



Australian Government

Australian Citizenship Quilt

The Australian Citizenship Quilt symbolises the multicultural mosaic of our nation.

More than 400 squares were received from Australians in every state and territory. They represent generational and new Australian citizens from all over the world including the United Kingdom, Singapore, the Netherlands, Africa, Italy, Uruguay, Switzerland, New Zealand and the United States.

The creators of these squares proudly share their stories with us. They tell us about what Australian citizenship means to them and their journey to citizenship. Here is a sample of their stories:

"The different cultures that reside within Australia make our country. They make it an enriched place to live, with a diverse group of languages, styles, traditions, colours and foods. That's what makes Australia the place it is today. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else, because Australia has it all and I love my country. I love being an Australian Aboriginal."

Nanette Channing, VIC – a Koorie woman from the Monaro/Gunai people.

"I am very thankful that I have been born a citizen of this incredibly beautiful, peaceful country. This is due to my ancestors being brave enough to move to a new country to establish their futures and raise their families."

Diane Graham, QLD – of Irish heritage and a descendant of Governor Phillip Gidley King, Governor of NSW.

"For the past 25 years I have been proudly Australian. Becoming a citizen gave me a sense of belonging; of being part of a great nation."

Jacqueline Thirion, QLD – French-born, migrated to Australia in 1967.

You can read more contributors' stories in the catalogue accompanying the Australian Citizenship Quilt.

Thank you to all the Australian Citizenship Quilt project contributors – for crafting your square, sharing your story and being proud Australians.

The Hon John Cobb, MP
Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs

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