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## GEOFF WILSON

AN EXHIBITION  
CELEBRATING THE LAND

June to July 2022



*Iron at Coffin Bay SA 2021*



*Buildings salt works near Langhorne Creek 2020*

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Geoff Wilson has made an extraordinary contribution to the arts over many years. The exhibition is a celebration of 80 years of art creation by Geoff Wilson! Beginning with drawings in his teens, now at age 95, he continues to create art, now painting such accomplished works. The exhibition is focused on paintings created from 2020 to 2022, with earlier work also featured.



*Pine trees Hindmarsh Island 2020*



*The big wedge of scrub - McLaren Vale south 2022*



*Farm with a white fence 2020*

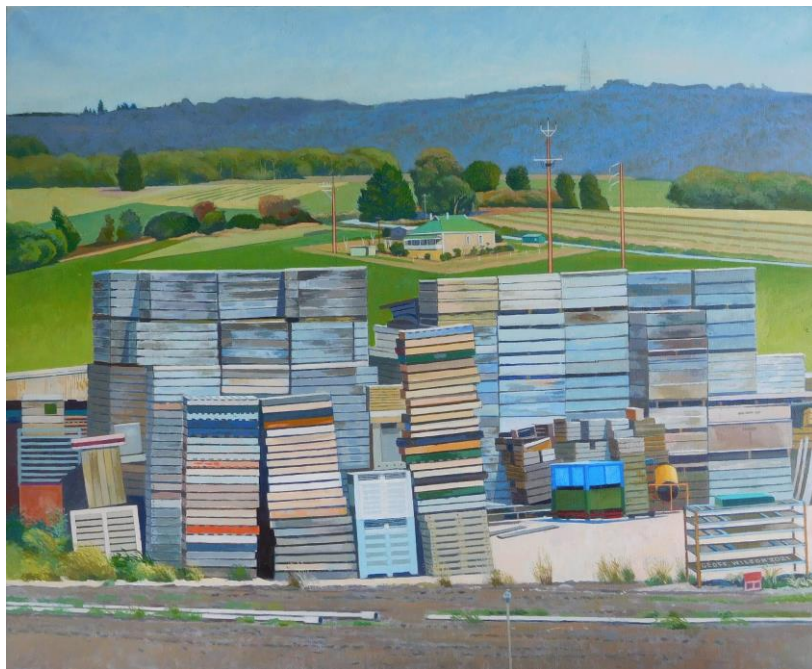
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*G is for Gums lit by Belair's afternoon sun 2022*



*Conversations with a quince 2022*



*Market crates Piccadilly Valley 2021*

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Geoff Wilson's achievements in the arts are founded on a commitment over the many years to his creative work, from sketching and painting in plein air, to working in his studio, travelling extensively to learn more about the art of the world and how to view things afresh. The results are an extensive creative output with a legacy depicting a modernist viewing of the Australian landscape.

His landscapes span the rural, semi-rural and suburban, depicting the unusual. They include paintings where people have lived on the land. He paints working farms where machinery, sheds and implements often take centre stage, with surfaces that have started to rust. He shows beauty in that rust.

Geoff Wilson has had an enormous creative influence on several generations of art students in a formal way when he was a lecturer at the South Australian School of Art. Since leaving formal teaching to pursue his art and painting, he has continued to support, encourage and inspire many would be artists as well as artist friends some of whom have joined him on sketching expeditions. His generous nature has been a contributing factor.

Geoff Wilson's exhibition record of some 60 years with numerous solo and group exhibitions is too lengthy to list here, however there are several important exhibitions that rightly demonstrate his creative artistry and legacy:

- Art Gallery of SA *In Good Company: The drawings of Geoff Wilson*, 6 July 2018 to 13 January 2019
- Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art *Geoff Wilson: Interrogated Landscape*, 17 July to 18 September 2015, a survey exhibition curated by Barry Pearce. The accompanying book written by Barry Pearce, has a foreword by Erica Green, with essays by John Neylon and Geoff Wilson; it is published by the University of South Australia, Anne & Gordon Samstag Museum of Art.

He continues to exhibit his work in galleries. From 2019 on, the AIARTS Gallery has featured his work in several exhibitions including:

- *Landscape painting exhibition: diverse response to landscape, with artists Geoff Wilson, Winnie Pelz, Jason Cordero*, November to December 2019. The exhibition catalogue includes essays by John Neylon, Winnie Pelz and Angelika Tyrone. The exhibition artists represent three generations connected to the South Australian School of Art.
- In 2020, during an exhibition of sample drawings, watercolours and paintings spanning 70 years, Geoff Wilson gave a 'Meet the Artist' talk, a riveting account of his art and life from his early art student days, his intersection with artists friends, his sketching and painting expeditions across Australia, Europe and the UK in which he recalled an extraordinary level of detail such as a Rembrandt exhibition in Venice in the 1950s. An enquiring mind with incredible memory!

Geoff Wilson's art is appreciated and collected by many collectors including the Art Gallery of South Australia. His art has been featured in books, catalogues as well as articles in magazines and newspapers. He has been interviewed on film alongside his art. On 13 June 2022 Mr Geoffrey Ronald Wilson was awarded an OAM for service to the visual arts.

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