

John Jackson

John also known as 'The Rock Doctor' conducted his residency from 11 November to 6 December 2015.

The aim of John's residency was to communicate the geological origins of the Clarence Valley through his art practice. John spent much of his residency working in the Studio where he



was visited by many interested Clarence Valley residents who were able to watch John creating his vibrant paintings using acrylics and water colours. He also delivered a series of history talks regarding the geological formation of the Clarence Valley which were very popular as were workshops held at two Lower Clarence schools.

John was born on Sydney in 1944, after living in Europe and Africa he returned to Australia where he lives and works at the Scenic rim of South East Queensland.

He has a Ph.D. in geology and completed the artwork for his thesis in black ink and pen. His use of colour evolved having spent his career delivering geo-science presentations, designing maps and diagrams to the wider business community.

It was not till the late 1990s in Africa that he discovered that his art was far more successful in engaging the public than any of his maps or diagrams.

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