



Peter Karl Laqua

Multidisciplinary Artist

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ARTIST BIO

Peter Laqua is a Ballarat-based multidisciplinary artist whose practice spans printmaking, drawing, moving image, photography, sculpture, painting, installation and collage. Drawing upon more than 25 years of experience as a nurse, his work is deeply informed by an understanding of human health, well-being, and the complexities of the healthcare system. He is particularly captivated by how individuals react, function and integrate within healthcare environments — spaces where extremes of human emotion and physical experience converge. The repurposing of found, dead, and disused objects is a recurring thread in his practice, providing new life and meaning to discarded materials that mirror broader themes of transformation and renewal. Laqua's work is dedicated to creating a contemplative space for viewers to reflect, question and engage — a catalyst for dialogue and introspection that celebrates life's beauty and human resilience.

EDUCATION

2025 Bachelor of Visual Arts (High Distinction)

Federation University, Ballarat

2019–2022 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Study Exchange)

Monash University, Melbourne

2016–2018 Bachelor of Fine Arts (Study Exchange)

Queensland College of Arts, Brisbane

2015 Course in Medication Practice for Enrolled Nurses

TAFE Queensland

2005 Course in Medication Practice for Enrolled Nurses

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2001 Certificate IV in Health (Nursing)

Kangan Batman TAFE

1986 Higher School Certificate

Model Farms High School

EXHIBITIONS

2026 Ballarat Printmakers — *Ross Creek Gallery, Ross Creek*

2025 Ballarat International Foto Biennale (BIFB) — *Ballarat*

2025 Small — *FortyFiveDownStairs Gallery, Melbourne*

2024 EYE — *Post Office Gallery, Ballarat*

2024 Benchmark — *Post Office Gallery, Ballarat*

2024 Incognito Art Show

2020 FPS Fire Station Book Prize — *Fire Station Print Studio, Armadale*

2019 BFA Second Year Exhibition — *Dog Show*

2017 Word of Mouth (group exhibition) — *Jugglers Art Space, Brisbane*

- 2016 Art@16 (group exhibition)
- 2015 Gippsland Print Award
- 2014 Immanuel Arts Festival
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- 2012 Rio Tinto Alcan Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards
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EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED & CURATED

2017 *Word of Mouth* — Co-founder, Word-of-Mouth Art Collective. A collaborative of seven undergraduates from Griffith University / Queensland College of Art, specialising in painting, sculpture, drawing and printmaking. Exhibition held at Jugglers Art Space, Brisbane.

RESIDENCIES & AWARDS

- 2026 Alumni Residency, Federation University, Ballarat
- 2025 High Achievement Award, Bachelor of Visual Arts — Federation University

WORKSHOPS

Peter has facilitated printmaking workshops for students at Federation University, Ballarat, introducing participants to a range of relief and experimental printmaking techniques.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Ballarat Printmakers, Ballarat
- Ross Creek Gallery, Ballarat
- Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat
- Fire Station Print Studio, Armadale, Victoria
- Impress Printmaking Studio & Gallery, Woolloowin, Brisbane

ART-RELATED COURSES

- 2020 Introduction to Ceramics — Richard Monger Studio
- 2016 Introduction to Ceramics — Beddie Bennetts Studio

SKILLS

- Multidisciplinary studio practice: printmaking (linocut, collagraph, monotype), photography, moving image, drawing, painting, sculpture, installation, collage
- Strong compositional and colour theory knowledge
- Time management, mentoring and leadership
- Interpersonal and community engagement skills

NON-ART RELATED EMPLOYMENT

2023–present Endorsed Enrolled Nurse — Casual Bank
Grampians Health, Ballarat

2023–present Endorsed Enrolled Nurse — Ward Lawson (Rehabilitation), Casual
Holmesglen Private Hospital, Moorabbin VIC

2022–2023 Endorsed Enrolled Nurse — Ward Lawson (Rehabilitation), Permanent Part-Time
Holmesglen Private Hospital, Moorabbin VIC

2019–2022 Endorsed Enrolled Nurse — Ward Kendall (Medical/Oncology), Permanent Part-Time
Holmesglen Private Hospital, Moorabbin VIC

1995–2019 Endorsed Enrolled Nurse — Various hospitals, full-time

INTERESTS

Art, sport, music, people, collaboration, reading, travel, culture, food and nature.