



## Ferry Artists Gallery - NEWSLETTER – September 2025

### Presidents Report September 2025 – Carol Gill



It has now been a month since we moved out of our gallery in Wisemans Ferry Central. My sincere thanks go to our dedicated members and husbands who helped with this epic move. Mim and Bob Allan, Julia and Dave Sandford, Mark Wilson and husband Garry and my husband Ian for the heavy moving and dismantling of the gallery assets on a damp and drizzly day. Thank you to Alica for helping me pack so many boxes and Mellissa, Mim, Rachelle, Mark, Nicky and Kim for their help emptying the storage shed.

It is now important to reflect and appreciate the privilege we have had having our work on display 7 days a week and not costing us anything to do so. It is also important to respect that we are all volunteers not gallerists earning an income from managing the Ferry Artists and we are still meeting monthly to make our organisation work as best as it can during this transition period.

We have elected a subcommittee who are working to locate suitable venues for pop up exhibitions. Remember this will take time as most galleries and venues are booked out 12 to 24 months in advance. If you have any suggestions or information please email them to me so I can pass them on for investigation.

Thank you to our members who offered suggestions for our future. Everything presented so far has been examined and discussed.

Our submission for the Hornsby Shire Council Destination Management Plan has been submitted. This plan is about the implementation of tourism infrastructure in the Hornsby Shire and we look forward to being included that in the coming years. Thank you to Mim and Mark who helped me put this submission together.

Coming up are the following opportunities for our member to participate in:

Taste of Wisemans a local event in the Hills Orange Blossom Festival is on Sunday 28th September. We are running a community engagement stall with some members doing demonstrations and a collaborative community artwork with other members helping on a sales table. Members who wish to participate in this event as either demonstrators or sales are invited to bring items to sell. I hope many of our members will join their fellow Ferry Artists for the day.

We have also been invited to participate in Hawkesbury Regional Gallery's Hawkesbury Now exhibition which will be held again this year from 24th October to 30th November 2025. As we no longer have a gallery HRG has generously offered us an opportunity for all our members to submit work.

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I hope to see every one of our members represented in this prestigious exhibition.

During the coming month I wish everyone well and ask you all to keep up with your best work and keep the spirit of the Ferry Artists alive for our future!

Cheers Carol.

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We have lots of fun photos to share since the June Newsletter

### Spectrum Exhibition - July

Firstly, congratulations to Amy Devine who launched her book of poetry 'Speaking of Bees'





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Followed by our 'Last Harrah' Exhibition in August – it was heartening to have so many of our members and friends at this event to support us.



## Arty Facts...

Have you ever heard of **Dr. Willard Wigan**? His art is so tiny, it can only be seen well through a microscope. His sculptures are typically placed in the eye of a needle or on the head of a pin. He must have complete control over his body and make sure he doesn't breath in at the wrong time.



## Art quote...

❖ “I dream of painting and then I paint my dream” – Vincent Van Gogh



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### Art Workshops

Are you holding an art workshop later this year? Feel free to drop Mim some details to include in our next newsletter (0418756860).

**Mellissa Read Devine** has recently held an art workshop in the Kimberly's:





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And here's an opportunity for you to combine a fabulous trip to Greece with a painting and sketching workshop with Mellissa Read-Devine next year

“7 Days On A Greek Isle”  
With Mellissa Read-Devine  
Nisyros 7 - 14 April 2026



**What's Included:**

- ✓ Traditional Airbnb 7 night accommodation (1 or 2 bedrooms)
- ✓ 6 breakfasts with local organic produce (yogurt, honey, walnuts, fresh fruit)
- ✓ 7 daily 3-hour painting workshops — explore inspiring island scenery guided by Mellissa Read - Devine
- ✓ Transfers from/to Mandraki Port on arrival and departure
- ✓ Local host support & insider island tips

**What's Not Included:**

- ✗ Flights/ferries to Nisyros
- ✗ Lunch and dinners on Days 1-6 (plenty of local tavernas nearby, budget \$30-\$50 per meal)
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Travel insurance — highly recommended
- ✗ Painting materials — (participants will be emailed a suggested materials list)

Join me with fellow travellers on Nisyros, painting and sketching the idyllic scenes the island has to offer.

**1 — Arrival**

- Arrival at Mandraki Port — transfer to your accommodation.
- 6:00 PM — Welcome drinks & dinner at a local taverna — meet your fellow guests.

**Day 2-7 — Daily Flow**

- 8:30 AM — Island breakfast with fresh local produce.
- 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM — Plein air painting and travel sketches workshop: guided by Mellissa Read - Devine..
- Afternoon — Free time to swim, explore, visit the volcano, hike around, or relax in a local café.
- Evenings — Free to dine out at nearby tavernas or join an optional group dinner (arranged locally, not included).

**Day 8 — Departure**

- Breakfast together.
- Transfer back to Mandraki Port for your ferry

Contact Eva [hello@alonisiros.com](mailto:hello@alonisiros.com) 

Or Mellissa [readdevine@aol.com](mailto:readdevine@aol.com)  
0418121833

**\$3300 per person, \$6200 per pair**

Have you got an open studio happening? If so, let Mim know for the next newsletter

## LYREBIRD GULLY STUDIO OPEN STUDIO

Join me for my annual Open Studio Weekend this year for 3 days! Come along and enjoy delicious refreshments while you browse all original art and unique handcrafted items.

**Fri 31st Oct to Sun 2nd Nov 10am-4pm**



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Save the dates for the upcoming 2025 activities and exhibitions ...

Your committee is still working hard behind the scenes to keep our organisation running so please keep making your best artworks for future exhibitions and pop-ups that are being organised.

Join The Ferry Artists and help create a collaborative community artwork at



# Taste of Wisemans



## Sunday 28th Sept 10-3pm



“ We hope... our workshop visitors will have the chance to speak with our artists and learn more about what is creatively available in our community.”

*The Ferry Artists*





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### Hawkesbury Now 2025 at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery 25 October - 30 November

This year we will be approaching this exhibition a little differently. In the past the committee has selected artists to represent the Ferry Artists but now as we no longer have a retail space we have negotiated with the Regional Gallery, and they have generously agreed, to offer us an opportunity for all our members to submit work.

Our wall artists are invited to submit 2 artworks under 100cm square and our 3D artists are encouraged to submit 2-3 works for the chance to be selected by HRG for display. Please submit work that has not previously been displayed at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery.

Please understand that Ferry Artists do not curate this exhibition. It is done so by the HRG team and not every work submitted may be displayed.

Your committee strongly encourages you all to submit work for this high-profile exhibition and members who would like to participate are asked to contact Mim or me as we will be this year's organisers. Once we have your interest, we will forward you the relevant information.

Please send your intention to [ferryartistsgallery@gmail.com](mailto:ferryartistsgallery@gmail.com) or reply to this email.

When we know who is participating, we will let you know drop off times at the gallery.

This year we will also be asking our participating members to submit to us images of the work they are entering so that we can advertise on our socials and further help promote our artists and our organisation.

If you have any queries regarding this information please don't hesitate to contact Mim or Carol and we hope to see you all represented in this well attended annual event.



*Members are invited to join us for our*

## Annual General Meeting 10am 4th December 2025

*Followed by our General Meeting*

*This is a good opportunity to meet your incoming committee members and  
enjoy a little arty Show and Tell activity!*

**We will meet in Banks Cottage behind the Medical Centre in Wisemans Ferry and  
then adjourn to the Heritage Café for lunch afterwards.**

**Please RSVP your attendance prior to [ferryartistsgallery@gmail.com](mailto:ferryartistsgallery@gmail.com)**

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