

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## **PERSONAL DETAILS**

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Born 1958 Sydney, Australia.

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## **EDUCATION**

Diploma Fine Arts (Sculpture),  
National Art School, Sydney.

## **PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS**

Site specific works since 1991 using mostly natural materials, involving the community and culminating in a ceremonial burning. Dedicated to furthering the cause of Australian Indigenous people.

Organiser and artist for Fire Events, Community artist and workshop convenor.

## **RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **2000**

Fire Event and Indigenous Liaison for Cooran Guran Music and Fire Festival.

Involved as an artist with the Aboriginal Community in the Reconciliation process and as such invited to Parliament House to witness the Handover of the Roadmap to Reconciliation.

Bingara Fire and Water Festival – Mitchell, Qld – “Mundagata” Gungeri mythical creature (kangaroo bones, branches and palm sheaths)

### **2001**

AMP Federation Celebrations – Gympie, Qld – Tree of Life with Mary River Cod

Gympie Golden Lights Festival – 1 of three artists responsible for producing and choreographing the street parade and Fire Show

Leader of Fire Event Team for Cooran Guran Music and Fire Festival

Cooroy Sunburnt Indigenous Festival (Organiser and Artist)

Closing event for Queensland’s Federation Celebrations – Leader of ship-building project involving three artists and 2000 children to make and ceremonially burn an 18 metre long, 5 metre high, metal-framed boat.

**2002**

Le Vent des Fôrets, France – “Run to the Forest” – 2 metre high stag made from branches, to be burnt when the villagers are ready.

Les Arts en Adret – “Mother, Daughter, Sister, Wife” – 2 metre high pregnant woman (made from branches) to be taken by the snow.

Topilo Utopia Forest Project, Poland.

Member of Korean Team for Fecamp Fire Competition, France.

**2003**

International Nature Art Exhibition in Geum-Gang, Korea - “Play” – Life-size girl running fast in Samsongdong (bamboo and rice straw) to be burnt at the end of summer.

L’Art est dans les jardins – Saint Vincent sleeps in Mont Saint Vincent (5 metre high fce made from branches) to be burnt by the wine-makers of Burgundy.

**OTHERS**

Certificate IV Workplace Training and Assessment  
St. Johns Ambulance Senior First Aid Certificate  
Member and Past Secretary Rural Fire Brigade  
Founding member of ‘Community Artists Rethink’