**Artist Biography**

**Renate Ayling**

Renate Ayling was born in the South of Germany. From her earliest memories she loved to draw, but because of other commitments with family and work she never had the time to get into the art. Whenever she had the opportunity, she visited Art Galleries all over Europe and hoped one day she will start to draw and paint.

Renate Ayling moved to England with her English husband and a small son in 1984. After 5 years living in the Southwest of England the family decided to immigrate to Australia and settled in the Redlands where she still lives today.

A mother from school introduced her to China Painting, what she enjoyed for a couple of years. After that she started taking classes with Ruby Eaves, a very experienced artist in

water colours, what she enjoyed, but she wanted to learn how to draw. She joined Vikky Harvey’s Fine Art School to be taught to use graphite pencils and later pastels. She stayed with Vikky for 5 years and learnt a lot and enjoyed her new experience. She sold in that time 8 of her paintings locale and overseas. Again, personal circumstances stopped her going back to drawing and painting for years.

After settling into her new life, she joined Vikky Harvey again years later and started using acrylic and mixed mediums. Unfortunately, Vikky stopped the Art School for personal reasons and Renate just started drawing and painting and experiencing different styles of art at home.

She enjoys drawing and painting different styles, but her favoured motives are Wildlife, Landscapes and portraits of people and animals. In the last couple of years, she became more adventurous and tried different kind of painting like flowing, pulling and a bit of abstract, what she really enjoys as well.

She joined the Old School House Gallery in 2020, what she enjoyed very much, but because of the circumstances around the globe she didn’t think it was the right time for her.