

CV

Born Heathcote with the given name Helen Eales

Lived in St Arnaud, Ballarat, Broadford (Seymour High School)

Cobden (Camperdown High)

Did an Art Teaching Course in Melbourne (Caulfield Tech, now Chisholm, Melbourne Tech now RMIT Melbourne Teachers College and Melbourne Uni)

Didn't learn much about Art Practice.

Taught for as short a time as possible.

Exhibited at various galleries without much success.

Changed name to Abbie Heathcote in the Melba tradition as I didn't like being called slippery, slimy and fishy, and there were Helens in every direction.

Built a recycled mudbrick house where I had regular successful exhibitions.

Moved to Guildford where I built my earth roofed "Grand design" out of tree trunks, mud, rocks and recycled windows and doors. Moved to Castlemaine where I have had numerous successful Open Studios in my "Modest Design" passive solar homes, during the State Festivals and Arts Open.