



Mandurah Plein Air Artists

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Welcome to the March 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 Tuesday, 10th March and it was well attended. Welcome to the new members - We look forward to seeing your contribution to art in Mandurah.



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 our website. Please see Peta or email the committee to have your profile updated.

Sunset Paintouts

Sunset paintouts have been held each Thursday. In February we headed to Falcon Beach, going a little further south to Avalon Beach for March.

As we head in to April next week, we won't have too many opportunities left to view the sunsets - of course, we can paint anywhere, anytime.

Mandurah Open Studios

A collective of painters from our group will be setting up Open Studio in the old Yacht Club in Mandurah. We have 14 members and 1 non member exhibiting their work. Keep an eye out for other member Open Studios in May.

Rotary Duck Race

Rotary have invited MPAA members to paint outdoors at the Rotary Duck Race on Saturday 4th April down at the Foreshore. This is the same day as member Val Brooks' exhibition opens in Rockingham. At 2pm. Why not make a day of it - paintout in the morning, exhibition in the afternoon. An event will be created on the Facebook Page.

Paintout Bosses coming up

We put the call out for Paintout Bosses after May but we had no takers - please consider this little task to help us find great places to paint. The website has a map of venues we have been to.

Artist of the Month

Each month, I spin the "Artists Wheel" to choose the Artist of the Month. The Artist of the Month for March is Tracey Crossland. Tracey is a regular at our paintouts and is always ready for a chat. Head over to the website to find out a bit more about Tracey.

<https://mandurahpleinair.com/mandurah-plein-air-artist-of-the-month/>



Committee positions for 2026-2027

Remember that the position of Secretary will become vacant this year, with Julie stepping down from the position at the next AGM. We are still asking for an expression of interest for anyone who would like to take on this role from the AGM - Julie would love to be able to work with someone who is keen to take on this role. Remember, that without a committee, we don't have a group. Please speak to Julie at paintouts or speak to one of the committee.



March – Sally McLeish
April – Anita Fratel
May – Jo Woods.

Plein Air Down Under (PADU)

Planning for Plein Air Down Under is well underway with Registrations now open. This year, we have Leon Holmes, Andy Dophin and our visiting artist from USA, Greg Barnes being announced as our Feature Artists. Guest Artists are Leanne Pearson and Linda MacAulay. Workshops and Masterclasses are now up on the website.

[Early Bird Access All Areas Artist Registration](#)

[All Masterclass & Workshop Information](#)

Barb extends her thanks to those who have put their hands up for jobs at this year's festival. remember, many hands make light work.

Please speak to Barb or one of the committee members if you would still like to help out.

Registrations for artists opens in March, 2026.

Greg Barnes, Feature Artist



Masterclass #1

Painting the Landscape in Oil, en plein air

Explore the impressionist style with award winning artist Greg Barnes as your personal guide. Greg tailors his instruction to reach all levels from beginning pointers to advanced techniques. Working en plein air, this oil painting master class will focus on capturing the essence of a scene through design, color harmonies, and intuitive interpretation. Greg strives to teach in a way that you will continue to learn from the experience long after the workshop has ended.

Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 September 2026

Masterclass #2

Pastel, en plein air

Do you want to paint more loosely and spontaneously? Do you want to hone your pastel skills? Explore the impressionist style in pastel with award winning plein air artist Greg Barnes as your personal guide. Greg tailors his instruction to reach all levels from beginning pointers to advanced techniques. Working from life or en plein air, the class will focus on capturing the essence of a scene through design, color harmonies, and intuitive interpretation.

Thursday 24 & Friday 25 September 2026

Approaching Landscapes Exhibition

Julie has taken on the role of coordinator of this years exhibition and we had two volunteers to help support her. If you would like to help out, please speak to Julie or a committee member. This exhibition can only run with the help of volunteers.

Amaze Gardens and Fairbridge Exhibitions



Nola and Carol have taken on managing the exhibitions at Amaze Gardens and Fairbridge. The new exhibition at Amaze has been installed (16th March). There has been some interest from other groups to exhibit their work so if we want to keep this venue alive, we might need to step up contributions. Hopefully a paintout will be arranged at Amaze in the future. Remember, if you turn up at Amaze with your painting gear, you get in free!

Skills Share - Roy Harris

At the end of the meeting, Roy was our first volunteer to speak to us about his artistic journey and some gives some tips for watercolor painting. It was a very informative session and we enjoyed hearing about how Roy became interested in watercolour and joining our group. Thank you Roy - You did a great job. Val Brooks has volunteered to speak at our next meeting.



Exhibitions and workshops

Regional Arts Triennial Exhibition – Radical Futures exhibition has had a successful run at Manpac with members of our group chosen to exhibit their work. After our March meeting, some of us headed over to the Alcoa Gallery to experience the installation by Joie Villeneuve and local flautist, Adam Lewin supplying the music and atmosphere. Congratulations to Joie, Gayle Suzanne Bukey, Joie Villeneuve and Deborah Zibah and to Jo Wood for her curation of this very entrancing and successful exhibition.

Don't forget to head over to the website for information of Exhibitions and Workshops put on by our members.

Upcoming Exhibitions:

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

Workshops:

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

Recent Paintouts

Thanks to Sally for the paintout locations in March. It has been a busy month for members. We had some very successful paintouts at Henry Sutton Grove and Yindana Lake. We have one more paintout from ally (I believe it may be in Secret Harbour so our northern members don;t have far to travel.) Looking forward to seeing where Anita takes us for April.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH/APRIL

31

Tuesday Paintout : venue to be announced

2

Sunset Paintout
Avalon Beach

4

Rotary Duck Race Paintout
(see events) followed by
Val Brooks Exhibition
opening iat Rockingham
Arts Cente.

7, 14

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