



# Mandurah Plein Air Artists

## NEWSLETTER



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

### BI MONTHLY MEETING

We held our bi-monthly meeting last Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November. thank you to all who attended. Julie has emailed the minutes to you all  
Thank you Jo for the morning tea - it was delicious.

### New Members

We continue to grow with new members joining us each week. We love meeting new artists and look forward to sharing our community with you.



### 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. Artist of the Month is chosen from everyone's profile on ur website. Please see Peta or email the committee to have your profile updated.

### Paintout October 28th

On 28<sup>th</sup> October, we were joined at Amaze Gardens from painters from Wanneroo and Lisa Munday, one of our patrons. It was a lovely day - so good to see many new faces.



### Artist of the Month

Each month, I spin the "Artists Wheel" to choose our Artist of the Month.

**Patricia Nath** was chosen as the October AOM. Her work showcases an enormous talent for telling a story with her watercolours.



The November Artist of the Month is Sally McLeish. Another watercolourist, Sally can always be seen with her faithful side kick Tilly by her side. Sally's paintings often bring a different view to the subjects. Head over to our website to see a sample of Sally's work. You can also follow Sally on Instagram #signedbysal.

Congratulations to both Patricia and Sally.



### Mandurah Open Studios

Jo Wood has been sourcing a venue for a MPAA Collective to be part of Mandurah Open Studios next year. She has tentatively booked a venue and there is still spaces for artists to join the group on the 2 weekends in May 2026. If you are interested in becoming part of the collective for your open studio, please contact Jo

### Paintout Bosses coming up

Roy Harris - November;  
Peta Kapor - December - Petawill be unable to attend due to work commitments - does anyone want to take over this month?  
Barb Thoms - January; and  
Shelley Higham - February  
March & April????

## Plein Air Down Under (PADU)

PADU has come and gone and it was a fantastic, if not exhausting, week and a half of painting and fun. The hardworking steering committee of Leon Holmes Barbara Thoms Alan Pickering, Keryn Channing, Vicki Lee, Jackie Quantock, Sara Holmes and Xanthe Turner once again brought us a festival to remember.

Leon Holmes, and visiting artists from the USA Michele Usibelli and Aaron Schuerr presented some memorable paid workshops as well as demonstrations over the weekend. There were many talented artists in abundance over the festival – it was such a buzz to be a part of.



PADU Experience Peel, Gordon Alexander



Quickdraw Watercolour Category,  
Andy Conlan



Runner up Non-professional Category,  
Nola Ellis



Pinjarra Acquisitional Award,  
Andy Dolphin



Gillian-Kaye Peebles Youth Award  
for Excellence,  
Harlow Paton



## Amaze Gardens and Fairbridge Exhibitions

Denise and Lyle have been working tirelessly maintaining our exhibition spaces at Amaze Gardens and Fairbridge. Denise has advised us that she and Lyle will be travelling for lengthy periods during 2026 and after January they will be unavailable to continue with the Amaze and Fairbridge exhibitions.

We are asking for someone to consider taking over the role after January. Denise and Lyle will continue to monitor both exhibitions until then. They are also happy to donate any hanging equipment they have used to MPAA. These exhibition spaces are invaluable to the MPAA community. We thank Denise and Lyle for their commitment and support.



## Sunset Paintouts 2026

MPAA is hosting a season of sunset paintouts in Summer 2026. The first paint out is on Thursday 8 January at Doddi's Beach Mandurah. Sunset is at 7.28PM and the last light might be at 8:30. The event will have a social flavour and will nominally start at 5PM. Artists are invited to bring a picnic dinner and capture the sunset after dinner. Partners are welcome. Thank you to Bill Rigg for organising, Watch the Facebook page for future events.

## Weekend Paintouts

Peta will be unable to attend Paintouts for the remainder of this year. To keep "her hand in" she will head out for the occasional weekend paintout - Keep an eye on the Facebook page or in Whats On Calendar for locations. Everyone - or anyone - welcome



## Approaching Landscapes Debrief

Approaching Landscapes Exhibition in Miami is an important part of the MPAA calendar, providing opportunities for artists to exhibit and sell their artwork. For the event to run smoothly, we held a debrief session at the meeting. There was a lively discussion at the meeting which provided some insights for those who did not participate this year, and to give food for thought to consider moving forward. To enable us to get valuable feedback from all members to guide the future directions of the exhibition, we have created a survey for members to complete. It is very important for all members to contribute to the survey.

Either use the QR code or follow the link. We welcome feedback and look forward to discussing this at the meeting in January. The survey will be open until 9th December.

### Approaching Landscapes 2025 - Member feedback



<https://forms.office.com/r/AZwj6t50Y5>



## Christmas Party 2025

This year's Christmas party is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at Amaze Gardens. The gardens will be open at 9:00 for our usual paintout. Lunch will be held a little later this year, at 12.30 as the park have a tour bus visiting at 10am and will need a little extra time to set up. Jo Wood has set up an event in the Facebook page - you can book your spot through the Trybooking Link. The cost is \$19 per person.

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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

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Tuesday Paintout at Mary Street Lagoon.

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Tuesday Paintouts TBA

### DECEMBER

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Christmas Party at Amaze Gardens

### JANUARY

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First Sunset Paintout at Doddi's

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January Bi Monthly Meeting