

## ❧ Curriculum Vitae ❧

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### Birth Date

7<sup>th</sup> August 1958

### Family Information

Married: 12th December 1981  
Spouse: Shane Layt  
Children: 4 Girls and 2 Boys

### Education

**Institution:** Cowra High School NSW – Completed all subjects at A levels  
**Victorian Quilters Inc:** Teacher Accreditation

### Employment History

- Oct 98 to August 2008: Managing Director / Owner of The Patchwork Gallery.
- Jan 95 to Sept 97 Manager at TwinCity Sewing Centre - Wodonga
- Dec 97 to Sept 98 Melbourne Sewing Centre - Camberwell

### Teaching

**1998 –2008** Continuous teaching at The Patchwork Gallery

**1990 to 1996** *Twin City Sewing Centre and Private Lessons*, Wodonga, Vic  
6 week Stretch sewing, Lingerie, Tailoring, Overlocker and machine techniques, Machine Applique and Cutwork, Brazilian Embroidery, Bag and Cushion making, Heirloom Calico Quilt, Foundation Sheet Patchwork, Dimensional Applique  
**Heirloom Calico Quilt** – Yarrawonga, Beechworth, Corryong, Corowa and Rutherglen

**1997/98** *Melbourne Sewing Centre*, Camberwell, Vic. Various Machine and Overlocker technique classes  
**Cheryl's Quilting Corner**, Hurstbridge, Vic– Brazilian Embroidery, Foundation Sheet Sampler, Bargello Quilt, Dimensional Applique.

**1999-2008** *Various workshops* – Many Quilt Groups across Victoria

### **Guest Speaker**

- NOTYQ Annual General Meeting September 1999
- Wyndem Quilt-In - October 1999
- Geelong Quilters – September 2000
- Willow Quilters – August 2001
- Heidelberg View Club – August 2003
- Ivanhoe Leisure Group – May 2004
- Camberwell Library – May 2004
- Lady's Bowls AGM – August 2004
- Gas and Fuel Ladies Association – May 2005
- EssendonQuilters – October 2008
- P's and Q's Quilters – November 2008

### **Quilt Group Membership**

- Victorian Quilters Association Inc
- Plenty Valley Quilters – Founder -2000
- Australian Quilters Association
- South Australian Quilters Inc
- TPG Quilter's Group – Founding Member -2009

### **Quilts Exhibited**

- Australian Dimensional Series – NOTYQ 1998 Quilt Show
- “Naturally Australian” – NOTYQ 1999 - Showcase 1999
- “My Garden Shrunk” – Marvellous Miniatures 1999
- “Aussie Bush Birds” - Showcase 2000
- “It's not Terrie's it's Mine” - Marvellous Miniatures 2000
- “Gilded Gliders” - Showcase 2001
- “Summer Star” - Showcase 2001
- “Victorian Bouquet” - Marvellous Miniatures 2001
- “Balranald” – NOTYQ 2001 –Showcase 2001
- “Mocha” – Showcase 2002
- “Phoenix Rising” – Showcase 2002
- “Touch of Magic” – Showcase 2002
- “Amber Embers” – Showcase 2003
- “Aussie Birds” – Showcase 2004
- “An Ass by any other name” – Showcase 2004, AQA2005
- “Opals of the Outback” – Showcase 2005, AQA2005
- “Walking the Dragon” – Showcase 2005
- “Mirage” - Showcase 2005
- “Calypso” – AQA2005
- “Our Common Wealth” - Showcase 2006
- “Le Jardin” - Showcase 2006
- “Circle of Sisters” - Showcase 2007
- “Harlequin” - Showcase 2007 – DUQ 2007
- “Wind and Weeds” - Showcase 2007

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- “Peacefully Zen” - Showcase 2008
- “Cosmic kingdom” - Showcase 2008
- “Leonard’s Lyrebirds” - Showcase 2008
- “80 Years – A Mantle of Safety” – Under Flynn’s Wings 2008
- “Maxamillion’s Magical Mushrooms” –AQC 2009

### Awards

- “Balranald” - First
- “Phoenix Rising” - First
- “Naturally Australian” – First
- “Amber Embers” – Second
- “Opals of the Outback” – Third
- “Walking the Dragon” – Second
- “Leonard’s Lyrebirds” - Third

### Publications

My quilts have been published in APQ, Quilter’s Companion and Down Under Quilts extensively. I have been profiled twice, and various projects. Published in calendars and a book called ‘Cover Quilts’.

### Radio

I produced and ran a weekly Patchwork Radio Program on the local Community Radio 96.5 Inner FM in 2003\04

I also had a monthly segment on Melbourne’s 3Ak in 2004

### Touring Quilts

Victorian Quilter’s Challenge Tour 2006, 2007, 2008

John Flynn Touring exhibition 2008\9

AQC Challenge 2009

### Personal Synopsis

My favourite techniques would have to be machine applique and quilting. My dimensional applique designs are my answer to paper tole.

I have also developed a method called Modula Quilting as showcased in the “Mocha” quilt. This allows a quilt to be created and quilted all at once **without** having to do cover bindings over the seams. Students have transferred this successfully to “Naturally Australian” and other quilts with a symmetrical pieced setting. I have also completed a second Foundation Sampler this way.

I have been designing quilts for Max New, M&S Textiles and Jenny Jacks to promote their new ranges of Australian designs. It is a great privilege to see them published in the various magazines for promotion.

For a visual reference of my work go to [www.thepatchworkgallery.com.au](http://www.thepatchworkgallery.com.au)

**“My Odyssey”**

I have designed this small quilt suitable for a 2 day workshop.

This is machine quilting and includes:-

- Stipple quilting
- Design transfer methods
- Circular sewing
- Cross hatching
- Twin needle work for cording
- Cut away Trapunto
- Stuffed Trapunto

Day 1 - Design preparation, Twin needle cording, Cut away trapunto, stuffed trapunto

Day 2 - Ditch stitching, Circular sewing with a twin needle, Stipple quilting, Cross hatching



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**“Calypso”**

This can be a fun 1 day workshop with pre done appliqué or print or 2 days to include the appliqué. There is also foundation strips and curved piecing with bias and free designing.

Day 1 - create background, appliqué, foundation strips

Day 2 - creating bias, curved cutting and construction, discuss quilting options



### “Pelicans or Penguins”

Learn to design your own pictorial quilt in this 2 day class with piecing, raw edge appliqué, quilting and colouring techniques.

Day 1 - Create the background, make birds and discuss design

Day 2 – Colour birds, stitch to background and discuss quilting



### Tutoring Fees and Terms

- All class fees are supplied on request by e-mail.  
[deb@thepatchworkgallery.com.au](mailto:deb@thepatchworkgallery.com.au)
- Requirement lists will be made available on booking
- Airfares paid where applicable. Car travel at rate per Kilometre at date of booking.
- Accommodation: - Single room motel or Billeting where necessary (non-smoking)
- Dietary requirements:- As I am Celiac I require a Gluten Free diet