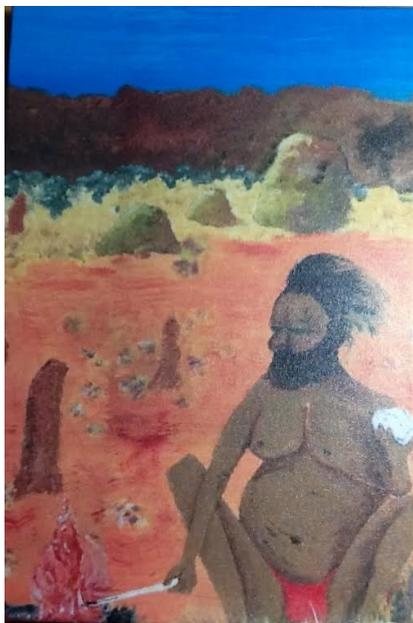


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I have lived in an old church in Hawthorndene with my wife and 5 children (although the 2 eldest children have just recently married and flown the coop). I've always entertained the idea that one day, when the children grow up and I find more time on my hands, I would dabble in a spot of painting. That time came sooner than I ever envisioned. When my youngest child was 5 and my eldest 15, I had a stroke and found that now, with hemiplegia and loss of speech (aphasia), I was looking to discover passions and interests that could be managed from my new perspective in a wheel chair and with a good left hand.



It was at this time that I began painting. I've attended art lessons and short courses but find that the most value comes from my private art teacher, Di Rawnsley. I'll paint almost any subject that appeals to me at the time. For the first few years after my stroke I had severe aphasia and no words! Expressing creatively through art was a language, an outlet for emotion, and a gift that I could give to others also.

I began using acrylics purely because they are water soluble making an easy clean up. I am now in love the density and depth of colour that can be achieved with acrylic paints. I absolutely adore working with colour! I appreciate many mediums but have a definite preference to acrylic.

Creating art work soothes the soul. It gives me time away from the overstimulation that life can bestow upon us. You can't do it wrong! It's a wonderful expressive activity and satisfaction on completion of a piece is most rewarding.

I love to paint a piece that reflects the diversity in cultures. Asia, India, Africa and Vanuatu have all been captured in my works. It's the individuals that live in these cultures that I feel compelled to paint. How they work, dress, live. It's all about people not so much landscapes.



It seems that since discovering paint, every daily encounter, no matter how simple, is seen through different eyes from those prior to my brain injury. So much around us harbours beauty and I always aim to capture this on the next canvas.

There is so much to be thankful for. The awesomeness of life and this Universe has become clear to me now. I express gratitude through the colours I choose and the images I portray. My art work is all an expression of my appreciation of others and the world around us. 'It's a wonderful world!' (My favourite song...Louis Armstrong)

I have turned my art work into a small business and sell original works, printed canvas copies, printed... mugs, diaries, T-Shirts, mouse pads, stubby holders, greeting/Christmas cards etc.

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