

# MARIA BARBARO

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Maria Barbaro's fashion illustrations opened many doors to the fashion houses of the time after completing a Diploma of Fashion Design at RMIT.

Later with two young children Maria began freelance illustrating expanding her folio. This included the local marine life for Victoria Parks and Gardens and her drawings are featured at tourist information points along the Great Ocean Road.

With a desire to paint Maria began with pastels entering art shows and collecting "Best Pastel" prizes along the way. Acrylic on canvas was also explored as was "accidental" still life.

Printmaking in particular has become her recent passion; the elegant fluid lines reflect the glamorous style icons of our past.

Maria exhibits regularly and her work can be found in both private and public collections.

## *Exhibitions:*

2013	Alton Gallery Echuca
2012	Eltham Library Gallery
2010	Agra Gallery
2009	Victorian Artists Society East Melbourne
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2006	Eltham Library Gallery
2005	Hurstbridge Nursery Gallery

## *Awards:*

<b>Best Local Content</b>	Kalkallo Art Show (2013)
<b>Best Pastel</b>	Kalkallo Art Show (2010, 2005, 2004)
<b>Peoples Choice</b>	Parade College Art Show (2009)
<b>Best Pastel</b>	Parade College Art Show (2009)
<b>Third Prize</b>	Loyola College Art Show (2007)
<b>Second Prize</b>	Australian Artist Magazine (2007)
<b>First Prize</b>	Yarrambat PS Art Show (2005)
<b>Second Prize</b>	Parade College Art Show (2003)