

Art is not what you see, but
what you make others see.

– EDGAR DEGAS

Hi everyone,

August is nearly here already—social painting and a few important reminders.

Welcome to our newest members! We're so glad you've joined us, and we hope you're already feeling at home in the club. And please remember to use your discount cards when you shop at Jacksons and Oxlades—I seem to remember mine only after I paid!

As we head into August it's getting wetter and colder, so this is a quick reminder about our social painting days. Attendance has been low recently, and I completely understand we all have other commitments. If you can make it, these days are such a lovely chance to create together and share stories, ideas, and encouragement—there's a warm welcome, the heater's on, and coffee, tea and biscuits are provided. We may have to drop down to only one day per month if attendance continues to be too low, so your support really matters.

A reminder too for anyone interested in donating art to the Desperate for Love Dog Pound Rescue: the due date is the end of July, and the fund-raising auction will start on the 12th of August and run for 2 weeks. You can contact them here for more information dflevent@gmail.com.

And finally—the exhibition is getting closer, and I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone's work. If you're new, don't be afraid to exhibit your art—you never know who might absolutely love your style. I've seen some amazing art from the workshops, so please do consider exhibiting.

See you at our next workshop, where we will be painting gorgeous stripey Zebras. Please book your spot in advance as places are limited.

Madelyn
Madelyn Janse van Rensburg
President

Dates for the diary!

Social painting dates

Wednesday 5 August, 9.30am – 12noon

Thursday 20 August, 1pm – 3.30pm

Wednesday 2 September, 9.30am – 12noon

Thursday 17 September, 1pm – 3.30pm

at Beaumaris Community Centre,
Constellation Drive, Ocean Reef.

Note: Please remember to bring your cup/
mug if you would like some tea or coffee
while at the session.

Workshop Netti Brown Zebra in Acrylic

Sunday 9 August 2026 at Currambine
Community Centre, Main Hall.

Getaway October 2026

15-19 October 2026 at St John of God,
Shoalwater. Limited to 15 members.

Exhibition October 2026

9-11 October 2026 at Ern Haliday Recreation
Park, Hillarys



Oil pastel workshop with Narelle Higson

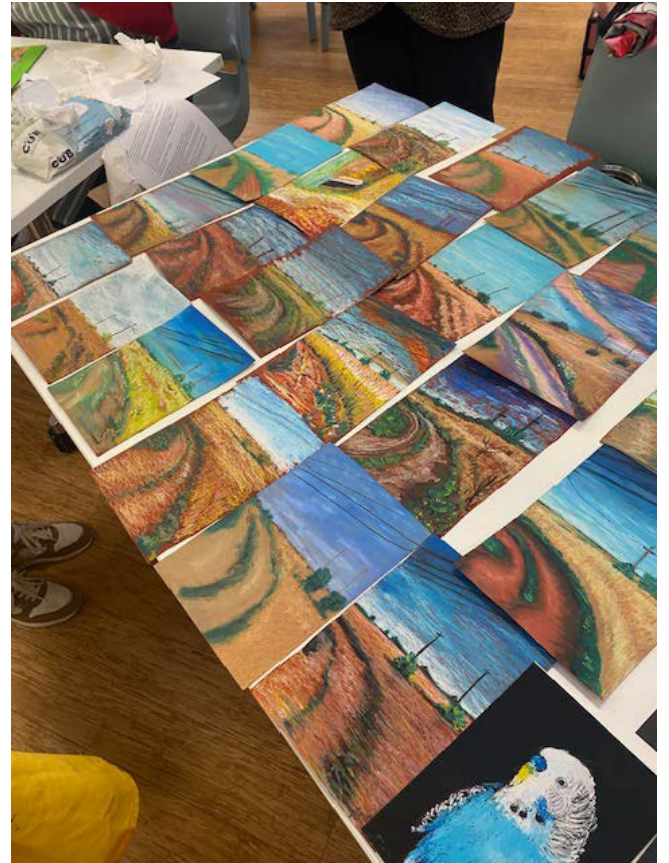
On Saturday, 11 July, Room 1 at the Currambine Community Centre came alive as 26 enthusiastic club members stepped through the doors to explore a medium unfamiliar to many—oil pastels.

For most, it wasn't their usual artistic language, but artists are, by nature, curious souls. They experiment, take risks, and happily wander beyond their comfort zones. That's exactly what happened.

We were fortunate to have the talented Narelle Higson guiding us through the colourful world of oil pastels, introducing different brands, papers, and techniques with patience, humour and expertise. Armed with ear buds, palette knives and wooden scrapers, our budding pastel adventurers enthusiastically scratched, blended, layered and discovered.

