

# Blackstone Gallery



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**“The realisation that everyone is living a life as vivid and complex as your own”**

4 May - 1 June

Opening Celebration: Sat 4 May, 5-7pm

*I gravitate towards expansive viewpoints such as the desert and the sea.*

*Time spent walking such vast and empty places aligns my mind, body, and world, encouraging a connection to an interior dimension, so that while outdoors I go inside.*

*The ego unshackles to magnify profound experiences of humility, new perspectives, empathy, and compassion, bringing my attention to the immense value of every part of life.*

*Hiking and camping on Arrernte country along the Larapinta Trail from Alice Springs to Mount Sonder, I was able to immerse and absorb the experience fully, via all the senses, until it felt that the spirit in the land became the same spirit within me.*

*Back in the studio with great reverence and sensitivity, I embarked on making what was seen and experienced, visible again. The landscape is instantly recognisable; however, the tone of the paintings indicates that they have come from the inside, not out. The work is about feeling, and the process of painting, is my way of unpacking, maintaining, and nurturing a relationship with that beautiful desert land.*

*Perspective*

oil on polyester

66 x 93cm (framed)

\$1600



*Roomy and Full*

oil on polyester

66 x 93cm (framed)

\$1600



*Higher Ground*

oil on polyester

66 x 93cm (framed)

