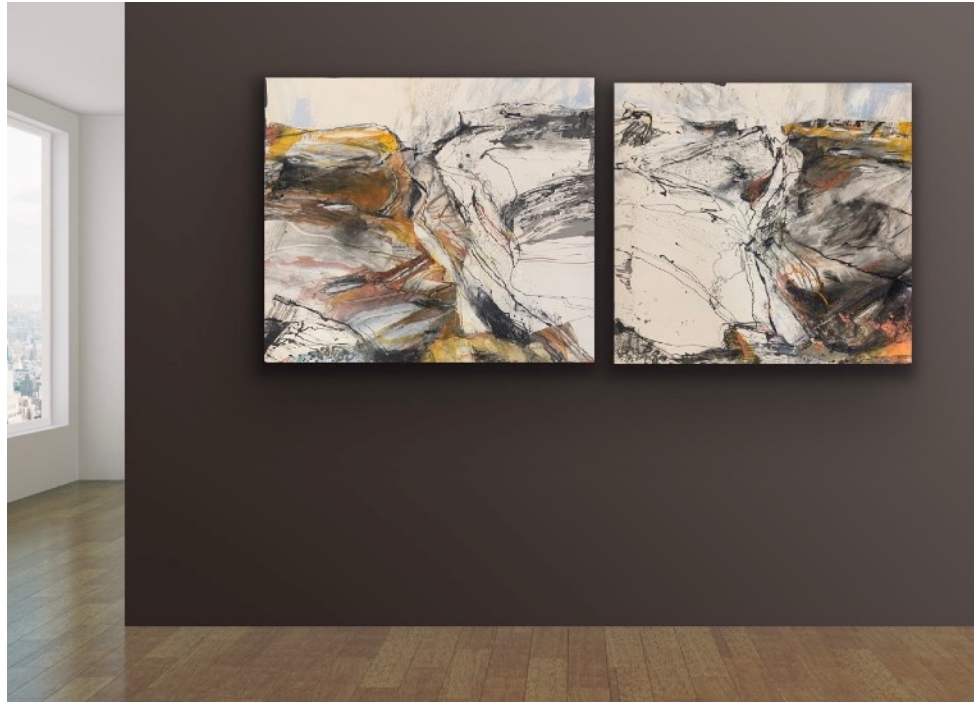


**Path to the Sea** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm \$400



**Along the Coast** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm \$400

Some drawings are very large...



**On the Rocks 1 & 2**  
Mixed media and collage  
75 x 84 cm x 2  
\$1000 each unframed  
POA for framing





**Windswept** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm \$400 ●



**Standing Steady** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm \$400



**Listen to the Wind** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm \$400



**Beyond Here** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm \$400



Any unframed drawing can be framed on request. Unframed drawings can easily be dispatched or collected if preferred.

**Blowing In The Breeze** ←  
mixed media and collage  
61 x 50 cm  
float framed in white  
\$650 ●



**Out Of The Blue ↑**  
mixed media and collage  
42 x 59 cm unframed \$800



**Up the Creek 1 →**  
mixed media and collage  
29 x 42cm unframed  
\$400 ●



**Up the Creek 2 →**  
mixed media and collage  
29 x 42cm unframed  
\$400





All these drawings were made when lockdown lifted, on a road trip to Mudgee and Orange, Central West NSW.

### **Road Tripping**

all mixed media and collage  
on A3 hot press paper 29 x 42 cm  
\$400 each unframed



# INDUSTRIAL

Exploring things made by humans as well as things made in nature.



## MV Cape Don

SHORTLISTED FINALIST MARITIME ART PRIZE 2020

mixed media and collage 59 x 84 cm unframed \$1400 Framing price on request



## Harbour Bridge 1

mixed media and collage

30 x 50 cm unframed \$500



## Harbour Bridge 2

mixed media and collage

29 x 42 cm unframed \$400

## IN THE KITCHEN



**Yellow Bowl** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm \$400 ●



**Kitchen Sink** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm \$400



**Making Pesto** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm \$400



**Fruit Bowl** Mixed media 29 x 42 cm



**Homemade Soup** ←  
mixed media and collage  
61 x 50 cm  
float framed in white  
\$650 ●

WINNER of the Northern  
Beaches Art Prize 2020 -  
Postcards From Home

# There is nothing quite like drawing from life...

**2020** - a Leap year never to be forgotten!

All 366 drawings can be viewed here:

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