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







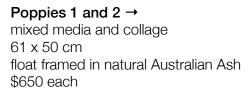
Bringing Joy 1 mixed media and collage 42 x 29 cm float framed in Australian Ash \$650

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





Cow Parsley 1 mixed media and collage 61 x 50 cm float framed in natural Australian Ash \$650









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 \downarrow

mixed media and collage 50 x 1040 cm float framed in natural Australian Ash \$1200





New Beginnings 1 mixed media and collage 58 x 84 cm unframed \$1200



Emerging 1 mixed media and collage 21 x 60 cm unframed \$400



Flower Power 1 mixed media and collage on Arches paper 56 x 76 cm unframed \$1200



Unexpected Joy 1 mixed media and collage on Arches paper 56 x 76 cm unframed \$1200







Floribunda 1 and 2 1 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



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



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



Sketchbook NFS

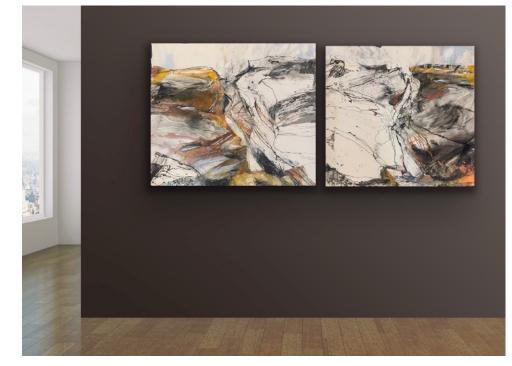


Wendys Garden Mixed media on handmade paper 35 x 51 cm \$450



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 1 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 2 mixed media and collage 29 x 42 cm unframed \$400

Harbour Bridge 1 mixed media and collage 30 x 50 cm unframed \$500

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: <u>instagram.com/drawwithdebbie</u> My paintings and studio practice are here <u>instagram.com/debbiemackinnon</u>

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