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## Newsletter – July 2026

### President’s message.



While I am still away, overseas, I was made aware that our Art Group has presented a cheque for \$1,500 to Sutherland Hospital Oncology Section. Well done to everyone for their contribution to this art exhibition and of course to

the patrons and management of Cronulla RSL. I have made the comment that some of the jobs need to be shared at these exhibitions, the new labelling system appeared to work well but we just need greater lead time to lessen the stress of preparing for the display. Your committee is looking at the issue of “No Photography” at exhibitions, and I feel that we should not enforce this rule as it appears to enhance our ability to sell. Applications forms will be amended reminding artists that we will not be enforcing this rule. Maureen Lembke, our Treasurer, recently had an operation and is in recovery mode. I wish her a speedy recovery and note that she has been confined to her home. This has not stopped her from being an integral part of your management team. Thank you Maureen for your contribution.

*Peter Thorn*  
 President

### June’s events.

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 – 7pm – AGM & Critique – with Tanner Tan.

Our resident Critic, Tanner, is back and gave guidance and advice, with the assistance of the audience, on the paintings presented. Tanner made suggestions to such things as composition, subject matter, colour and tonal value. Subsequently a judging panel was formed, and they awarded Jeff



Thurkett **Best on Show** for his painting of a church building, and Julie Stanfield was awarded **Highly Commended** for her painting of a “pink parrot” in Acrylic.



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026, Tutorial – Michael Rogers – AI painting in Acrylics.**



Michael spoke about his use of Artificial Intelligence when designing a painting and his subject matter was a view at Shelley

Beach (Cronulla). Following on from his tutorial he had attendees draw up the subject matter and instructed them to use large brushes and concentrate on primary colours.

**Thursdays 4, 11, 18, 25 June – Social Painting at Sylvania.**



This daytime activity provided members the opportunity to socialise whilst attending to their current painting project. The photo depicts some of the attendees.

**July's Activities.**



*Photos above depict some of the results achieved from Michael's tutorial.*

<b>Tues</b>		<b>Thurs</b>	
		<b>2</b>	<b>Social Painting- 1pm to 4pm</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Critique – Tanner Tan – 7pm.</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>No painting due to school holidays</b>
<b>14</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>No painting due to school holidays</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Demonstration – Tracy Wilkinson – Prime Colours, wax pencils and oil pastels – 7pm - \$10 members, \$15 visitors.</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Social Painting- 1pm to 4pm</b>
<b>28</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>Social Painting- 1pm to 4pm</b>

**Tuesday 7th July 2026 – 7pm – Critique – Tanner Tan - \$5 members and \$10 for non-members.** This activity is to subject paintings to review by our resident Critic, Tanner Tan. A judging panel will be formed, and they will award paintings for **Best On Show** and **Highly Commended**. Up to 3 paintings can be presented for review ensuring that no wet works are presented. Light refreshments are available.

**Tuesday 21 July 2026 – 7pm – Demonstration – Tracy Wilkinson – Painting with wax pencils and oil pastels – \$10 members and \$15 for visitors.**



Tracy has been painting since the early 90's in acrylics, and after moving to Orange in 2006, she started painting in oils as well. About 8 years ago she was introduced to Prismacolor Wax Pencils, and it's her favourite. After

experimenting she had discovered that you can use Oil Pastels with them as well for a fabulous effect. Tracy won an award for "best in show" for one of her Prismacolor's at the Evans Art Council Exhibition in Bathurst. In July 2025 Tracy moved back to the Sutherland Shire and became President of Sutherland Shire Art Society. She hopes that everyone will enjoy the demonstration.

**Thursdays 2, 23 & 30 July – 1pm to 4pm – Social Painting - \$10 members.** This daytime activity is an opportunity for members to attend to their current or older project whilst socially reacting with other members and getting some feedback on their progression. Light refreshment is available. **NB: there is no painting in the hall on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July due to school holidays.**

### August's Activities briefly.

Tues		Thurs	
4	Critique-7pm with Tanner Tan - \$5 for members, \$10 for visitors	6	Social Painting - Sylvania, 1pm - \$10 for members
11		13	Social Painting - Sylvania, 1pm - \$10 for members
18	TBA – 7pm – \$10 members \$15 Visitors	20	Social Painting - Sylvania, 1pm - \$10 for members
25		27	Social Painting - Sylvania, 1pm - \$10 for members

### Other news.

The Southern Cross Art Group Art Show has become a valued annual event at Cronulla RSL since 2022. This year's exhibition once again transformed the Gerrale Room into a gallery space, showcasing a diverse collection of artworks from talented local artists, on display for Club members & guests. Alongside the exhibition, the Southern Cross Art Group (SCAG) continued its long-standing tradition of fundraising through raffle ticket sales. Thanks to the generosity of exhibition visitors and supporters, the group was able to present a cheque for \$1,500 to Sutherland Hospital following the 2026 exhibition. The donation will be directed towards the hospital's oncology section, helping to support patients and services within the local community. Since the partnership began in 2022, raffle fundraising conducted through the annual exhibitions has contributed more than \$4,655 to Sutherland Hospital. Cronulla RSL is proud to support community groups such as the Southern Cross Art Group, whose passion for the arts is matched by their commitment to giving back. The annual exhibition continues to provide an opportunity for local artists to share their work while making a meaningful contribution to an important local cause. We thank the Southern Cross Art Group, participating artists and everyone who attended the exhibition and supported the raffle. Pictured are SCAG Public Officer Noel Carrigg and Sutherland Hospital Community Engagement and Fundraising Manager, Lisa Black, at the cheque presentation.



**The above article was printed courtesy of the Cronulla RSL who had the article on their website.**

**In a recent article by American Wildlife Artist, Kevin Hayler after researching the subject of what art sells best? He says:** “The best way to research what kind of art sells best is to scour the big stores and high streets to see what they’re offering. They know what the public *buys* not what they appreciate, that’s an important difference. This is what I discovered in a nutshell. The most popular art subjects include traditional landscape painting, local scenery, and local landmarks. Seascapes do well, as do animals and figurative work. Art buyers like paintings with a background and composed with a distinct focal point. Bestselling wall art tends to have rich color and is representational. Of course, there is a lot more, there is size, color, and medium. Quality is the key for buyers of local art. A reliable list of subjects includes: -

- Traditional Landscapes, including impressionist
- Local Scenes and Beauty Spots
- Seascapes
- Favorite Animals wild and domestic
- Pets, especially dog breeds
- Figurative
- Naive/Primitive.”

This may be food for thought? (Editor)

## **Next Committee Meeting:**

12md at Sylvania Hall on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2026.

**Menai Marketplace exhibition – 26 to 31 October 2026.** This notice is just a reminder of our exhibition later in the year.

## **What’s on.**

**Hazelhurst, Gynea –**

[Sutherlandshire.nsw.gov/Hazelhurst](http://Sutherlandshire.nsw.gov/Hazelhurst)

**Art Gallery NSW –**

[Artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://Artgallery.nsw.gov.au)

Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prize finalists and winners.

**National Gallery, Canberra -**

[nga.gov.au](http://nga.gov.au)

Hermannsburg exhibition to 23 Aug, 26

Ngura Pulka – Epic Country to 23 Aug 26.

## **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.

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*Cheers until the next time*

*Noel Carrigg* - Editor

