



**Melanie Vugich**

**WINTERLY**

Gallery Catalogue

Purple Noon Gallery | October 8th - 30th

## ARTIST STATEMENT

I started painting this body of work during the early winter months, when the rain was endless, but the rolling clouds and muted light were so utterly beautiful. As I set up my tablescapes and started mixing colours, my signature shades of pink, coral and amber began to deepen and those moody grey hues in the sky found their way onto my paintbrush.

Being kept inside by the weather and giving myself plenty of preparation time allowed a lot of energy to go into each brushstroke, and I enjoyed generously lathering on the paint. Many of my treasured household objects and books feature, as they always do, my favourite piece of ikat has reappeared and I loved mixing wild banksias with the season's glorious roses, tulips, irises, sunflowers and poppies.

## BIOGRAPHY

Melanie Vugich grew up in the New South Wales town of Broken Hill, in outback Australia, then spent time in Adelaide, Sydney and London before venturing to Italy. She fell in love with Florence and lived there for 25 years, working as a fabric designer for high-end fashion labels and painting in her spare time.

Relocating to the Sydney suburb of Bronte in 2010, Melanie now paints full time and focuses on the still life genre, which allows her to celebrate the beauty of Australian native flowers and everyday household items. Her work appears in private collections around Australia and in Denmark, Italy, France, Germany, London, Singapore and the US.

Melanie also enjoys collaborative projects – in 2021 she was invited to design fabrics for Oscar de la Renta and Victor Bellaish, two of the world's most beautiful and innovative fashion labels. Melanie also appears in STILL LIFE by Amber Creswell Bell, which was published by Thames & Hudson Australia in 2021 and features over 40 Australian artists.



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Natural Wonders & Afternoon Tea  
on French Pink  
Oil on board.  
75cm x 100cm.  
\$3950



Daydreaming of Another Time & Place  
Oil on board.  
75cm x 100cm.  
\$3950

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A Magical Hour with You on Ikat  
Oil on board.  
75cm x 100cm.  
\$3950



A Sweet Winter's Morning at Alfred Street

Oil on board.

60cm x 75cm.

\$2950

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Gifted Tulips & Brunch with Matisse  
Oil on board.  
60cm x 75cm.  
\$2950





Rosy Mornings & Strong Black  
Tea

Oil on board.  
60cm x 75cm.  
\$2950

Wild Banksia Branch in Vintage Italian Vase  
Oil on board.  
45cm x 60cm.  
\$1950



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Purple Irises for My Love  
Oil on board.  
45cm x 60cm.  
\$1950



Sunflowers on Nonna's Sweet Cloth  
Oil on canvas.  
45cm x 60cm.  
\$1950



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Pretty Pink Tulips & The Elements of Style  
Oil on canvas.  
40cm x 40cm.  
\$1550



Gumnuts & Ginger Tea with Picasso

Oil on canvas.

40cm x 40cm.

\$1550



Poppies & Sencha Tea for One  
Oil on canvas.  
40cm x 40cm.  
\$1550

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Leafy Banksia Branch on Pink  
Oil on board.  
30cm x 30cm.  
\$1280



My Happy Cyclamen on Aboriginal Cloth  
Oil on board.  
30cm x 30cm.  
\$1280



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Three Oranges & My Sharpest Knife  
Oil on board.  
30cm x 30cm.  
\$1280



Freshly Cut Papaya on Cobalt Plate  
Oil on board.  
30cm x 30cm.  
\$1280

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