



## WENDY BINKS



After her graduation with a BA in Art & Design from Curtin University in 1982 (majoring in ceramics), Wendy based herself and her business '**Stunned Emu Designs**' in Fremantle, Western Australia. Initially she produced handmade and handpainted pottery, combining her interest in Australian wildlife with her art. She became well known for her brightly coloured terracotta pieces and quirky characters, particularly her trademark '**emu with attitude**'. Since opening a shop in the historic Fremantle Markets in 1995, Wendy has developed and extended her range of products to include mugs, stationery, books, prints, bags and her much sought after original paintings. Early in 2010, Wendy opened her own Gallery in South Terrace, Fremantle which has enabled her to extend her range even further and to display more of her original

artwork including seascapes and landscapes.

The enthusiasm of children for her designs prompted Wendy to write her first children's picture book, like '**Where's Stripey?**' it won two awards including the prestigious 'Western Australia Premier's Book Award', Children's Section.

Wendy has combined her love of the natural world with an interest in conservation and has been a volunteer on several conservation projects. She is actively involved in the ongoing work to save the endangered Western Ground Parrot and has spent time in Esperance and Albany (South Western Australia), surveying and monitoring their numbers.

Always ready for a challenge, Wendy's largest piece of artwork to date was her life size cow she designed and painted for The Margaret River Cow Parade in 2010. Wendy's cow 'We didn't do it', showcasing her quirky emus was one of 87 painted by different artists and exhibited for 4 months in the Busselton, Margaret River and Augusta regions. At auction, Wendy's cow sold for the highest amount of \$18,000 and the proceeds went to cave conservation in the Margaret River region.

