

Tony Walker - Kite Flyer Profile



Hi Folks,

I first started flying kites when I made them as a kid.

I really got into kites when I went into a kite shop to get some replacement kites for the plastic deltas the kids had broken.

This would have been about the start of the 2 line sport kite craze. So I bought myself one to play.

Then I heard about the Festival of the Winds at Bondi, and went along for a look see. I was truly amazed by the kites and the kite artwork. I didn't know that kites like that existed. This really hooked me, as I was looking for a new hobby. Thus began my adventures in kite making and travelling to kite festivals.

I've been flying kites now for nearly 30yrs, and have travelled as far as Port Douglas, Tasmania, Adelaide, and NZ to fly at festivals.

A word of advice for new kite builders.... Sure – reach for the skies, but build some smaller kites first so you can practice your sewing skills. I was lucky enough to get some sewing lessons from a friend the day before I started my first kite project. Nearly 30yrs later I am still learning various tricks and tips from kite builders who kindly share their knowledge.

