

# Laurel Billington – CV

## EDUCATION

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- 1960–1963: Trained as a Secondary Teacher Arts and Crafts at Melbourne Teachers College, Caulfield Tech. RMIT and Fine Arts A at Melbourne University
- 1964: Taught Art and Craft at Morwell High School
- 1965–1971: Taught Art at Drouin High School
- 1971–Present: Attended and taught Adult Education Classes and workshops
- 1980–1990: Employed to teach pottery and also extensively volunteered at Pindari Association for the Blind, Warragul
- 1987–1988: Part time studies completed a Foundation in Art Ceramics and Design course at Outer Easter College of TAFE
- 1997–2005: Part time studies at Dandenong College of TAFE (later Casey College, now Chisholm), Diploma of Design Ceramics; Certificate of Art Studies for Printmaking and Computer Aided Design

Continued attendance at workshops and short classes.

## AWARDS

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- 2005: Baw Baw Shire Council Arts Acquisition Award and purchase
- 1996: Valley Potters Award for wheel throwing – Functional Ceramics
- 1995: Victorian Ceramic Group. Consolidated Refractories Award
- 1991: Encouragement Award, Valley Potters
- 1990: Shock Tactics Retail Marketing Non Functional Award, West Gippsland Arts and Crafts Group
- 1989: Valley Potters 11th Annual Exhibition Award
- 1988: Outstanding Achievement Foundations in Art Ceramics, Outer Eastern College of TAFE
- 1987: Acquisition Award – Outer Eastern College of TAFE
- 1984 - 86: Crafts Council of Victoria – Selection for Regional Review exhibitions.

## LOCAL AWARDS

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### **Rotary Club of Warragul Art and Craft Exhibitions**

- 2011 Honourable Mention, Ceramics
- 2007 First Prize Ceramics, China Painting and Glassware
- 2006 Highly Commended Best Local Artist
- 2006 Highly Commended Ceramics, China Painting and Glassware
- 2005 1st Prize Ceramics, China Painting and Glassware

- 2004 Highly Commended Contemporary
- 2003 Highly Commended Pottery
- 2001 Highly Commended Mixed Media
- 1999 1st Prize Pottery
- 1996 2nd Prize Ceramics
- 1995 First Prize Ceramics
- 1993 First Prize Ceramics
- 1990 Winner ceramics
- 1986 2nd Prize Craft Ceramics
- 1985 1st Prize Ceramics (Shire of Warragul Award)
- 1983 1st Prize Pottery (Proceed Pottery Wheel Prize)

#### **Yarragon Art Show Art and Craft Awards**

- 2001 Highly Commended Ceramics and Highly Commended Other Medium
- 2000 Best Ceramic
- 1993 Town and Country Gallery Best Exhibit Art and Craft, St Paul's AGS Art Show

#### **Bunyip Art Exhibition**

- 1998 Winner Craft
- 1997 Winner Sculpture

#### **Easter Gift Arts Festival**

- 2011 Baw Baw Shire Award for "Best in Show"

#### **Drouin Primary School and Ficifolia Art Exhibition Awards**

- 3 years annual art exhibition Winner Craft Section Award
- 2 years annual art exhibition second place craft section
- 2015 Best Exhibit on a Theme
- 2013 Highly Commended Sculpture
- 2007 1st Prize Sculpture award

#### **EXHIBITIONS (SHORT SUMMARY)**

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Laurel has exhibited extensively throughout her career.

She has participated in many group exhibitions locally, in regional Victoria, in Melbourne city and suburbs and internationally.

Venues have included:

- The Westpac Gallery at the Victorian Arts Centre Complex
- The Meat Market Craft Centre, North Melbourne

- The AMP Building, Bourke St Melbourne.
- The Victorian Artist Society Galley
- The Caulfield Arts Centre
- Steppes Gallery, Carlton
- Without Pier Gallery, Sandringham
- Sale Regional Gallery
- Mornington Peninsula Gallery
- The Eltham Wiregrass Gallery
- Monash University, Clayton
- McClelland Gallery and Sculpture Park
- The Kingston Arts Centre Moorabbin
- Walker Street Gallery, Dandenong
- Heritage Hill, Dandenong
- The Highway Gallery, Mt Waverley
- West Gippsland Arts Centre
- Studio at Flinders
- Box Hill Community Centre Gallery
- Shepparton Art Gallery
- Baw Baw Arts Alliance, Yarragon

Laurel is a permanent exhibitor at ArtSpace Wonthaggi where, in 2014, she held a very successful solo exhibition celebrating 50 years of art, titled *It's About Time*.

