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**Qualifications:**

B.A. Honours Degree in Three Dimensional Design  
Goldsmiths Hall UK Scholarship, Voorschoten, Holland.  
Certificate 3 in Childrens Services  
Professional Member

**Memberships:**

Victorian Sculptors Association  
Australian Ceramics Society  
Valley Potters Inc  
Alphington Open Studios  
Society of Bead Researchers  
Victorian Mammal Survey Group  
Entomological Society of Victoria

**Art Practice**

Mixed Media, Sculpture, Funerary Art and Jewellery

**Current Employment**

Visual Language & Clay Specialist Educator at Melbourne University Early Learning Centre, Abbotsford

**2008-Present in Australia**

Art Play Artist, Birrarung Marr, City of Melbourne: Part of Professional Artists Forum with Melbourne University for research on best practice working with children; Published essay: <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/avisgardner-supportive.pdf>  
Workshops/Clay /Environmental and Collaborative with Liz Walker  
Kids Own Publishing, Artist/Mixed Media. Abbotsford  
Recipe for Community Project Artist Facilitator for Kids Own Publishing (with Melb Uni ELC children and Interact, adults with disability ) Abbotsford.

**Community, Artist Residencies & Sites of Learning**

Forgotten Forests of the Sea-Environmental Workshops ,Kingston Arts with Liz Walker  
Our People our Place , Glenroy with Liz Walker  
Toolangi Sculpture Trail Anniversary Event 2016 Committee Member & Lead Artist/Project facilitator for Xavier College, Kostka Hall Campus, Brighton, Artist in Residence  
G.R.A.I.N. Store Nathalia, Marking the Nature of Things. Artist in Residence 2019 with Liz Walker  
Trinity Grammar School ELC, Artist in Residence  
Lorne Sculpture Biennale 2018 Environmental workshop with Liz Walker  
Billabongs for Bugs Educational workshop Ceres x2  
Waringa Park Specialist School, Artist in residence x3  
Teapees on the Green, Olympic Village, Banyule Community Art Interactive with Liz Walker  
World Environment Day, Secret Garden Workshops for School Children and Community, COPAC/Colac with Liz Walker  
"Felt" Extended Residency with Kids Own Publishing Ascot Vale Primary  
Environmental Sculpture Melbourne Grammar Primary, Artist in residence  
Charles La Trobe Primary , Artist in Residence x3.  
Shelter Workshops and Interactive Exhibition with Liz Walker at Art Play, Birrarung Marr  
Whittlesea Community Garden Environmental Bug Hotel project with Liz Walker  
Mask with International Environmental Exhibition Tarrawarra Museum of Modern Art,  
Harmony Art Project Sarah Metzner Brunswick North Primary  
Healthy Schools Project with Charles La Trobe Primary  
Schools/Community Environmental Sculptures  
"Intervention" Installation community event in collaboration with Liz Walker. Ballarat  
Bedrock for Community, Abbotsford Convent Community "Collaborative" grant with Kids Own Publishing and Recipe for Community.  
Bushfire Recovery Workshop, You bring out the Nest in Me, Whittlesea with Liz Walker  
Environmental Sculpture Workshops for Families, Creeds Farm  
Memorial Sculpture with children at Northcote Primary School  
Pre School 3D Workshops at Art Play  
Melbourne City Council Grant for environmental sculpture project with three schools at Art PlayArts Victoria

Grant for environmental sculpture project at St Marys College for children with impaired hearing

**Awards**

Best Ceramic Entry Award at Warranwood Art Show

Earth Heart Art L'Eta Verde entry by Melbourne University ELC for ceramic compone

**Architectural**

Lift Door Panel for Kamekura, Pambula NSW 2017

**Exhibitions**

Natural Selection, Nathalia

Sticks Stones and Feathers with ELC

Flight: Red Rock Gallery

Circumstances:ASV Herring Island

Small Sculpture Exhibition, Yarra Valley Arts

Nine Lives, Bundoora Homestead

Narrative ASV Herring Island

Solo Exhibition "Unearthed" Residents Gallery Montsalvat

Pottery Expos Warrandyte and Fed Square, Mansfield

Warranwood Art Show

Alphington Annual Art Show

All Things Botanical Red Rock Regional Theatre and Gallery Cororooke

Contemporary Wearables 2015 Toowoomba

ASV Annual Awards Exhibition Melbourne

What is Your Recipe, Abbotsford

Birds of a Feather BAAG

Vere Apothecary Arts Hub Sculpture Exhibition, Hampton

Ceramic Exhibition at Stonehouse Gallery Warrandyte

Decal Award with Ceramics Victoria, Whitehorse Art

Space Gallery Box Hill.

Kinross Gallery Sculpture Exhibition

Toyota Community Sculpture Exhibition

Red Hill Art Exhibition

Pink Lady Art Exhibition Brighton

Finalist for Manningham Victorian Ceramic award

Sculpture exhibition Brunswick Street Art Gallery

Ashes to Art, Art Honors Life Gallery, California

Toyota Annual Sculpture Exhibition, Community

Spirit Gallery

Sculptors of Victoria Annual Exhibition, Eltham,

Eliot Gallery, Sculptors of Victoria , South YarraBolin Bolin Gallery, Christmas Exhibition. Bulleen Art and Garden.

This Positive Life, Banyule Art Centre Contemporary Woven Tapestries from Victorian

Tapestry Workshop and Ceramics Works fromCeramics Victoria

Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong,

Treasures of the Earth, Jewellery. At Weft, Malvern

and Qdos Gallery, Lorne

**1988-2008 in UK**

Practising Freelance Illustrator/Designer/Maker Professional Member of Design Gap (British Designers)

Illustrator and Designer for numerous UK and International Companies.

Works on Paper/Books & Kitchen Products

Ceramic designerand model maker for production covering all ceramic techniques:

Stoneware/Earthenware/Decal

Creator/Maker of range of funeral urns for Co-Op Funeral Company

**Exhibitions**

Numerous exhibitions with Dartington Pottery as one of their Designers & decorator of stoneware reduction one offs

Joint Exhibitions of Sculptures and Jewellery Solo Exhibition with all disciplines 2005

**Ceramic Adult Tuition**

Stovax Tile Company

Grayshott Pottery

Home Studio



