

RESUME



Born in Queensland, Australia, I have always had a deep passion for this wonderful country of mine and from a very early age, have expressed this passion through painting and drawing. My formal art education commenced in 1976 when I attended the Queensland College of Art and graduated in 1979 with a 'Diploma of Arts' (Visual Communications). I then began a commercial art career as a Graphic Designer and Illustrator which spanned some 26 years.

Since year 2002, I have enjoyed my new role as fine artist and painter and am passionate about my new vocation. Although I am still primarily a **Visual Story Teller**. I celebrate my new found 'Freedom of Expression' through mediums such as Acrylic, Oils, Pastel and Charcoal. My world constantly inspires me to paint and draw which manifests and reflects in my subjects of many different genres, however Portraiture, Seascapes, Landscapes and Still Life predominate.

Painting is my passion and Australia offers me such a rich source of opportunities to create and it constantly challenges my artistic endeavors. I choose themes and subjects which draw inspiration from and encapsulate our rich and unique Australian way of life, the scenery, seascapes, the vast emptiness of the outback, parched and foreboding landscapes, our unique, larger than life characters all of which inspire, color and enrich my world as an artist.

I also enjoy and celebrate my art through a personal commitment of sharing my knowledge, experience and skills with others through regular themed Painting and Drawing Art Classes and Workshops.

Education:

- 2009 "Certificate IV in Training & Assessment" _ *Sunshine Coast Institute of TAFE*
- 1976 - 1979 Diploma of Arts - "Visual Communications" _ *Queensland College of Art.*

Exhibitions:

- 2014 Winner.. 3rd Prize - Portrait "Andrew Fisher" Sunshine Coast _ *Queensland.*
- 2013 Winner.. 2nd Prize - Portrait "Window's Of Time" Sunshine Coast _ *Queensland.*
- 2013 Winner - "Best of Show" "Best Landscape - Best Still Life" Moore Art Awards & Exhibition' _ *Queensland.*
- 2012 Solo.. "Making Light of Paint" "Rosalie Gallery - Goombungee" _ *Queensland.*
- 2011 Group.. "Sunshine Coast - Unsung Heroes "Portrait" _ "Sunshine Coast" _ *Queensland.*
- 2010 Group.. "The Language of Art" "Carrington's Gallery - Noosa Junction" _ *Queensland.*
- 2010 Solo.. "Retrospective - Back to the Future" "Rosalie Gallery - Goombungee" _ *Queensland.*
- 2009 Winner - Open Category. "Best Painting" Scholarship to 'Brisbane Artist's Academe' _ *Queensland.*
- 2009 Winner - Best Portrait. "Art 4 Life Portrait Painting Competition" _ *Queensland.*
- 2008 Winner - Landscape Section. "Kenilworth Painting Competition" Plus Highly Commended _ *Kenilworth, Queensland.*
- 2007 Group.. "Totally Nude" - Cooroy Butter Factory Gallery _ *Cooroy, Queensland.*
- 2007 Group.. "Drawn Together" - Circle Gallery _ *West End, Queensland.*
- 2007 Group.. "Art of the Body" _ *Eumundi, Queensland*
- 2007 "Selected Queensland Artists from 2007 Archibald Portrait Competition" _ *Sheridan, Noosa Heads, Queensland.*
- 2006 Group.. "Two Visions" - Novotel - Twin Waters Resort _ *Sunshine Coast, Queensland*
- 2006 Group.. "Celebration - The Painting" - Eumundi Artists - *Eumundi, Queensland*
- 2000 - 2005 "Various Group Exhibitions" _ *Sunshine Coast, Queensland*
- 1998 "Solo Exhibition" _ *Caboolture, Queensland*
- 1995 "Solo Exhibition" _ *The Lakes _ Caboolture, Queensland*
- 1987 "Solo Exhibition" _ *Cairns, Queensland*
- 1985-1986 "Various Group Exhibitions" _ *Cairns, Queensland*

Appointments:

- 2014 - 2009 "Invited Tutor" - University of Southern Queensland _ *McGregor Art School _ Toowoomba, Queensland.*
- 2012 "Invited Tutor" - Russell Art Society _ *Russell _ New Zealand.*
- 2012 "Art Judge" - Artisans Guild of Caboolture & District, Queensland.
- 2007 "Artist in Residence" - Novotel Twin - Waters Resort _ *Sunshine Coast, Queensland.*
- 1987 "President - Cairns Art Society" _ *Cairns, Queensland*
- 1986 - 1989 "Art Judge" - Mareeba and Atherton Art Shows.
- 1987 - 1988 "Art Tutor" _ *Mareeba TAFE, Queensland*

Professional Experience:

- Graphic Designer and Illustrator and Commercial Artist
- Art Director and Creative Director
- Owner and Managing Director of Advertising Agency and Design Studio
- Owner Operator of 3D Computer Animation Boutique for Corporate Video
- Commercial Photographer and Dark Room Operator
- Tutor of Painting Workshops - 25 years

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