The goal wasn't to produce a finished masterpiece—it was to enjoy the journey of learning. That said, quite a few delightful little masterpieces emerged along the way, along with plenty of smiles and newfound confidence.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with registrations, set-up and pack-up. Workshops like this are only possible because of the wonderful team spirit that makes our club such a special place.



Acrylic Painting Workshop - The African Zebra with Netti Brown

Sunday 9th August 2026

Currambine Community Centre, Main Hall

Free to members/\$20.00 to non-Members

12:45 start – 4:30 end

LET'S DRAW AND PAINT this handsome fellow together!!

The African Zebra is an iconic black-and-white striped equine who across history, has been featured in art and stories from ancient carvings to modern masterpieces.

- Much like human fingerprints, no two zebras share the same stripe pattern.
- Despite appearing white with black stripes, a zebra's underlying skin is entirely black.

Our coach for the day: Netti Brown

Netti is a respected member of our club and our past president. She is self-taught and has spent many hours doing trial and error (and success) paintings, both in Perth and in her previous life in Mauritius. Whilst living in Mauritius, Netti worked with several small art groups – sometimes teaching and sometimes exploring together techniques and methods. Netti likes to work with Acrylic and water-soluble oils, and in the past has dabbled in watercolours and painting using coffee. She is still working out her own style and, in the meantime, has a lot of fun experimenting.

Netti believes that "every painting is an opportunity to learn and grow as an artist".

With the Zebra painting, the goal is to learn some techniques of creating depth and dimension, some tricks for perspective, and creating a '3d' look in acrylic painting using mark making, highlights and shadows.

What to bring:

Painting surface:

- Either stretched canvas or similar or watercolour / mixed media paper - as long as it is well gessoed – white gesso.

Size of canvas / paper:

- 40 x 50 cm or similar

3 Paint brushes:

- One x round brush - small (around a size 1 or 2) for detailed work
- One x larger round brush (around size 8 or 10)
- One x flat brush (around 1.5 - 2cm wide)



Paint colours:

- This is a limited palette project - white, black, yellow ochre, burnt umber and burnt sienna.

Other items:

- Acrylic medium, or magic mix, or similar to thin down paint. Water will work too.
- Pencil, eraser, water jar, paper towel, baby wipes, desktop easel if you want to work upright although flat is fine too.
- Hairdryer to speed up drying time.
- Apron and plastic tablecloth.

Tea, coffee, sugar, milk and biscuits will be provided. Please bring your own mug.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR SEAT BY CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK BY SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2026 LATEST so we can offer any spare places to non-members

<https://nettib.wufoo.com/forms/workshop-registration/>



Don't forget to become a member of our Facebook page.



[North Coast Art Club Inc | Facebook](#)

The NCAC has two facebook accounts. We have a public page which is where we advertise our exhibitions. Then we have our members group which is private this is where we can discuss, get opinions or advice, share photos, share good ideas, advise social painting days etc. We would love to see that member-only group grow even more - perhaps it's a place where our members can sell art items they no longer need - an easel perhaps, or paints and mediums no longer required. Its an effective way for our members to benefit even more from each other and the art club. If you arent already a member, please click on the link above and apply to join - its very easy!



Welcome to the Club

We are very pleased to have 1 new member join us this month.

Kristine Hanson

Upcoming events for the month are advertised in our Newsletter and there is usually a link to click for registering to attend. Its always on a first come first serve basis so be sure to keep your eyes open for the newsletters each month and save it so you can refer back to details of the events you have booked.

If there is anything you are unsure of i.e. what do I need to bring to a workshop? or Directions to a venue?

Just email us @ northcoastartclub@gmail.com and we will get back to you

Reminders

Wednesday/Thursday Social Painting BYO

Free for members and **\$5** for non members

Some dates are subject to change so keep an eye on upcoming newsletters and the Facebook page for any updates.

Saturday and Sunday Workshops/ Demo costs

Free for members and **\$20** for non-members

Unless otherwise advised for special workshops or when presenter is providing material, there will be an additional cost

RSVP is vital to secure your spot

Please Note: there will be a **\$10** no show fee

Note: Please remember to bring your cup/mug if you would like some tea or coffee while at the session. Also please remember to bring a plastic sheet with you to protect the tables.

Some non NCAC exhibitions and workshops you may like to enter/attend.



Ludlow Art Prize

The 2026 Ludlow Art Prize is now open for entry.

