

BARBARA WHEELER

PROFILE STATEMENT Barbara Wheeler is an artist activist creating textile and fibre stories. Her practice sits at the intersection of traditional craft, contemporary design and social change.
Barbara lives and works in Narm Melbourne.

EDUCATION Project Management Institute, 2010, Diploma Project Management
University of Canberra 1991-1993, Bachelor of Applied Science - Cultural Heritage Management (Honours)
Charles Sturt University, 1983 – 1985, Associate Diploma Arts (Communications/Visual Arts)

EMPLOYMENT Feminist Historian, Queen Victoria Women's Centre, Melbourne, 2024-2025
Every Thread Counts, Founder, Sustainable Clothing Label, March 2016 – 2020
Director, Department of Infrastructure/Attorney Generals Department, Australian Government, Public Policy and Programs, 2000 – 2015
Director, Healthy City Canberra, ACT (Territory) Government, Canberra, 1999 – 2000
Cultural Planner, Wollongong City Council, 1996 – 1999
Consultant Cultural and Heritage Planning/Conservation, 1994 - 1996
Assistant Curator, Canberra School of Art Gallery, 1993 - 1994
Administrator PhotoAccess Inc 1989 – 1991
Community Arts Officer/Curator, 1986 - 1989

PUBLICATIONS Editor, *Recommendations to the New Zealand Government from the Clothing and Textile Industry*, Bernadette Casey and Brian Johnston, Usedfully, Wellington, May 2021
Collecting Mawson: The Musealisation of Heroic Adventure and Geopolitical Science, B Wheeler and L Young, Public History Review, vol 8, pp 58-73, Sydney, NSW, 2001
Antarctica in Museums: The Mawson Collections in Australia, B Wheeler and L Young, Polar Record, vol 36, pp 193-202, Cambridge University, UK, 2000
Remembering the Early Hostels of Canberra, K Legge and B Wheeler, P Freeman (ed) The Early Canberra House 1911-1933, Canberra, ACT, 1996

EXHIBITIONS **Solo**
Thistle Hall, Wellington, New Zealand, *Look To The Land*, 26 April – 2 May 2021
Visitors Centre Wellington Botanic Gardens New Zealand, *Windfall*, 4 – 15 Sept 2019
The Link, Canberra Australia, *A Change of Clothes – dressing for good*, 27 May – 18 July 2018
PhotoAccess, Canberra, Australia, *Cobar A Rumba*, July 1989
Group
Hamilton New Zealand, *Boon Arts Summer Sculpture Trail*, 3 Feb – 30 March 2024
Corban Estate Arts Centre, New Zealand, *Low Carbon Luxe*, 14 April – 28 May 2023 (Artist/Curator)
Devonport Regional Gallery Tasmania Australia, *Paper On Skin*, 23 June – 30 July 2022
Thistle Hall, Wellington New Zealand, *Code Red*, (Artist/Curator) 31 May – 2 Oct 2022
Two Todman, Wellington New Zealand, *2+2+2 Collective*, 15 and 16 October 2021
Platform Gallery, Katoomba Australia, *2020 Wise*, 31 Jan – 17 Feb 2020
Kilbirnie Community Centre Wellington New Zealand, *Waste to Warmth Runway Show*, (Artist/Curator) 30 November 2019
Curator, *Mirror City: Urban and Intimate Geographies of Canberra*, PhotoAccess Inc, 2006
Curator, Canberra School of Art *Floriade Sculpture Exhibition*, Canberra, Australia, Sept 1996

