

# Wayne Rankin

Designer / Glass Artist / Printmaker / Sculptor / Organic Gardener



A master of all expressions of the graphic arts, co-founder of the Australian Graphic Design Association, adviser to governments, tertiary institutions and international corporations on the reach and applications of multi-media developments, Wayne has designed across all platforms, from the conventional – books and postage stamps, to the most interactive and sophisticated websites. His creative imagination also drives a his new passion, an art practice in printmaking, glass art and sculpture.

Winning dozens of design awards during his working life in developing quality print, communication, new media and other design projects, his work has been published in many international publications. Wayne's experience using computers which began in 1983 for new media projects and design is extensive. Wayne was a pioneer in the introduction of computers to the Australian design industry.

He was also co-author of 6 training books for Peachpit Press in California and several training DVD's for Software-Cinema.com for the software programs Adobe InDesign and Photoshop Elements.

## Art History:

Attended Baldessin Press, St Andrews for workshops and studio time in printmaking for several years which included Monotypes and Photogravure.

In 2018 attended a beginners class in Kiln Formed Glass at Blue Dog Glass in Mordialloc. As an artist I was excited by the transparency and opaqueness of glass as a medium to transcend and transform colors into visual works of art.

## Awards:

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2013: Winner of the Open Category at The Warranwood Art Show for the Monotype 'Mystical Dancers'

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2013: This Monotype was also awarded a 'High Commendation' at the Warrandyte Rotary Art Show.

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Wayne is still a practicing designer, and for balance in life is also an Glass Artist, Printmaker, Sculptor and Organic Gardener.

He has lived in Warrandyte for 42 years in a mud brick house that he designed and built in 1979, where he has implimented and maintained sustainable practices.

He passionately believes that life should be in balance and harmony with nature, and to continue to preserve our natural environment and the planet.

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## Other Achievements:

**1988:** Instigated & co-founded the Australian Graphic Design Association (AGDA)

**1992:** Councillor of, the Australian Academy of Design.

**1993:** Aldus Graphic Design Advisory Board, Aldus USA

**1995:** Member of the Victorian Premier's Task Force on Communications and Multimedia Development and the Multimedia Content Advisory Group for Education Victoria.

**1996:** Member of RMIT's Multimedia Industry Council

**1997:** Member National School of Design's Advisory Committee at Swinburne University

**1999:** Apple Computer Australia Customer Advisory Board

**2000:** Founder and director of The Swish Group Limited, at that time one of Australia's largest new media companies

**2007:** Founded Warrandyte Climate Action Now [WCAN] and was President for 10 Years.

## Associations:

Life Member: The Australian Graphic Design Association, AGDA

Member: Ausglass

Member: Yarra Valley Arts [YVA]

## Multimedia Awards included:

**1997:** Australian Multimedia awards / Most Innovative Product / Best Animation & Video.

**1997:** Finalist Macromedia People's Choice Awards: USA.

**1998:** Silver Award NEMN Apple Awards, National Educational Media Network: USA

**The designer of 16 series of stamps for Australia Post between 1996 and 2011, his Nature of Australia Definitive Series, ranged from forest, wetlands and deserts to the coast, depicting flora, fauna, birds and rainforest butterflies.**

## Other Stamp issues Included:

**1996:** Centenary of the Australian Football League Series

**1998:** Planet Ocean - Unique 3D Rendered Series

**2000:** Arts Festivals Series

**2000:** Nature and Nation - Rainforest Series

**2010:** Micro Monsters - Electron Microscope images of insects Series

**2011:** Farming Australia Series

## Stamp Awards:

**2001:** The Kakadu Wetlands \$10 Stamp was awarded first prize at the 6th Stamp World Cup in Paris.

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