\$1600



*Dark Light*  
oil on polyester  
63 x 90cm  
\$1400







*Getting Steep*  
oil on polyester  
80 x 90cm  
\$1500



*Desert Promise*

oil on polyester

90 x 80cm

\$1500



*Making it Through*

oil on polyester

80 x 80cm

\$1400

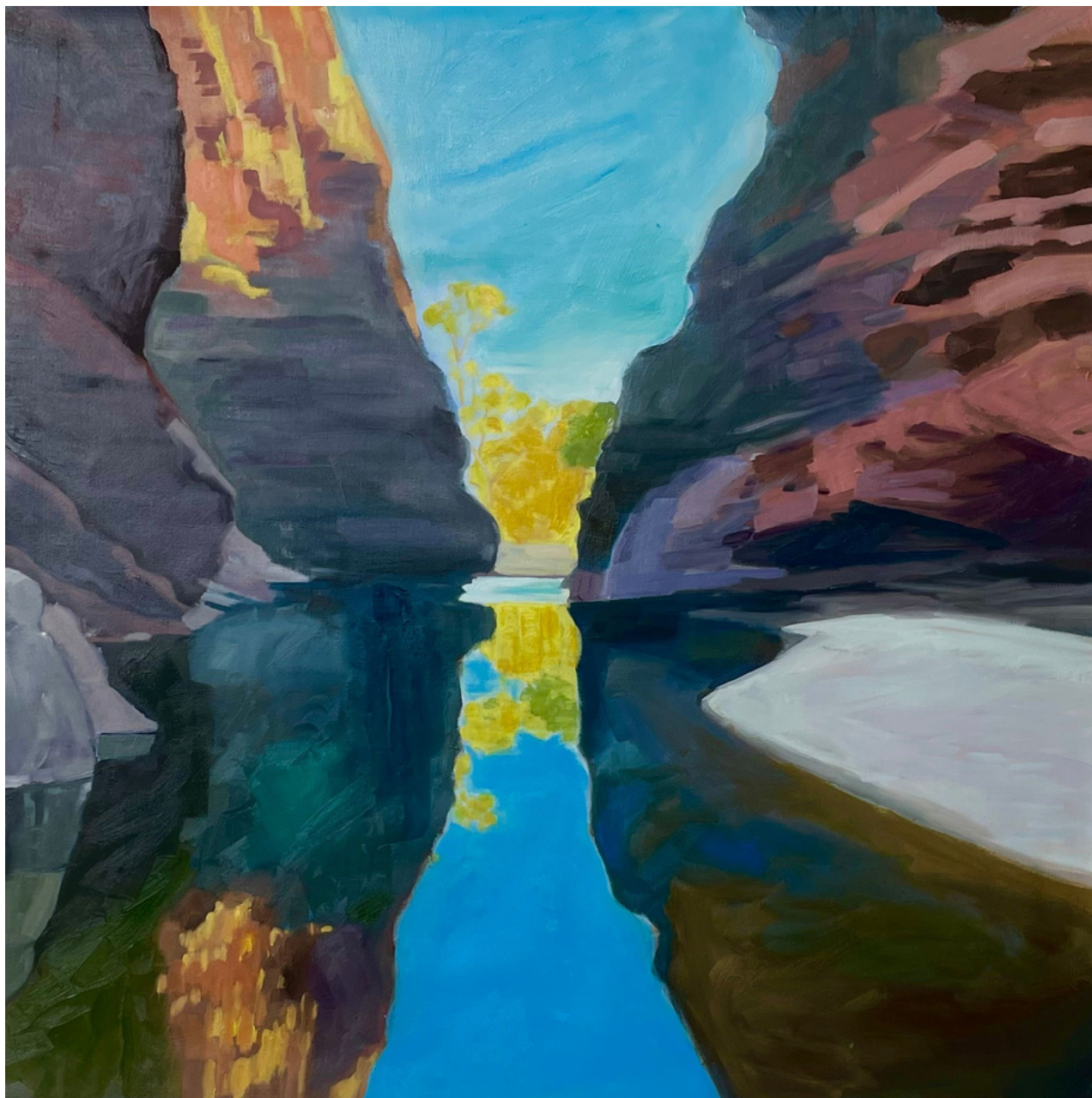


*Opening*

oil on polyester

80 x 80cm

\$1400



*In the Elements*  
oil on polyester  
83 x 83cm  
\$1400





*Promised Day*

oil on linen

40 x 50cm

\$800



*Be Like A Tree*  
oil on linen  
43 x 53cm (framed)  
\$950





*Parent Tree*

oil on linen

53 x 43cm (framed)

\$950



*New Day*  
oil on linen  
50 x 40cm  
\$800





*Camp Clothesline*  
oil in canvas  
23 x 23 cm (framed)  
\$440



*Camp Yoga with Flies*

oil on canvas

23 x 23cm (framed)

\$440



*Camp Friends*

oil on canvas

23 x 23 cm (framed)

