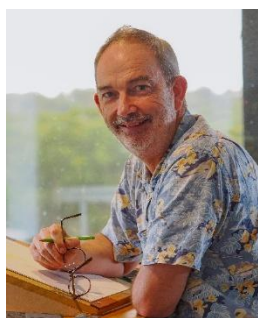


Newsletter – November 2025

EDITORIAL.



Greeting members and associates. *Pictured is our President, Peter Thorn.* Peter is presently away trekking around the countryside. For those who know him know of his passion for bird watching, which can be seen in his art.

Also, a recent article in the 1 October, 2025 edition of the St George and Sutherland Shire Leader (Page 27) reinforced this passionate view when he was asked to comment about the Far Eastern Curlew and its migration back to Australia after breeding in the Arctic some 12,000 km journey.

At the end of October 2025 (27/10 to 1/11) we have our exhibition at Menai Marketplace supported by the HomeCo Management Team. Of course, we will be raising monies for the Sutherland Hospital and the painting prizes for the raffle were donated by Janette Rigby Sammut and Michael Rogers. The deadline for entries has now passed. It appears from our roster that we have adequate assistance during this exhibition although any further assistance will be gratefully received.

To set up past exhibitions relied upon volunteer labour to carry the screens and transport them to the venue. Most of our volunteers had been doing this heavy lifting for many years and as their age catches up with this ability our volunteer pool has declined. This exhibition will be the first time that we will use

hired labour to carry our screens from storage to the venue and set up. These persons will also take down the screens and return them to storage. We will need members to guide this labour in setting up the screens etc. Just a reminder, set up and delivery of art works is 5pm on Sunday 26th October and collection of unsold works is 5pm on Saturday 1st November.

To make this exhibition a success, we need members to advertise as much as possible via personal contacts and through any media platform at their disposal. A flyer has been prepared and distributed via email so it can be used for advertising purposes. Julie Stanfield did a radio interview on 2SSR on 22nd October, advertising the upcoming exhibition.

The past weather events such as heavy driving rain, thunderstorms and below average temperatures caused several activities to be postponed or cancelled. Tanner Tan's Watercolour Tutorial on 19 August was postponed. Also, Painting in the Hall on 21 August was called off for the same reasons. We are now back on track for the rest of the year with our activities. Also during these tumultuous times, we had a lot of the committee members trekking all over the world/place and Michael Rogers was left "holding the fort." Thank you very much Michael for your leadership.

Noel Carrigg – Editor

What happened in October?

On Tuesday 7th October - Our normal critique night was facilitated by our regular critic, Tanner Tan who provides guidance and advise on technical issues of the paintings presented. After his review and judging panel selected Janette Rigby's painting of flowers in a vase as **Best On Show** and Mina Zou's untitled painting as **Highly Commended**.



The photos depict Janette's Best on Show and Mina's Highly Commended Award.



Tuesday 21st October 2025 – Demonstration – Janette Rigby – Mixed Media. Janette is a long-time member of our group and an experienced art teacher who had a private art school at Miranda. She is also a member of the artist co-operative at Kurnell and displayed and sold her works at many galleries she has been associated with. Janette has progressed from painting in oils to using other mediums for a variety of subject matters. Janette demonstrated to her audience the use of gold leaf, inks and blending techniques to enhance a subject.



The photos depict Janette interacting with her audience and exhibiting one of her finished pieces.



Thursdays 16, 23 & 30 October saw members painting at the hall during daytime hours. This social activity presents the opportunity to paint, have a chat and have afternoon tea with like-minded persons, also it has attracted other newer members to join us.

MONDAY 27 OCTOBER TO SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 2025 – EXHIBITION – MENAI MARKET PLACE. See editorial about further details of this exhibition.

November's Activities.

Tues 4	Critique night. - 7pm - \$5 member, \$10 non-members	Thurs 6	Painting at Sylvania, 1pm, \$10 for members and
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	- Sylvania		committee meeting.
Tues 11		Thurs 13	Painting at Sylvania, 1pm, \$10 for members.
Tues 18	Tutorial — 7pm - Tanner Tan – Watercolour - \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.	Thurs 20	Painting at Sylvania, 1pm, \$10 for members
Tues 25		Thurs 27	Painting at Sylvania, 1pm, \$10 for members

Tuesday 4th November 2025 – 7pm – Critique – Tanner Tan - \$5 members and \$10 for non-members.

