

MY PLACE

Kaye Taylor-Law has travelled to 53 countries and is passionate about volunteer work. The Sunbury resident chats with Jessica Micallef about her interest in art and her involvement with the Phoenix Art and Craft Group.



(Joe Mastroianni)

What is your connection with the Sunbury and Macedon Ranges area?

I have a lifelong connection with the area. I spent my childhood at Mount Macedon and attended the Mount Macedon Primary School for six years. When I got married we bought a property in Macedon to raise our family and we lived there for 25 years. I moved to Sunbury in 1998 and have lived here for the past 20 years.

What are you passionate about?

I am passionate about my volunteer work in Cambodia. I am an ambassador for the 4 Winds Cambodia Project. This is a rural community development project in a small village of 3000 marginalised people. The main focus is health, education and income generation. I have been going to Cambodia for 15 years and have witnessed miracles. I am also constantly amazed at the progress of these beautiful people through education, care and love.

Tell me about your involvement with Phoenix Art and Craft Group.

I have been a member of this group for four years. I am currently the president. Our group is made up of 15 talented members creating a large variety of art and craft. We have two exhibitions a year, in March and December, at the Old Courthouse in Gisborne.

Tell me about your interest in art and the pieces you have created.

I have a passion for glass. I did leadlight for many years but have been doing hand painted kiln-fired glass for 10 years. I consider myself a glass artist. I create kiln-fired glass framed pictures, cheese platters, plates, coasters and

jewellery. All of the money I raise from the sale of my glass pieces goes to the 4 Winds Cambodia Project.

What other hats do you wear in the community?

I am an active member of the Woodend Art Group, Phoenix Art and Craft Group in Gisborne, the Sunbury Art Society and I am also a member of the Bacchus Marsh Art Cooperative.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I think people would be surprised to know I have travelled extensively to 53 countries so far and have parachuted, abseiled, water-skied, aqua sailed and gone ballooning.

What is the best thing about the Sunbury and Macedon area?

I have wonderful memories of the past, living at Mount Macedon and Macedon and working in the area, I worked for seven years at the Kyneton Hospital and 20 wonderful years at the Sunbury Community Health Centre, until I retired eight years ago. We have clean fresh air here, beautiful trees, flora and fauna and we still have a lovely country feel.

If you could change one thing about the area what would it be?

I would like a nice big shopping complex in Sunbury like they have at Watergardens. I think everyone in Sunbury would enjoy not having to go out of the area to shop and it would keep our money local. I also think we need better parking here.