

**Elisabeth Johnson, trading as 'Lis Johnson - sculptor'**

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**Chronological details:****Education:**

- 1984 **Bachelor of Arts, Major in Fine Arts**, University of Melbourne  
 1986 **Bachelor of Creative Arts, Major in Sculpture (with distinction)**,  
University of Wollongong  
 2000 **Certificate IV, Small Business Management**,  
AMES West Melbourne  
 2009 **Graduate Certificate of Arts (English Literature)**,  
University of Melbourne  
 2014 **Master of Teaching, Secondary**  
(*Visual Arts & English*), Melbourne Graduate School of Education,  
University of Melbourne

**Employment:****1987-present Self-Employed Artist (sculptor)**

- 2011-12. **Teacher**, Art & Technology,  
The University High School Parkville
- 2011 **Sessional Teacher**, Visual Merchandising Studio,  
Kangan Institute, Richmond
- 2010-2015 **Front of House**, Palais Theatre, St Kilda
- 1991-3 **Film Reviewer**, ABC Radio Illawarra, NSW
- 1987-91 **Part-time Lecturer**,  
Media and 3D Studies, City Art Institute/  
College of Fine Arts, UNSW
- 1988-present **Artist in Schools:** sculpture workshops and talks,  
State and Independent schools, NSW and Victoria
- 1990,2006-7 **Casual Lecturer**, Life sculpture & Mixed Media,  
Illawarra TAFE, Swinburne Wantirna TAFE
- 1987-2009 **Casual/Contract Sculptor:**
- Mothers Art Productions  
 Stage One Productions  
 Artistic Fabrications  
 Contraposto (with G Taylor)  
 Scenic Studios  
 Think Outside the Square (Shanghai World Expo)  
 Victorian Opera  
 Handspan Theatre,  
 Big Fish Productions  
 Docklands Film Studios  
 Australian Children's Film Corporation  
 Melbourne Comedy Festival

**Assistant Sculptor / Contracted Sculptor:**

- 2017 **Louis Laumen** (molding and casting, assist with props  
and life-model, sculpture assistant, Nicky Winmar statue)
- 2007 **Vipoo Srivilasa** (patterns for ceramic figures)
- 2004 **Jan Nelson** (2 life-sized figures) 'Walking in Tall  
Grass' (seated teenaged girl) and (fallen  
cyclist), acquired by NGV and Guggenheim Bilbao
- 2005 **Grant Finck** (Lempriere shortlisted entry)
- 2005 **Louis Laumen** (Mary MacKillop statue)
- 2002 **Louis Laumen** (Henry Bolte statue)
- 1988 **Clifford Frith**, assistant sculptor
- 1987 **Bert Flugelman**, assistant sculptor

**Exhibitions:**

- 2020-21 *Every Body: Works From the Collection*, Wollongong Art Gallery,  
NSW
- 2018 *Vast* exhibition, Red Earth Performing Arts Precinct,  
Karratha, WA
- 2017 *Linden Postcard Show*, Linden New Art, Domain House, Sth Yarra
- 2017 *Everyday*, Black Cat Gallery, Collingwood (small bronze sculptures)
- 2017 *Bonanza*, CSA members exhibition, Yarra Sculpture Gallery,  
Abbotsford (bronze sculpture)
- 2017 *Ebb & Flow*, Teacher as Practitioner Artmaker Project, studioFive,  
University of Melbourne (bronze & mixed-media sculpture)
- 2015 *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, M16 Artspace, Canberra (small  
bronze sculptures, deer installation)
- 2015 *Little Wonder II*, Beth Hulme Gallery, North Fitzroy
- 2015 *Reciprocity*, Teacher Artmaker Project
- 2014 *Connections*, Teacher Artmaker Project, George Paton Gallery
- 2014 *Little Wonder*, Beth Hulme Gallery, North Fitzroy
- 2013 *Out Again*, BCA reunion exhibition, small bronze sculptures,  
Hub Gallery, Newtown, NSW
- 2013 *Sensations, Triumphs and Torments*, Teacher Artmaker Project,  
Victorian Artist's Society, East Melbourne
- 2012 *Crossing Boundaries*, Teacher Artist Project, (*Handle*, interactive  
sculptures to be held), George Paton Gallery, Uni of Melb.
- 2009 *Cryptozoology*, (*Hide/Trap*, mixed media sculpture) Toyota Spirit  
Gallery, Port Melbourne
- 2008 *Hungry for Art*, deer sculpture installations, Raw Materials,  
Big West Festival, Footscray
- 2008 *The Money Myth*, (*Priceless Resource No.2, carved wooden coin*),  
Toyota Spirit Gallery, Port Melbourne
- 2008 *Bonanza*, Yarra Sculpture Gallery, Abbotsford, Victoria
- 2005 Sustainable Living Festival, (*Fragile: Deer in the Atrium, Hide/  
Trap*), *Federation Square, Melbourne*
- 1993 *Illawarra Sculptors*, (shopfront installation, *Mother of all Battles*),  
Art Arena Gallery and Crown St shopfront, Wollongong
- 1992 *The Sulman Prize*, (*Tale of the Tempest*, 6 painted narrative relief  
panels, AGNSW Sydney)
- 1988 *The Blake Prize for Religious Art*, (*Primeval Figure*, carved timber  
figurative sculpture) Sydney
- 1989 Kelly Street Kollektiv, *When Women Lay on Dust*, (large mixed  
media drawing), Ultimo, NSW
- 1984-'89 Group exhibitor, Long Gallery, School of Creative Arts,  
University of Wollongong
- 1985 Illawarra Artists for Peace, (*Golden Time Piece*, mixed media floor  
installation, Wollongong City Gallery)
- 1993 *Tale of the Tempest*, painted narrative relief series, Gasworks  
Park, Port Melbourne
- 1986-'90 Themed Group shows, Art Arena Gallery, Wollongong, NSW

