



## Two Sewing Sisters - Lauren & Erin Ritchie

Lauren and Erin have a passion for dressing and making new garments for special occasions. Growing up in regional Victoria, Erin and Lauren spent hours in their Nan's sewing room: cutting out patterns, sewing, and playing dress ups in the hundreds of dresses Nan made for their family.

This childhood activity turned into a passion for the Ritchie sisters. For every special event there was a reason for 'a new dress' to be produced.

Lauren and Erin will talk about the culture of sewing and share stories of their early sewing days; talking about garments their Nan made for them and share a few with us. They will tell us what they love to make now and how they are introducing sewing to friends with Sewing

Sundays and teaching their little cousins to sew.

Lauren has a Bachelor of Applied Science – Fashion Design at RMIT and a Certificate IV in Millinery from Kangan Batman Institute. She has taught fashion and footwear at RMIT University and Homesglen TAFE and has created hats with Louise Macdonald Millinery in Melbourne and Edwina Ibbotson in London. Working within the costume field she has been involved in productions including those with Melbourne Opera and ABC Television Productions.

Erin studied a Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts (Media & International Relations) at Deakin University. She sews frocks as a creative break from her work.

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