\$440



*Spicy Hills no 1*  
oil on canvas  
18 x 18cm  
\$340



*Spicy Hills no 2*

oil on canvas

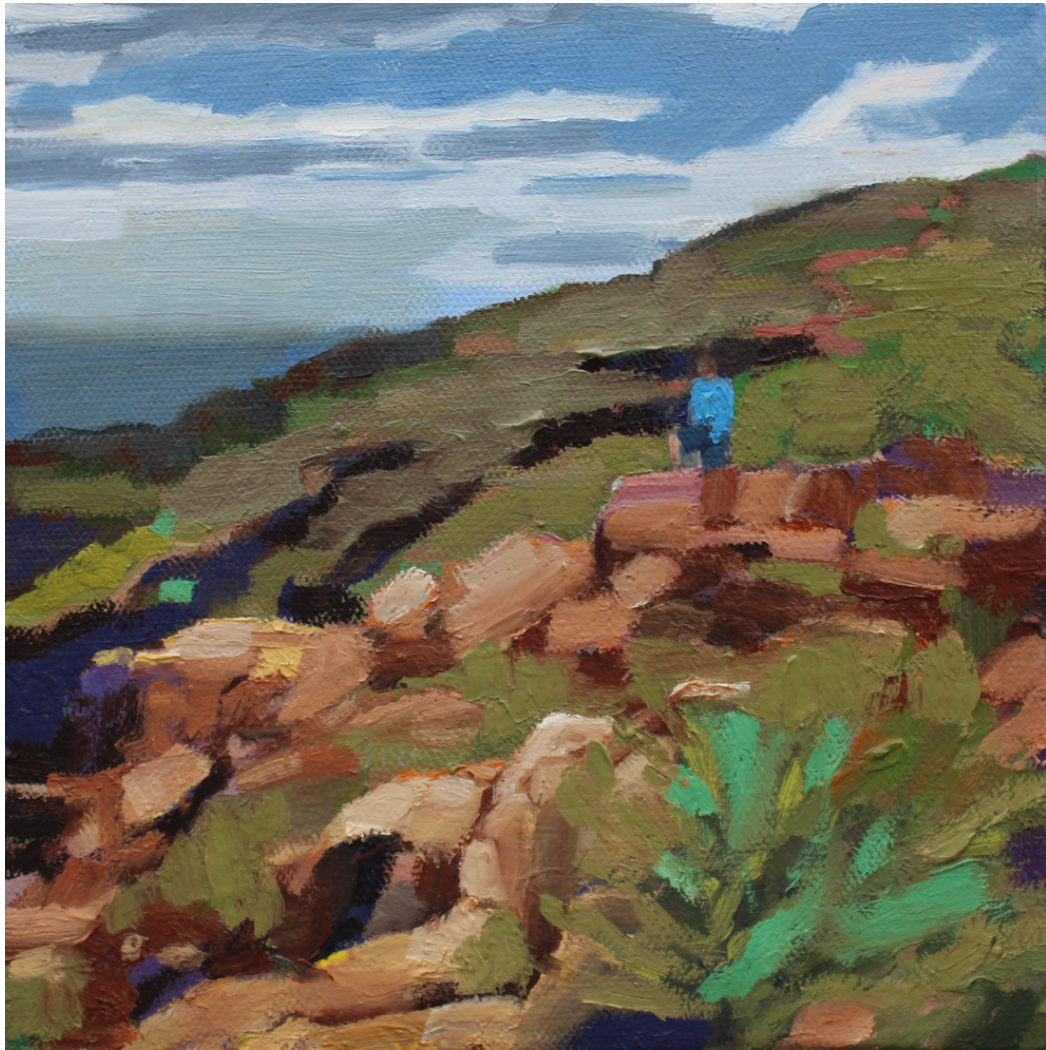
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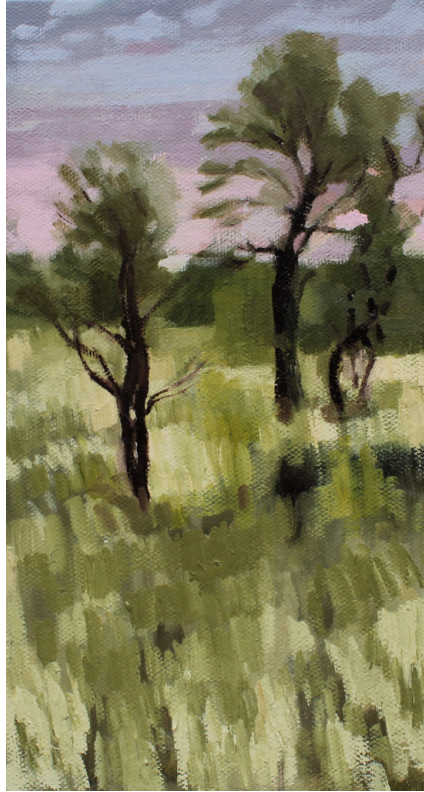


