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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – September 2026

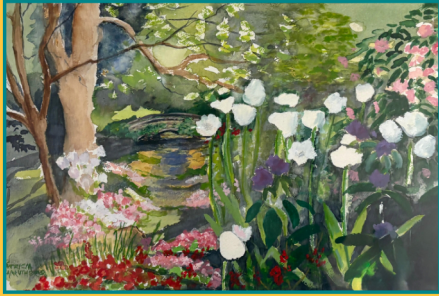


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In conjunction with Leura Fairways

SPRING 2026

Exhibition Raffle Painting

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"Springtime in Ewanrigg Garden"
by Patricia Carruthers

Admission
Free

Leura Fairways
19-21 Fitzroy Street
Leura

Daily unframed
Small Painting
Raffle Prize.

Exhibition Judges: Robyn Collier, Blue Mountains Artist
and Geoff White, Katoomba Lost Bear Gallery

EXHIBITION TIMES
Friday October 2nd
To
Sunday October 4th 10.00am to 4.00pm
Monday October 5th 10.00am to 3.00pm

Exhibition Proudly
Sponsored by:

 **Bendigo Bank**
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President's Report

My apologies again for the lateness of the September Newsletter. I have been unwell but feeling much better now.

I would like to thank all those people who were able to help when I was absent from the demonstration in September. We are finding it very difficult on the committee to cover all aspects of the work that need to be done. It would be very good if you would consider seriously joining our committee because as the number of members grows, we need more people for the committee to work effectively. The Spring Exhibition was a great success. This was a time when members could display their talents and skills for public viewing. In our October Newsletter, I will more at length about this successful Exhibition.

I look forward to the warmer weather and lots of painting.

Anne

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.

September: Transport



First Prize: Dennis West



Highly Commended: Patricia Challen

Mini Exhibition October

Mountains and Rivers

Bi-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, September and October

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Reminder to Members: If your membership has lapsed, please consider renewing it. The SMA relies on member's fees to support all activities.

Monthly Demonstration and Meeting

Thursday 15^h October 2026

Eric Hagan: Mixed Medium

Eric Hagan worked with the Fashion Industry for many years.

He will discuss his fashion illustrations and will do a portrait of one of a volunteer SMA member.

Eric Hagan is a prominent Australian fashion educator, designer, and fashion illustrator who serves as the former Head of Fashion at the [University of Technology Sydney \(UTS\)](#).

Highly regarded as a mentor to generations of emerging Australian designers, he is well-known within the fashion community for his live drawing sessions, distinct garment rendering, and [fashion illustration demonstrations](#). He frequently participates in masterclasses and cultural events, such as the *Lithgow Threads Together* history and style exhibition, where he showcases the evolving craft of fashion illustration through ink and watercolour.



**Phil Went Workshop
Long Pose Portrait
Phone Number - 0400609368
SMA Members have a discount
Workshops begin again on Tuesday 8th September**

<https://www.philwent.com.au/workshops/>



October 2026 Spring Exhibition

Our October 2026 Spring Exhibition was sponsored by **Bendigo Bank**.

Thank you to the judges for the exhibition who will be Robyn Collier, Blue Mountains Artist and SMA Patron, and Geoff White, owner of the Lost Bear Gallery, Katoomba.

The exhibition was open from Friday, 2nd October to Monday, 5th October, 10am to 4pm each day and included over 100 paintings, greeting cards and bookmarks created by our members. Entry is always free.

Patricia Carruthers won the SMArt Award for her work entitled "Springtime in Ewanrigg Garden" which was featured on the Art Show poster.

Raffle prizes were donated by Ruth Dengate and Dennis West) and Patricia's work was the major raffle prize in the Exhibition. A big thank you to these artists.



Management Committee meeting: First Monday of each month. Next meeting 3rd August 1pm. All SMA members are welcome to attend.			
ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2026			
Date	Time	Event	Location
AUGUST 2026			
31st August 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
3rd September 1st Thursday of the month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
17th September 3rd Thursday of the month	1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Demonstration Judy Denby: Creating Collages Mini Exhibition Transport	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
26th September 4th Saturday of the month	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
SEPTEMBER 2026			
12th October 2nd Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba SMA Member's welcome
1st October 1st Thursday of the month Monday of the Month	Cancelled Because of the preparation for the Spring Exhibition	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
15th October 3rd Thursday of the month	1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Demonstration Eric Hagan: Watercolour / people Mini Exhibition Mountains and Rivers	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5

24th October 4th Saturday of the month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
NOVEMBER 2026			
2nd November 1st Monday of the Month	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba. SMA Member's welcome
5th November 1st Thursday of the month	10.00-1.00 pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
19th November 3rd Thursday of the month	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Christmas Party	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
28th November 4th Saturday of the month	10.00 am- 1.00 pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
3rd December 1st Thursday of the month Last Paint Together for the year	10.00 am- 1.00 pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5