

Artist's CV - Steve Baird

1. Personal details.

Steve Baird (b 1952 Australia) lives on a farm, Tawonga, Victoria

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2. Education.

Born to a family that valued experiencing the Australian landscape, as adventurers, discoverers and recorders, Steve developed an early interest in a view of the world around him.

Creative endeavour was encouraged and he attended community art classes from as young as a 7yo in an old tin shed near the footy ground. Those early works explored the world he lived in, sandy tracks through the Melbourne bayside tea tree scrub as suburbia grew around him.

Weekends away to the mountains, the coast, the deserts, any wild landscape within 5 hours in the family car, nurtured and developed a passion for the Australian landscape.

After secondary school, a couple of years of study for an architecture degree (RMIT 1970-71) confirmed Steve's passion for getting out into the natural world, and formal education was abandoned for a life of knocking about the bush, as a carpenter and builder, designer, horseman, writer and artist, forever restless and looking for new horizons. Along the way Steve developed a lifelong habit of recording his observations and adventures in travel journals.

Now long settled in the High Country, Steve has built a life of family, art, horses and adventure, with his wife Kath, sons Lin and Clay and their successful horse tour enterprise Bogong Horseback Adventures. Along the way as expedition leader and guide, both with the horses in the High Country and regularly with Diamantina Tour Company, conducting 4WD

tours of remote outback Australia, Steve has continued his travels through the landscape.

After making a personal commitment to embracing an arts practice, Steve completed a range of short courses.

Riverina Institute TAFE 2004

- Certificate 1 Fine Arts

Printmaking Workshops Creators Artspace,

- Caryn Giblin - drypoint 2011
- Mary Rose Riley - overview 2013
- Linda Fish - soft cut Lino 2013
- Chris Dormer - multi-plate 2013
- Abi Thomson - reduction linocuts 2013
- Barbel Ullrich - collagraphs 2013

Mountain Creek Studios,

- Barbel Ullrich - copper sulphate saline solution etching 2015

3. Exhibitions

Steve has had a number of works selected for group exhibitions and shortlisted and exhibited for art prize exhibitions.

- Albury Regional Art Gallery - Fleming Muntz Albury Art Prize 2006
- Arts Wodonga - Art Award 2006
- Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery - Outback Art Prize Exhibition 2007
- Mount Buller - Art Prize and Exhibition 2007
- Arts Wodonga - Art Award 2007
- Jackman Gallery 2007
- Jinks Creek Gallery 2008
- Creators Artspace - First Impressions group printworks 2013
- Animalia International Print Exchange 2015
- Billet-Doux - Murray Arts postcard exhibition 2016
- Åtrå - Art/Music/Food/Wine, Skafferri 2016
- Brightspace St Kilda - Solo *Horsemyths* 2017
- Abi Edwards Gallery - Solo *The Mare rides on* 2017
- Brightspace St Kilda - Group Show *A Whole Different Animal* 2017

4. Bibliography

Featured artist, Outback Magazine

Ronalds, Pepi: "Sometimes river", Outback magazine, issue 90, Aug/Sep, p. 100-101, 2013

Featured Artist, Equine Magazine

Strachan, Manon: "Horse Myths", Equine Magazine, issue 9, Jul/Aug, p. 86-92, 2017

5. Collections

Commissions

- Tawonga Primary School Gardens redevelopment - Salvaged steel sculptural fence panel. 2009
- Albury City Council - Collaboration on Fallon Timbers Public Seating Project. Design and construction Lin Baird, embedded etched plates, Steve Baird. 2015

Steve has works held in private collections in;

- Melbourne
- Sydney
- Adelaide
- Brisbane
- Canberra
- Perth
- USA
- UK
- France
- Germany
- New Zealand