This is a chance to bring along some paintings for peer review and to assist in artistic development. At the end of the session a judging panel is formed and award certificates presented for **Best on Show** and **Highly Commended**. Light refreshments are also available.

Tuesday 18th November 2025 – 7pm – Tutorial – Tanner Tan – Watercolour - \$10 members and \$15 for non-members.



Tanner will follow on from his previous demonstration in Watercolour where he painted a seascape. He has provided potential attendees with drawings of the subject matter for this tutorial ensuring that they received the maximum benefit from this tuition. For those that

who were not present Tanner will assist in you drawing the subject matter. Attendees should bring along some watercolour paper, backing board, masking tape, watercolours, brushes, a pencil, water container, palette and paper towel or similar. This is a chance to learn from the master watercolourist.

Thursdays 6, 13, 20 & 27 November - \$10 - Painting at Sylvania for member - 1pm for 3 hours.

This is a social and untutored event that allows us to work on a pet project or prepare for an upcoming exhibition or swap night etc. A light supper is available.

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER, 2025 – WORKSHOP – JULIE SIMMONS – AMRA – 10AM - \$60 FOR MEMBERS - \$70 FOR NON MEMBERS.



Julie Simmons trained as a commercial artist (Graphic Artist) on leaving school. This followed working as a tracer and detail draughtsperson for an engineering company. Julie also produced exploded

view drawings for car manuals. She completed two Diplomas in pottery at Penrith Tafe and for the next 16yrs had a successful career as a studio potter.

Julie returned to painting in 2004 working primarily in watercolour, oils, acrylics and mixed media. Julie spent a lot of her time travelling in her trusty campervan 'Clarice' sketching and painting around the countryside. The sketchbooks and studies are used to produce works in her studio. Julie is the recipient of numerous awards and is a Fellow of the Royal Art Society.

Potential attendees can view Julie's works on her website www.juliesimmonsfineart.com.au.

Members and non-members interested in this workshop should contact Margaret Lacey on either 0437704865 or sidandmarg@optusnet.com.au. The cost for the workshop is \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members. Attendees will receive

further information and requirements closer to the workshop and after a deposit is paid.

December's Activities at a glance.

Tue 2	Swap night and Christmas party.	Thurs 4	No Painting as Christmas break.
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TUESDAY 2ND – SWAP AND CHRISTMAS PARTY – 7pm. Long time members will remember that around December we have the First Tuesday of the month is a swap night and the following Tuesday has been a Christmas picnic, held during the day at a parkland venue. Anyhow the decision has been made to combine these events. On this night we ask attendees to bring along a smallish painting that can be swapped with other attendees' paintings. The selection process is by way of a raffle system. You never know whose painting you might end up with, but it is fun. After this activity we will move into party mode. What will happen is that the committee will organise food and light refreshments (soft drinks and water) for our guests. We ask if you are thinking of attending, please let your committee know for catering purposes. Also, the best news is yet to come, **THIS NIGHT WILL BE FREE**, that is, no entry fee for attendees.

After we celebrate this night, we enter into our regular Christmas break. **We will not resume activities until Tuesday 3rd February 2026.** This night is usually a Critique night and a guest Critic will be John Perkins, President of the Royal Art Society. The next newsletter will be distributed in January 2026 to remind members and visitors of the upcoming activities.

Other news.

What's on.

Hazelhurst, GyMEA –

Sutherlandshire.nsw.gov/Hazelhurst

Art On Paper to 25 January 2026

Art Gallery NSW –

Artgallery.nsw.gov.au

Dangerously Modern, Australian women artists in Europe 1890 – 1940 to 1 February 2026.

National Gallery, Canberra -

Lindy Lee to 15 February 2026

Bilong Papua New Guinea – 50 years of Independence to 19 April 2026.

ACTIVITIES BY MEMBERS:

Joe Green, Richard, Astrid, Annabelle & Julia Green, Janette Rigby Sammut, Michael Rogers, and Noel Carrigg, all members, are exhibitors at The Kurnell Gallery, 6 Prince Charles Pde. Opening hours 10am to 3pm on each Saturday and Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

Art classes- Janette Rigby-Sammut. Janette is holding private classes during 2025 at her home at Miranda. This is an opportunity to learn either plein air or studio painting. Persons interested should contact her on 0402400107.

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Cheers until the next timeEditor

