



Mandurah Plein Air Artists

SEPTEMBER 2025



Welcome to the September edition of our Newsletter. **For more detailed information, please refer to minutes from the meetings which have been emailed to all members.**

COMMITTEE FOR 2025-2026

We held our AGM on Tuesday 8th July, with a new committee being voted in. Thank you to outgoing President Vikki Goodfellow for her hard work and commitment to our group.

The Committee for 2025-2026 is:

President: Peta Kapor

Vice President: Anita Fratel

Secretary: Julie Macdonald

Vice Secretary: Jo Wood

Treasurer: Keryn Channing

Vice Treasurer: Barb Thoms

Mandurah Plein Air Artists Website

Our Facebook page is the first port of call for the latest and greatest in our group. The website is a great place to find out more about our artists, exhibitions, what's happening or coming up and paintout locations. If you would like your profile added, or updated, please see Peta or email your information.

BI-MONTHLY MEETING

We held our Bi-monthly meeting on 2nd September, a bit early due to upcoming PADU. Thanks to Julie for the detailed minutes of the meeting. I am sure you all have read them by now 😊.

Paintout October 28th

On 28th October, our group will be hosting the Wanneroo Art group at Amaze Miniature Gardens. Lisa Munday, MLA for Dawesville will also join us. This is a FULL day event until 2.30, please bring your own lunch and drinks. The Café will open for the first hour in the morning.

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Artist of the Month

With the loss of our space at ManPAC for Artist of the Month, we have gone virtual. Members with a profile on our webpage will be eligible for being considered for Artist of the Month.

Following on from the success of Miami Exhibition, this month's Artist of the Month is Irene Osborne. Irene won the most popular vote at the exhibition and recently received her prize from Jacksons. Check out our webpage to see more about Irene.



New Members

Welcome to all our new members! Our group is growing every day, and it's so exciting to have more creative people joining in. We can't wait to see what you've been working on and share in your art journey!



Mandurah Open Studios

The new format for Peel Open Studios has been announced. A call out was made for a core team for the MPAA Collective to work together with Celeste and Roy who have been gathering information re venues.

Members participating in Open Studios 2026 attended the 'Say Hello to Mandurah Studios' evening on Friday night to learn about the changes to the event.

Paintout Bosses coming up

Roy Harris – November;
Peta Kapor – December;
Barb Thoms – January; and
Shelley Higham – February



PADU volunteers needed

This year, lanyards can be collected on your first attendance day at any PADU event.

If you are available to help out at PADU or assist during this festival, there are still some "Transport Buddy" and exhibition roster time slots that need filling. Check the minutes for vacant spots - check in with Barb or email her for information.

World Wide Paintout



WorldWide Paint Out event was held on the 6th September and it sure was a wild day. Despite the weather we had a good turnout with Linda MacAulay, Victorian artist, doing a demonstration on her style with acrylics and landscapes.

Amaze Gardens and Fairbridge Exhibitions

Denise and Lyle are happy to continue to bump in and out paintings for these two exhibition spaces. Please see Denise if you want any further information about these spaces.

A reminder that MPAA members can paint at Amaze Miniature Gardens and Fairbridge at any time, but must firstly report to reception.

Fairbridge reception will inform where you can/cannot paint in respect to the visitors at the venue.

Community Bank - Halls Head - our Sponsors

Community Bank Halls Head (Bendigo Bank) representatives Jenny Hammington and Jade Kelly came to visit and Jenny gave an informative talk on the background to how Bendigo Bank and Community Banking works, and the history of their support of MPAA/PADU. Community banking is all about putting back into the community, and we encourage anyone to consider Bendigo Bank for their banking needs.

Wonders of the Wetlands

Saturday 11 October 8.30am - 12.30pm, Coodanup Foreshore. If any member wishes to go down to the Coodanup Foreshore and paint they are welcome to do so, and encouraged to take some MPAA brochures with them. Jo Wood will set up an Event on our FB page as a reminder for anyone wishing to attend.

Paintout at the WA Art Gallery

The Cast in Bronze trip to the Art Gallery was a fabulous day. Thank you Bill for organising this event.



Barb and Piggy at this week's Paintout

Spirit of the Landscape

Spirit of the Landscape Exhibition opened on Saturday 6th September following the World Wide Paint out. This exhibition is presented by Plein Air Down Under, and from our group we have Val Brooks, Vicki Lee, Deb Zibah and Leon Holmes exhibiting, alongside another 10 artists, including Michele Usibelli and Aaron Schuerr from the US.

This is a stunning exhibition, a combination of plein air and studio works, and our guest speaker will Councillor Amber Kearns talked about the importance of art, taking your shoes off and getting into the sensations art can evoke. Amber is a great supporter of our art community and the more she knows about our group, the more she is impressed.



PADU Kick off - Experience Peel



9 x 5 boards for Christmas

9x5 boards will be available for purchase for \$2 from Keryn Channing at our paint out days. Grab your 9x5 board early to create your Christmas Secret Santa gift for our Xmas swap.

PLEIN AIR DOWN UNDER FESTIVAL



EXPERIENCE PEEL PAINTOUTS

Get your boards and paper stamped on the day of paintout. Drop your artwork off at ManPac, Saturday 27/9

23/9 Tuesday	CARAHOLLY ORCHARD, DWELLINGUP
24/9 Wednesday	RAVENSWOOD HOTEL
25/9 Thursday	FAIRBRIDGE VILLAGE, PINJARRA
26/9 Friday	MARY STREET LAGOON
27-29/9	PLEIN AIR DOWN UNDER FESTIVAL WEEKEND

www.facebook.com/pleinairdownunder/events

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

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PADU workshops throughout the week.

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PADU kick off - Experience Peel events start.

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PADU festivities begin

We can't wait for PADU - not long now!!!