



Mandurah Plein Air Artists

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Welcome to the first edition of our Newsletter for 2026. **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 Tuesday, 20th January - a little later than usual. Thank you to all who attended and welcome to the new members who came along. 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. As of 20th January we now have over 100 members (102). It is exciting as our little community continues to grow.



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.

Sunset Paintouts

As summer is here, we have welcomed the summer paintouts at Doddi's Beach in January and now at Falcon Beach in February. They start whenever you wish to come down - sunset is around 7:30 so fi you want to get the best colours, be prepared to paint then. Thank you Bill for organising these.

Paintout Bosses coming up

- February** – Shelley Higham
- March** – Sally McLeish
- April** – Anita Fratel
- May** – Jo Woods.



Artist of the Month

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



December and January is was the turn of of a couple of our male members. December Artist of the Month was Peter Munday. Peter is a regular painter and is a worthy winner of the recongition in December.



The February winner is Roy Harris.. Roy creates some lovely watercolours each week and has even been known to dabble in acrylics. Head over to the website to find out a bit more about Roy and Peter.



Committee positions for 2026-2027

The position of Secretary will become vacant this year, with Julie stepping down from the position at the next AGM. July has been a tirlless worker for our group, but now needs to take some time for herself and her family. We are on the lokout for someone to step into the role. Julie would liketo be able to spend the next few months training her successor. this is a great opportunity for you to join a faulous committee who work together to make sure our group keeps ticking along. Please speak to Julie at paintouts or at the next Bi-Monthly meeting in March.

Plein Air Down Under (PADU)

The PADU Steering Committee have already been busy getting started on this year's festival. Barb spoke to the members at our meeting about how the running of the PADU event has been broken down into manageable tasks. A task register was created and showed a break down of festival tasks to encourage members to take ownership of one or more elements. If 25 members can each do one task, it makes the running of the event so much smoother, and takes the burden off the shoulders of one person (namely Barb).

Thank you to all those who put their hands up to help out. Please speak to Barb or one of the committee members if you would still like to help out. Many hands make light work!! Registrations for artists opens in March, 2026.



Amaze Gardens and Fairbridge Exhibitions

Denise and Lyle have worked hard to keep these exhibitions running. We mentioned in our last newsletter, they are stepping down as organisers. Thank you to Carol Cole and Nola Ellis who have put their hands up to coordinate the Fairbridge Exhibition. The next change over of works at Fairbridge will be in March. Artists who are exhibiting at Fairbridge, please bring your artworks to the next Bi-Monthly meeting. Congratulations to Geoge Lilly for selling on another of his fabulous pieces.

Approaching Landscapes Exhibition at Miami survey

Thank you to everyone who did take the time to provide feedback through our survey. The purpose of the survey was to gather a range of views on the Miami Exhibition. Unfortunately, we can't make meaningful changes based on just one or two individual ideas. This exhibition exists for the members and it is important that members provide their input. We also need people to put their hands up to be part of the team that helps put this exhibition together.

We will be calling for a 2026 Exhibition Team in March. The team will require 3-4 members, including one Team Leader. The Team Leader must be comfortable managing emails and must have participated in the exhibition previously. We strongly encourage members who want to shape the future of this exhibition.



Christmas Party

The Christmas Party as held on 9th December 2025. It was a lovely turnout with Secret Santa gifts of a little 9x5 was exciting with some lovely paintings gifted to each other. We reviewed last years Christmas party and while we love the venue, thought we could look at other options for 2026. Sally McLeish and Anita Fratel have volunteered to research options for the 2026 Christmas Party.



Skill Sharing

Great
satisfaction
comes from
sharing
with others.

All of our fabulous group members have something wonderful to share. Starting from our next meeting in March, we'll be introducing mini talks, skill-sharing moments, and opportunities for members to showcase their talents. Our first volunteer is the amazing Roy Harris – we can't wait to hear what he has in store for us! These mini sessions will take place at the end of each meeting.

Exhibitions and workshops

Some of our very talented members are holding upcoming exhibitions and workshops. It is fabulous to see so many of our group being celebrated and sharing their skills with others. We have uploaded information for these Exhibitions and Workshops on our Website.

Upcoming Exhibitions:

<https://mandurahpleinair.com/exhibitions-and-events-2026-2/>

Workshops:

<https://mandurahpleinair.com/workshops-and-artist-development-sessions/>

Shameless plugs:)



Carol Cole and her husband offer a framing service for members. This is a hobby and use offcuts of framing materials from Terrace Art Framers and frames sourced from Op Shops.

They don't do matt boards but you can approach Terrace Art Framers who do these at a reasonable price while you wait.

Carol and Eric can frame a 9x5 artwork for \$20. Members were encouraged to support this offer and contact Carol directly on tel: 0479 089 172 or email: e.carolc63@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

10

Tuesday Paintout at
Island Point Reserve,
Heron

12

Sunset Paintout
Falcon Beach

17 &
3/3

Tuesday Paintout
Locations TBA

19 &
26

Sunset Paintouts
Falcon Beach

10/3

March Bi Monthly
Meeting

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