



## Jane Tonks

***Terrain* – The Corner Store Gallery**

**April 12 - 23**

Jane lives on Wiradjuri Country, Orange, NSW. She has a Diploma of Fine Arts and Printmaking Certificate through Western Institute of TAFE. Specialising in contemporary landscape painting, Jane seeks out natural environments to inform her arts practice. Jane has held four solo exhibitions, participated in many group exhibitions, including the Corner Store Gallery, and received a number of awards: \*Finalist -2020 Calleen Art Award, \*Winner – 2020 Calleen People’s Choice Award \*Winner – 2015 Barbara Bennett Major Award, Lachlan Valley Biennial Art Awards. \*Artstart Grant Awarded – 2012/2013, Australia Council for the Arts.

*“My arts practice focuses on the incredible beauty, fragility and resilience of the natural environment. My paintings are a form of advocacy, asking the viewer to take a closer look, appreciate and protect the biodiversity of these unique and vulnerable pockets of surviving bushland, which are so critically important to the health of our planet. Many of my works are painted from local bushwalking areas in the gaanha-bula (Mt. Canobolas) and Mullion Range State Conservation Areas” – Jane Tonks.*