## EXHIBITIONS (DETAILED)

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*\*Not all exhibitions have been listed due to missing documentation but best effort has been made.*

### Victorian Ceramic Group

1998	Monash University Austceram Conference (selected VCG Exhibition)
1996-97, 1999	Potters Showcase
1993	Clay Fever at the Meat Market Craft Centre, North Melbourne
1982	Caulfield Art Centre

Other exhibitions with the VCG have been the Without Pier Gallery, The Box Hill Community Centre, Eltham Wiregrass Gallery and Mornington Peninsula Gallery.

### Valley Potters

2003, 2006-07	The Kingston Arts Centre
1997, 1999-2000	Walker St Gallery, Dandenong
1993, 1996	The Narre Warren Library
1988-1991	Clayton Auditorium

- \* Studio at Flinders
- \* The Old Berwick Cheese Factory

#### Gippsland Ceramic Artists Association

- 1990 Sale Regional Gallery
- \* Moe
- \* The AMP Building (selected Marketing exhibition)

#### West Gippsland Division of the Crafts Council of Victoria (later the West Gippsland Arts and Craft Group)

- 1986, 1997-98, 2002 West Gippsland Arts Centre
- 1985, 1989 Crafts Council of Victoria Selected exhibitor at the Meat Market Craft Centre and the Westpac Gallery

#### College Exhibitions as Adult Student

- \* Old Berwick Cheese Factory *Just Dandy, Thrown Together*
- \* Heritage Hill Dandenong
- \* J. Space, Casey College of TAFE
- \* Westpac Gallery, Victorian Arts Centre Melbourne (Walker Ceramic Award 1996)

#### Dandenong College of TAFE (later Casey College of TAFE, the Chisholm Dandenong)

- 1995 Beyond the Surface. Assoc. Dip of Art Ceramics
- 1993 AMP Building, Bourke St Melbourne *Turning Point*. Associate Dip of Art Ceramics

#### Outer Eastern College of TAFE

- 1998 Outer Eastern exhibition Space, Wantirna

#### Arts Gippsland and Warragul Rotary Club Exhibitions

- 1974-75 Exhibition Hall, Warragul
- Regularly, since 1981 West Gippsland Arts Centre, Warragul

#### Drouin Primary School and Ficifolia Exhibitions

- Regularly since inception

#### Bunyip Art Exhibitions

- 1997-98

#### Yarragon Art Show

- 2000-01

#### Easter Gift Arts Festival Drouin

- 2011 Old Drouin Butter Factory

#### Others

- 1994 Caulfield Arts Centre P.O.T. invitation exhibition, *Objects of Desire*
- 1998 RSPCA exhibition at the Victorian Artists Society Gallery

- \* Shepparton Art Gallery Australia Day Exhibition, Sponsored by Myer, selected exhibition
- 2001 City of Casey, Civic Centre Art Space Narre Warren *Tea for Two*
- 2005-06 Baw Baw Shire Art Acquisition Invitation Exhibition at the West Gippsland Arts Centre
- 2011 Group Exhibition, Gippsland Artists to Canada
- 2014 ArtSpace Wonthaggi, Solo Exhibition. *It's About Time*
- 2016 ArtSpace Wonthaggi, Invitation Exhibition *The Year of the Printmaker*
- 2012-Present ArtSpace Wonthaggi, permanent exhibitor

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– Royal Botanic Gardens Gift Shop, Melbourne

*Congratulations on having your work selected and acquired by Baw Baw Shire Council for inclusion in the Baw Baw Shire Permanent Public Collection of Art. Your work is noted for its dynamic colours and fresh appeal.*

– Michael Henson, Arts and Culture Officer, Baw Baw Shire