*Spicy Hills no 3*  
oil on canvas  
18 x 18cm )  
\$340

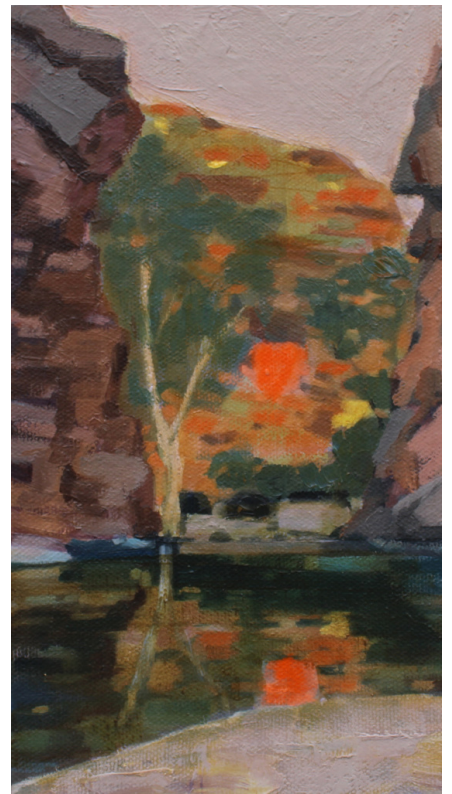
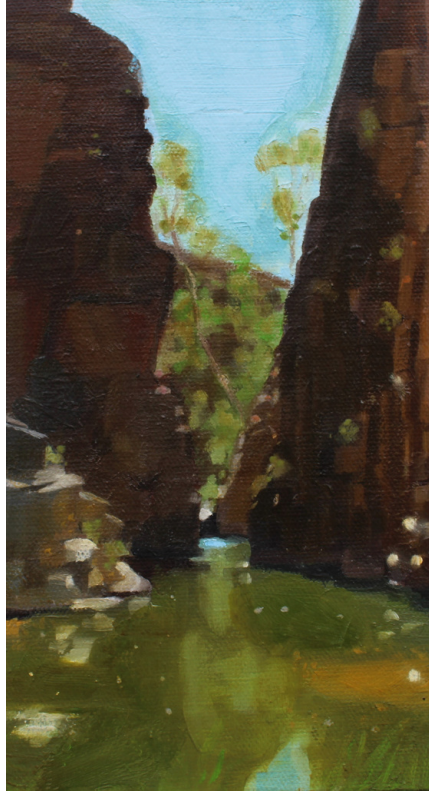
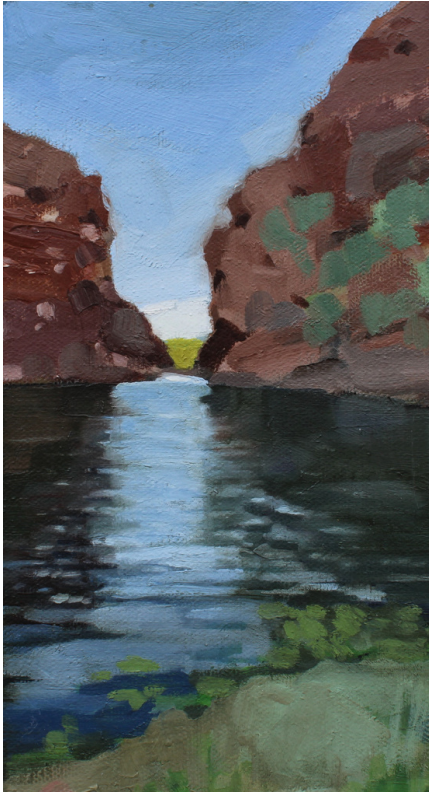




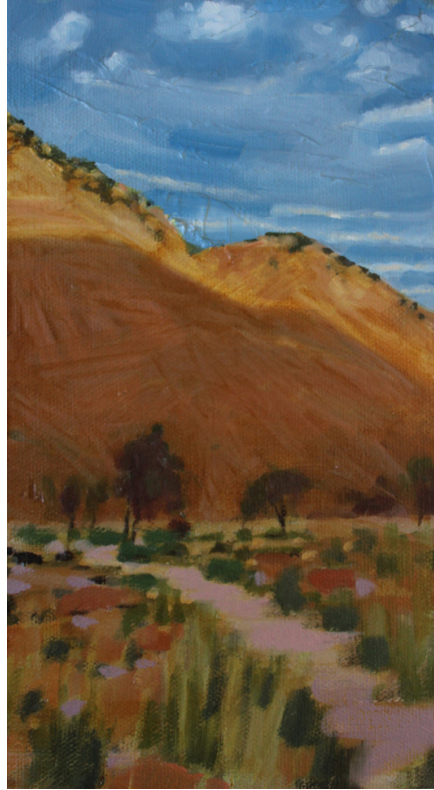
*Big Smalls*  
1- 3 Trees  
oil on board  
13 x 23cm  
\$280 each



