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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – November 2025.

Suddenly we've arrived at the end of 2025. Time seems to go so fast these days.

I would like to say thank you to our Committee. The members have been very supportive and helpful as we try out new ideas and plan activities. I would also like to say thank to everyone for your encouragement, especially to those who have taken on extra jobs so that the SMA may go from strength to strength.

We plan next year to continue the idea of selling raffles tickets however, they will be sold bi-monthly and the prize will be a \$50 voucher from the Artists Store in Katoomba.

We sincerely thank those who have donated this special prize.

This year we purchased a new projector and by next year, we hope that our sound system will be working properly.

Although we have had relatively small numbers for the "Paint Togethers", those who have come, thoroughly enjoyed a time of fun and of sharing their skills. Perhaps next year, more will be able to join us on the first Thursday of the month and the fourth Saturday at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts. We also plan to integrate some tutoring into these get-togethers.

The Spring Exhibition was a great success and again I would like to thank all those who took part. Next year we hope to have more exhibitions, a number of En Plein Air events, workshops and social luncheons.

If you have any ideas for promoting SMA or for including other activities in our calendar, please see one of the committee members.

I would like to wish all our members and their families a blessed and joyful Christmas.

I look forward to an exciting and promising 2026 for SMA.

Anne

Jack London:

" You can't wait for inspiration, you have to after it with a club."



MONTHLY MEMBERS EXHIBITIONS

**First Prize is a \$25 voucher, redeemable at The Artists' Store
and a Highly Commended Award.**

Entries can be any style or medium, old, or new work



October Winners

Pat Carruthers: Winter Coat - First Prize



Di Clark: Puppy - Highly Commended

November 2025 – Theme: A Touch of Red

MONTHLY RAFFLE PRIZE for 2026

**Help raise funds for the Spring Exhibition. \$2 a ticket or \$5 for 3.
\$50 Voucher to be won in February, April, June, August and October**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Reminder to Members: If your membership expired last month or this month please consider renewing it.

SPECIAL EVENTS

WORKSHOP ON MAKING AND DESIGNING CARDS

28th February 2026 Cost: \$ 40

Where: Wentworth Falls School of Arts

Time: 10am – 3pm

Morning Tea provided

Lunch: please bring something to eat at the School of Arts

Bring: Paints, pens or pencils and paper to sketch rough ideas for your cards and a water receptacle

WORKSHOP WITH ROSE GILBEY

21st March

Rose Gilbey - Fine Art Teacher

Rose grew up with art all around her. Her parents met while studying art at East Sydney Technical College so it was natural for Rose to follow in their footsteps. Rose has produced art in many forms and is not limited to the traditional painting and drawing genre for example, after leaving school she became a Florist and worked in this trade for 30 or so years. This was a career in which she could combine her creativity and her love of nature as an art form.

After having a family and while still working as a florist, she decided to pursue her formal art education. After attaining an Associate Diploma in Fine Art at the Penrith Technical college, Rose completed a B.A of Fine Art at The National Art School in Sydney, majoring in painting and drawing. Her work has been shown in group and solo exhibitions and now resides in many private collections both here in Australia and overseas.

As an artist Rose's work is often based on nature and the simple beauty of things around her. Rose has taught art at TAFE, secondary school level and in community colleges. She takes great pleasure in enhancing the natural ability of her student's using media such as graphite, charcoal, pastel and paint to name a few. Together with her ability for painting and drawing comes her love of creating and sharing her knowledge. She believes that behind every work of art there should be a strong foundation of drawing and composition

Details to be Announced at a Later Date



SMA CHRISTMAS LUNCH

12:30 – 3:00pm November 20th

Wentworth Falls School of Arts

All Members are invited to bring a plate and have a time of Fun and Celebration!

A Reminder: Mini Exhibition "A Touch of Red" - Lucky Door Prize

Raffle Tickets to Buy



To the world

Management Committee meeting: First Monday of each month. No meeting in January. Next meeting: Monday 1st December, 2025, at Katoomba RSL Club Conference room at 1.00 p.m. Note new time. All SMA members are welcome to attend.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2025

Date	Time	Event	Location
NOVEMBER 2025			
3rd November	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club Lurline St Katoomba. SMA Member's welcome
6th November 1st Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
20th November 3rd Thursday of the Month	12:30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Christmas Party Mini Exhibition "A Touch of Red"	School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls Bring a Plate of food to share Drinks provided Fun and Games also provided!
22nd November 4th Saturday of the Month	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together Morning	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
DECEMBER 2025			
1st December 1st Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba SMA member's welcome.
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FEBRUARY 2025			
2 nd February	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba SMA member’s welcome

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"Instead of 'It sucks' you could say, 'It doesn't speak to me.'"