

## ARTIST PROFILE

### GAYE DELL

*...is a specialist in mixed media paint and ink taking her inspiration from the rainforests of Tamborine Mountain, Australia.*

*She has BA's in Art, Education and Literature and is a full-time painter of local flora and fauna.*

#### A BRIEF HISTORY

A life-long passion was awakened when a 10 year old Gaye Dell received a set of oil paints for Christmas. After studying a Certificate of Art, she worked briefly as a photographer's assistant which prompted her to begin a BA in Fine Art. She knew then, she wanted to wrap her life around the creative arts and so completed another degree allowing her to teach art at a secondary school level.

Her path seemed clear but Providence however, had another plan for the next part of her life, a temporary passion felt more pressing. This passion which took her all over the world representing Australia. The athlete in her demanded extreme focus to the exclusion of much else, but she came away holding the world's fastest time for 18 months for the 200m hurdles, a silver medal for the 100m hurdles in the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch New Zealand in 1974 and an Olympic blazer in 1976.

After the Montreal Olympics in, Gaye was offered a track scholarship from the University of Florida. Alongside the busy sport schedule, she completed another BA with an inter-disciplinary degree in Fine Art (this time painting and drawing) and Creative Writ

***It was time to earn a decent living!*** She turned to the commercial side of art and learned about Graphic Design in the field where she included illustrations as often as her clients allowed. Her clientele varied considerably... from restaurants, retail outlets to major corporations. She illustrated, wrote copy, created design and developed marketing strategies from her one (wo)man studio in Gainesville, Florida for the next 25 years.

In 2004 Gaye decided to return to Australia to ensure her 10 year old son would grow up in the healthy lifestyle of SE Queensland. They mutually agreed Tamborine Mountain in the hinterland of the Gold Coast was going to be home. For a while, she worked for a NSW corporation as a marketing director; it was basically a counselling a business which was child focused, so Gaye was able to spread her wings a little more and wrote some children's books; she published 13 of them.

#### PRESENTLY

The directorship came to a close in 2012 so finally she was able to allow her passion to flourish on her terms. Gaye's former experiences came to the fore and she decided to create a line of Greeting Cards for Tamborine Mountain. Still a commercial element, but more importantly, Gaye was free to paint and draw and discover what lay beyond the 'art-with-a-brief' of her past.

She now is enjoying the freedom to paint what the canvas demands exploring a variety of directions discovering the creativity that has been contained. Inspiration surrounds her on Tamborine

Mountain so she is found drawing or painting most days. She has shared her work with local Galleries and places of business in the area.

The teacher in her has encouraged her to offer workshops where her varied experiences and skills have focus...on the creation and development of Greeting cards.

## WORKSHOPS

The variety of workshops is not restricted to, but includes:

Basic combination of Image and Graphic Design

Basic Photography, including initial manipulation of images

A Rainforest outing to capture images, with a group critique of photographs

Simple cartooning and caricature techniques

Illustration using a variety of media

Writing for the masses on cards/personalisation

Construction of a simple card that can be reproduced commercially or within a home computer environment.

*For a look-see of some of Gaye's work, please visit: [www.gayedell.com](http://www.gayedell.com) and feel free to contact her!*