*Big Smalls*  
4 - 6 Gorges  
oil on board  
13 x 23cm  
\$280 each



*Big Smalls*  
7 - 9 Golden Hills  
oil on board  
13 x 23cm  
\$280 each



*Big Smalls*  
10 - 12 Desert Nights  
oil on board  
13 x 23cm  
\$280 each



*Big Smalls*  
13 - 15 Sonder  
oil on board  
23 x 13cm  
\$280 each



*Big Smalls*  
16- 18 Skies  
oil on board  
23 x 13cm  
\$280 each





*Big Smalls*  
19 - 21 By the Finke  
oil on board  
23 x 13cm  
\$280 each



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## AWARDS (selected POST 2019)

- *Finalist* Waverly Woollahra Landscape Prize. Waverley Arts. NSW 2023, 2020, 2019
- *Winner* 2nd place Contemporary Fairfield Art Prize. Fairfield NSW 2023
- *Finalist* Archibald Prize. Art Gallery of NSW. 2023
- *Winner* Blackstone works on paper prize. Blackstone Gallery Newcastle 2022
- *Winner* Small works Hunters Hill Art Prize. Town Hall Hunters Hill. NSW 2022
- *Finalist* Fishers Ghost Art Award. Campbeltown NSW 2022, 2021, 2020
- *Highly Commended* John Copes Portrait Prize. Bowral. NSW 2022
- *Finalist* John Villiers Outback Art Prize Outback Regional Gallery. Winton. QLD 2022
- *Finalist* Lethbridge Landscape Prize Lethbridge Gallery. Paddington. QLD 2022
- *Winner* Fairfield City Art Prize – traditional. Fairfield Art Society. NSW 2021
- *Finalist* Blacktown City Art Prize. Leo Kelly Blacktown Art Centre. NSW 2021
- *Highly commended* Portraiture DAS Open Art Prize Drummoyne. NSW 2021
- *Highly commended* Contemporary DAS Open Art Prize Drummoyne. NSW 2021
- *Finalist* Little Things Art Prize Saint Cloche Gallery. Paddington. NSW 2020
- *Finalist* Pro Hart Outback Art Award Broken Hill Regional Gallery. Broken Hill. NSW 2020
- *Finalist* Lethbridge 20000 Lethbridge Gallery. Paddington QLD 2020, 2019



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## **CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (selected)**

2020 -2024 Visual Artist in residence and Public Programs facilitator. Blacktown Arts Centre

2019 - 2020 Remote community artists support worker. Warlukurlangu Arts Centre Yuendumu NT

2016 – 2018 Executive advisor and student support. Australian Indigenous Education Foundation

2005 – 2015 Visual arts teacher and student wellbeing coordinator. Association of Independent Schools

1995 – 2005 Community arts/adolescent mental health specialist. NSW Health.

## **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (selected)**

2001

Cert IV Training and Assessment . TAFE NSW

1998

Bachelor Counselling Honours . University of New England

1995

Post Graduate Diploma Secondary Education . University of Western Sydney

1990

B.A Visual Arts (Painting Major) . University of Western Sydney





A sunset scene with a large tree silhouette in the foreground and a car in the background. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds, and the sun is visible near the top center. The tree's branches are dark and detailed against the bright sky. In the bottom left, the roof and rear of a dark-colored car are visible. In the bottom right, a portion of a building with a balcony is seen.

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