



Ferry Artists Gallery - NEWSLETTER - February 2026

Presidents Report – Carol Gill



Welcome everyone to 2026 and our first committee meeting of the year. What an exciting year we have ahead of us as we move into our new era.

We have started strongly with our 3rd St Albans Village Market Day taking place on 25th January. This is an important connection between us and our community and we intend to continue this throughout this year. Our members who are regular market contributors are enjoying a day out together catching up and chatting to visitors and selling their work. Congratulations to Mim who was the lucky artist who sold paintings at this latest market!

Our artist studio visits have started really well thanks to the presentations of Rachelle in her jewellery workshop in December and Mark in his studio in January. Those of us who could attend really enjoyed seeing how these talented artists work and what inspires them to create. It's also a wonderful way to catch up and encourage each other. These days tick another important box for our artists as they step up and present to a group and contribute to the mentoring skills of our artists.

Our calendar is now filling up with events for us. Coming up first is our participation in Hornsby Shires Seniors week exhibition at Wallarobba. We are excited to be invited back again this year and for our artists 60 years and over this is a wonderful opportunity to exhibit in this beautiful historic building. The exhibition will run from 6th to 22nd March. Stay tuned for emails from Mim with delivery, opening and roster dates for your involvement.

Next at Wallarobba will be our own Ferry Artists exhibition from 27th July to 9th August. This gives all our members the chance to exhibit. Stay tuned for more details of this exhibition as we plan what we will be doing.

Then of course we hope that Hawkesbury Now at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery will run later in the year. In the meantime keep an eye on our Newsletter where we will send out a schedule of events as they start to arise.

Our exhibition and event subcommittee are working to find venues for us and there are many irons in the fire. We are on wait lists for venues and we hope to have more spaces becoming available to us as the year progresses.

The next opportunity to gather will be St Albans Village Markets on Sunday 15th February. It is important to be there for set up from 7:30am as the summertime markets start at 9am and close at 1pm.

Stay cool and stay creative everyone!

Cheers Carol.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 15th – St. Albans Village Markets

February 26th – Nicky Coady Studio Visit

March 6th-22nd – Seniors Week “Live Life in Colour” Exhibition at Wallarobba, Hornsby

27th July – 9th August – “Ferry Artists Exhibition” at Wallarobba, Hornsby

- *More events being planned*

Your Committee Members

- President – Carol Gill
- Vice President – Mellissa Read-Devine
- Secretary – Mim Allan
- Treasurer – Alicia Hollen
- General Members: Tony Simpson, Kim Hewitt, Nicky Coady, Rachelle Juter, Julia Sandford, Kate Sako

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Arty Facts...

- ❖ Colour-blind people can still see colours, however they have difficulty distinguishing between certain shades or hues. Also known as colour vision deficiency, it affects a significant portion of the population. The most common type is red-green colour blindness.
- ❖ The colour orange was named after the fruit, not the other way around.

Art Quote...

“Painting is easy when you don’t know how, but very difficult when you do”

– Edgar Degas

Edgar Degas (born July 19, 1834 and died September 27, 1917) was a French painter, sculptor, printmaker and also drew and was prominent in the Impressionist group. Degas is perhaps best known for painting ballet dancers. He often painted them backstage, getting ready for a performance.



Self-Portrait, oil on paper by Edgar Degas c1855-56



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What's been happening...

Our 1st Studio Visit

Many of our Ferry Artists enjoyed the day visiting the Rachelle Jeuter – who opened her studio and showed us one of her many talents – the art of jewellery making. Stay tuned for more details of our artists who have offered to host an open studio.



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2025 Graduate Show Exhibition – Mark Wilson

Thankyou Mark for being a fantastic guide at the University of NSW In December.

Mark walked us through most of the works from the graduating students in Art and Design. We offered a big congratulations to Mark - Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours) - who received 'Highly Commended' for his work. The journey took us through many of the creative zones of the Uni building at Paddington with space and resources most of us would dream of.



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'Taste of Wisemans' community artwork

We will soon be presenting the below community artwork to the council after a quick working bee recently to finesse it a little whilst keeping it faithful to the original community. Doesn't it look fabulous.



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Australia Day Markets at St. Albans

We had another successful market day with good sales on Sunday at St. Albans, even with the temperatures hitting over 40degrees. Luckily we were setup in the renovated barn which made it a little more comfortable. Our thanks to Pam, Allan, Rachele, Alicia, Nicky, Carol and Mim for making it a great day.



The photo was taken before Pam and Allan arrived, but what a great space and position for the Ferry Artists.

Where do some of our Artists have works on display...

- ❖ Carol Gill and Mark Wilson have been invited to exhibit in the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery's exhibition: **Home | a place we call**. 14 March – 31 May 2026. Exhibition Opening, Friday 13 March, 6-8pm
- ❖ Come visit the 'Verandah' at Beecroft Bowling Club – 128 Copeland Road, Beecroft – where you can view **Elaine Foulshams'** artworks. Elaine is the resident artist who has works permanently on display which are regularly changed
- ❖ **Elaine Foulsham** also has a solo exhibition at the Blue Mountains Heritage Centre, 207 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath between 1st February – 30th April between 9am-4pm

**drop us an email if you too have art exhibitions happening/coming up*

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