KEY DATES

Closing date for entries

Sunday 25 October 2026

Award and Opening night

Friday 6 November 2026

Art Exhibition

Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 November 2026

Register for updates here

<https://www.ludlowtuartforest.org.au/2026-ludlow-art-prize/>

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\$20,000 PRIZE MONEY

Morawa
ART AWARDS & EXHIBITION
2026

ENTRIES OPEN 21 MAY 2026 - 22 JULY 2026



To enter your artwork or
for more information visit:
www.morawa.wa.gov.au

Thank you to our valued sponsors:



Artwork featured from the winner of the 2024 Shire of Morawa Art Award, Sophie Johnson, "Afternoon"



Desperate For Love
Dog Pound Rescue Inc



Hello,

We're excited to be preparing for our 8th Annual Art Auction fundraiser, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Thanks to your incredible support and that of other artists and donors over the years, our previous auctions have raised much-needed funds to help rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome dogs in need. We hope you'll consider contributing to this year's event and helping us make it our most successful auction yet.

As you know, Desperate for Love Dog Pound Rescue (DFL) is a 100% volunteer-run charity. Every dollar raised goes directly to supporting the dogs in our care, covering veterinary treatment, food, transport, training, and everything else they need on their journey to finding a loving home.

If you're able to donate a piece for the auction, we would be incredibly grateful. Simply reply to this email dflevent@gmail.com to let us know, and we'll be happy to arrange collection.

Thank you for helping us give more dogs a second chance.

Kind regards,

The DFL Team



SHIRE OF
KONDININ

Shire of Kondinin Art Exhibition will return to the West Australian Art Exhibition Calendar in October 2026 and celebrate its 20th year.

Opening night is **Friday 9th October**

7.30- 9.30pm at the Kondinin Town Hall.

Entry \$10.00.

Exhibition open **Saturday 10th - Wednesday**

14th Oct 10am- 3.00pm. Gold coin donation entry.

Early bird artist entry is \$25 per piece by 1st September 2026. After 1/09/26 entry is \$30.00 per piece.

Closing date for entries is **25th September 2026**. Enquiries to:

knartgroupinc@gmail.com or
Artist [Entry forms are available here](#) **0428 104150** (Jo)



**ELLENBROOK
ART AWARDS**
25 SEP - 25 OCT 2026

CALL FOR ARTISTS



ENTRIES OPEN: 10AM 17 JULY
ENTRIES CLOSE: 5PM 18 SEPTEMBER

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WWW.ELLENBROOKARTS.COM

More details on how to enter here:

Key Dates

Entries open

Friday, July 17, 10am

Entries close

Friday, September 18, 5pm

Delivery of Artwork

Friday, October 19, 10am-5pm

Opening Event

Friday, October 23, 6-8pm

Exhibition Dates

23 October - 22 November

Collection of Artwork

Monday 23 November - 10am-5pm



Expression of Interest

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Online at:
www.armyart.org



The 51st Art Show 16th - 18th Oct

The Drill Hall at
Leeuwin Barracks





Join over 200 artists at Australia's premier outdoor painting festival (est 2019). Held annually in Mandurah and the Peel Region of Western Australia, this vibrant festival brings together artists for a week of creativity, learning, connection and outdoor painting.

PADU Experience Peel Paint Outs are held from 22 - 25 September in the wider Peel Region, incorporating rural landscapes away from the CBD. The festival weekend of **26 - 28 September** is held around Mandurah and the historic town of Pinjarra and celebrates outdoor painting with exhibitions, painting demonstrations, have-a-go activities and awards and prizes.



The St Mark's Art Show is a much-loved community event that showcases a diverse range of artistic talent from both emerging and established artists. We would be honoured to have your work featured as part of this year's exhibition.

To register your artwork, please complete our online entry form:

<https://bit.ly/2026StMarksArtShowEntryForm>

Entries close at **5:00pm** on **Monday 31 August 2026**.

All entry forms must be submitted electronically by completing the online registration form before this deadline.

Late entries may be considered subject to available exhibition space.

Event Details:

- Opening Night: Friday 9 October 2026
- Exhibition Open: Saturday 10 October – Sunday 11 October 2026

- Location: St Mark's Anglican Community School, Hillarys

The entry form contains information regarding artwork requirements, delivery and collection dates, commission details, and exhibition conditions.

As exhibition space is limited, we encourage artists to submit their entries early.

Please feel free to share this opportunity with fellow artists who may be interested in exhibiting their work.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Amanda Brown

Art Show Coordinator

St Mark's Annual Art Show 2026