**Solo shows:**

- 1986 **Hung, Drawn and Underexposed**, (mixed media sculpture and drawings), Art Arena Gallery, Wollongong
- 1987 **The World's contracted Thus**, (large drawings and ceramic installation), Art Arena Gallery
- 1991 **Relief**, (large sculptural battle frieze and narrative relief sculptures), Art Arena Gallery

**Work in Permanent Collections:****University of Wollongong Permanent Collection:**

- Art is A...** (concrete relief on Admin Building, 1984),  
**Understudies** (4 panel acrylic painting),  
**Capitalism** (mixed media column, 1986),  
**The Annunciation, The Pioneer** (painted relief panels, 1991)

**Wollongong City Gallery:**

- Primeval figure** (carved timber figurative sculpture, 1989)

**Public & Major Commissions:**

- 2024 **Senator Susan Ryan**, 110% life-sized bronze figure, Senate Rose Garden, Parliament Square, Parkes, ACT
- 2023 **Dame Dorothy Tangney and Dame Enid Lyons**, 110% life-sized bronze figures, King George Terrace (MOAD), Parkes, ACT
- 2021 **Commemorative Sculpture**, 110% life-size bronze girls, Lowther Hall School, Essendon, Victoria
- 2020 **Sir John Gorton Commemorative Sculpture**, 110% life-size bronze, seated with dog *SuzieQ*, forecourt John Gorton Building, King George Terrace, Parkes, ACT
- 2020 **Sir John McEwen Commemorative Sculpture**, 115% life-size bronze figure & wheat bags, Queen Victoria Terrace, Parkes, ACT
- 2019 **Friendship Bench**, 2 110% life-size schoolgirls, Firbank Grammar School, junior campus
- 2019 **George D Treloar Memorial Sculpture**, 110% life-size bronze figure, with small girl and refugee belongings], City of Ballarat, Sturt St Gardens
- 2012-17 Five 150% life-size bronze portrait sculptures:  
**Norm Smith, 2012**  
**John Coleman, 2013**  
**Neil Harvey, 2014**  
**Jim Stynes, 2014**  
**Kevin Bartlett, 2017**  
 Melbourne Cricket Club, The Australia Post Avenue of Legends, Yarra Park, (MCG) Melbourne
- 2016-17 150% life-size bronze portrait sculpture of **Rod Laver**, Rod Laver Arena forecourt, Olympic Park, Melbourne
- 2015 **WW1 Soldier: A Lowerson VC**, Alpine Shire Council, 110% life-size bronze portrait sculpture, Myrtleford, Victoria
- 2011 **Illawarra Centenary Rugby League Sculpture**, two 110% life-size bronze figures, WIN Stadium, Wollongong, NSW
- 2008 **Love in Action**, bronze figurative sculpture, Star of the Sea College, Brighton, Victoria
- 2006 **Vietnam Memorial in Victoria**, 2 life-size bronze soldiers (Australian and South Vietnamese) beneath actual Huey helicopter, Dandenong RSL, Dandenong Plaza, Victoria

- 2004 **Portrait bust of Sir John Gorton**, 120% life-size bronze, carved sandstone plinth, Northbrook Garden, Armadale, Victoria
- 1994 **Illawarra Coalmining Memorial**, (awarded through national competition), two 110% life-size figures and coal seam backdrop), Council Building, Burelli Street, Wollongong NSW

**Other Commissions & Projects:**

- 2018- Art manager & facilitator to ex-AFL indigenous athlete Nicky Winmar [@nickywinmarart]
- 2018 **Eucalyptus Regnans**, miniature giant bronze tree sculptures on hardwood bases, corporate gifts, Denso Australia
- 2018 **Giant Apples**, bronze sculptures, for garden designer Lela McGregor
- 2017 **The Vast Project**, installations of terracotta turtles at Cossack and on tidal flats, Pilbara, Western Australia
- 2015 **Excalibur**, bronze medieval sword, Camelot Rise Primary School, Glen Waverley
- 2011 **Staff Memorial**, bronze book, City of Greater Dandenong
- 2008 **The Great Mark**, 2 life-sized figures, recreating Jesaulenko's iconic mark, National Sport Museum, Melbourne Cricket Ground
- 2008 **Millar Family Memorial**, bronze and marble art deco style tomb, Melbourne Cemetery
- 2006 **Fragile**, bronze deer sculpture, private collector
- 2005 **National Australia Bank Pre-Season AFL trophy**, spun aluminium cup with cast figurative relief
- 2004 **Lions on the Edge**, (Track Narrative Walkway and Watusi Cow Carcass), Victoria's Open Range Zoo, Werribee
- 2001 **Zoe**, life-sized child, bronze, private collection
- 2001 **O'Neill Family Memorial**, bronze floral sculpture, Springvale Necropolis
- 2000 **Melbourne's Underbelly**, interactive diorama of CBD under-ground services, Australian Galleries, Melbourne Museum
- 1999 **Penguin Family**, human-sized fibre-glass penguin sculptures, Werribee Aquatic Centre, Wyndham Shire Council
- 1999 **Untitled Bronze foyer sculpture**, (with G Taylor) Bladen Gibson Architects, Tanner Street Apartments, Richmond
- 1997 **Victory Rider**, bronze horse and amazon sculpture, private collector
- 1996 **Archer**, bronze relief sculpture, private collector
- 1995 **Comedy/Tragedy Masks** memorial sculpture, silver-plated bronze, Star of the Sea College Wollongong
- 1991 **Birds' Eye View**, 7m cast concrete relief sculpture celebrating unpowered flight, Bald Hill Stanwell Tops, NSW