

# EDWIN WILSON, AOM FRAS

## Artist and Poet

### *Biographical Notes*

Born in Lismore Edwin spent his early years in the then isolated farming community of East Wardell and was formerly known as Peter as a child. He was educated at Mullumbimby & Murwillumbah High Schools, Armidale Teachers' College (ATC) and the University of NSW (graduating in Chemistry and Botany).

He had drawn all his childhood and had dreams of being a painter, studying Art as an Elective at ATC and the History of Fine Arts (as a humanities subject at University of NSW).

Life, work and family intervened as Edwin's career unfolded: as a Science teacher, Lecturer at ATC, an Education Officer at The Australian Museum and then in Community Relations at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney.

During this incredibly busy working period his creative impulses were sublimated into poetry. He has now written more than 30 books (including poetry, books about poetry, poetic memoirs, social history, biography and prose).

An interest in art was maintained throughout this time with many opportunities to visit major Galleries in Australia and Overseas. On his retirement Edwin threw himself totally into painting, enrolling in classes at the Royal Art Society of NSW (R.A.S.) - teachers being Judy Pennefather, Leyla Spencer and had ongoing tuition in composition and colour theory from Robin Norling and Jocelyn Maughan (having first met Robin when working at the Museum).

In 2008 Edwin was elected an Exhibiting Member of the Royal Art Society and launched his art career at ARTARMON GALLERIES in 2011 after winning the 2010 Medal of Distinction at the *Royal Art Society* with his painting titled '**The Church at Berrima**'. In 2014 he had a Mullumbimby-themed exhibition at the Tweed Regional Gallery, Murwillumbah. In 2016 he had a solo exhibition at the Lavender Bay Gallery (RAS), opened and reviewed by John McDonald.

He was elected an Associate (of the RAS in 2015), a Fellow (in 2018), and awarded an AOM in 2020.

An advanced cancer diagnosis (at end of 2019) caused him to upgrade his 2015 Art Catalogue. Free copies of his *Stardust Painter-Poet II* will be available at the Gallery. It has all been one hell of a ride.

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