RESIDENCIES	<p>Artist in Residence, A Gallery, Whanganui New Zealand, 2 – 31 March 2024</p> <p>BigCi Artist in Residence, Bilpin, NSW, 24 August – 20 September 2022</p> <p>Georges River Artist in Residence, Georges River Council, NSW, 31 May – 26 July 2022</p> <p>Artist in Residence, Vinnies Re Sew, Wellington, New Zealand, 7 Oct – 22 Nov 2019</p> <p>Artist in Residence, Wellington Botanic Gardens, New Zealand, 29 July – 15 Sept 2019</p> <p>Artist in Residence, The Formary, Wellington, New Zealand, 8 – 29 Sept 2018</p> <p>Community Artist in Residence, Majura Primary School, Canberra 2006 – 2010 (Pro Bono)</p>
PUBLIC ART	<p>Boon Arts, Hamilton New Zealand, <i>Move Me</i> (kinetic sculpture), 3 Feb – 31 March 2024</p> <p>Majura Primary School Gates, 2008</p> <p>Coordinator Cultural Development/Cultural Planner, Wollongong City Council, NSW Australia 1996 - 1999</p>
CULTURAL PLANNING	<p>Cultural Plan, Cultural Industries Strategy, Heritage Development Strategy</p> <p>Public Art Commissions and Installations (\$3m AUD per annum)</p> <p>Small Grants Program and Expert Panel</p> <p>Arts Festival</p>
WORKSHOPS TAUGHT	<p>New Zealand</p> <p>Hooked Rugs, Corban Estate Arts Centre, Auckland 27 May 2023</p> <p>Clothing Clinics (<i>The Conscious Wardrobe</i>), Sustainability Trust, Wellington 9, 23 Oct 2021</p> <p>Coiled Baskets from Norfolk Island Pine Fronds, Inverloch Arts, Wellington 3 July 2021</p> <p>Textile Collage, Thistle Hall, Wellington, 1 May 2021</p> <p>Botanical Printing and Dyeing on Textiles, Innermost Gardens, Wellington 23 Nov 2020</p> <p>Botanical Dyeing Fibres, Karori Arts Centre, Wellington Embroiders Guild, 6 Oct 2019</p> <p>Botanical Prints and Dyes on Paper, Wellington Botanic Gardens, 11 + 14 Sept 2019</p> <p>Using Flax Fibres and Botanic Dyes, Wellington Botanic Gardens, 20 Sept 2018</p> <p>Introduction to Botanic Prints, Nairn St Cottage, Wellington Museum, 25 Sept 2018</p> <p>Australia</p> <p>Design a Burial Shroud, Tender Funerals, Canberra, 21 August 2022</p> <p>Rebel Stitching, Australian National Capital Artists, Canberra, 6 -7 April 2019</p> <p>Natural Dyeing Spring School, Beautiful Silks, Victoria, 15-17 Oct 2018</p> <p>Studio Masterclass, Belconnen Arts Centre, Canberra, 4 Nov 2018</p> <p>Botanical Dyeing Alpaca Yarn, One Tree Hill Alpaca Stud, Canberra, 6 Oct 2018</p> <p>Indigo Dyeing, Kiama Art Studios, New South Wales, 4 Aug 2018</p> <p>Crafternoons The Link Ginninderry, Canberra, 8, 22 July, 12 Aug 2018</p> <p>Natural Dyeing and Slow Stitching, Strathnairn Arts, Canberra, 22 Oct 2016, 1 – 2 April 2017, 7 – 8 Oct 2017, 23 – 24 June 2018</p>
COLLECTIONS	<p>Canberra Museum and Gallery, <i>Gungahlin On a Plate</i>, (series of 6 picnic plates) 1996</p>
AWARDS	<p>Department of Education Canberra, <i>Volunteer of the Year – Strategic Planning and Project Management at Majura Primary School</i>, Nov 2008</p> <p>Department of Urban Services, Canberra, <i>Australian Violence Prevention Award for Garema Place – City Walk Revitalisation, 1996</i> (Cultural Planning + Urban Design)</p> <p>National Trust Australia, <i>Academic Excellence in Cultural Heritage Management</i>, Nov 1993</p>
PRO BONO	<p>Chair Aro Valley Community Council, Wellington New Zealand 2021 - 2023</p>