

Richard Francis: Curriculum vitae

Education

- 1965 Matriculation Certificate, University High School, Melbourne, Vic.
- 1967–1969 Diploma of Art – Industrial Design, specialising for final year in Visual Communications and Exhibition Design, RMIT, Melbourne, Vic.
- 1971–1973 Diploma of Film Technique, specialising one year in design and animation. London International Film School, London, UK.
- 1985–1988 Certificate in Horticulture, Hobart TAFE College, Hobart, Tas.
Completed course but did not sit final exam.
- 2006–2009 Masters Degree in Internet Studies, majoring in Design. Curtin University of Technology, Perth, WA. (online)

Professional experience

- Aug 1969–Mar 1970 Design Assistant, ABC Television, Melbourne. Assisting in design of studio sets for television productions including drama serial 'Bellbird'.
- Aug 1970–Mar 1971 Design Assistant, BBC Television, London, UK. 'Play For Today', 'Steptoe and Son', 'Doctor Who', 'Some Mothers Do Have'em', 'Open University'.
- Apr 1973–Sep 1973
- Sep 1973–Jun 1974 Design Assistant/Designer, Yorkshire Television, Leeds, UK. Education and current affairs.
- Feb 1975–Mar 1975 Designer, ATV-0, Melbourne.
- Apr 1975–Sep 1975 Designer, ABC Television, Melbourne. 'Countdown', 'This Day Tonight', film design for drama series.
- Sep 1975–Oct 1976
Jan 1979–Jun 1983 Freelance designer, propsman, film and television, still photography, Melbourne. Television commercials. production stills for Film Australia documentaries. Art Director for feature film 'Next of Kin', children's telefeature 'Dead Man's Float'. Propsmaster for feature film 'Mad Max'.
- Oct 1976–Dec 1978 Art Director, Crawford Productions, Melbourne. Supervision of Art Department, production design for television series including 'The Sullivans'.
- Jul 1983–Oct 1987 Designer and Producer, ABC Television, Hobart, Tas., including one year as Producer/Director of gardening program 'Landscape' and current affairs program 'The National'.
- Nov 1987–Nov 1989 Self-employed as landscape designer and gardener, Hobart, Tas. Commercial and domestic locations.
- Dec 1989–Jun 1991 Research Consultant and advisor for television gardening program 'Gardening Australia', ABC Television, Hobart, Tas. Design of program logo and opening title sequence.
- Jul 1991–Mar 1996 Consulting Editor, *Gardening Australia* magazine, Hobart, Tas. Liaison with contributors, soliciting of text and photography, edited, designed layouts, graphics, supplied photographs and contributed articles.
- Apr 1996–present Freelance writer/photographer/editor/graphic and book designer. Articles and photography for *Your Garden*, *The Australian Gardener*. Book published, approximately 100,000 words *Growing Rhododendrons*, Kangaroo Press, Sydney, 1997. Contributor, approximately 200,000 words and photographs, *Trees and Shrubs*, and *Flora*, Global Book Publishing, Sydney, 1991, 1993.