

We have kicked off the 2026 year with a very successful exhibition at the Mosman Art Gallery, which saw 83 works on display with a healthy sale of 11 works.

Our social gatherings at Frenchy's have continued this year, although numbers have been a bit low of late which we will blame on the humidity and rain.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> March, we held a demonstration by mixed media artist, Julie Anne Rogers. We have organised a demonstration on earth pastels by our talented member, Robyn Coleman, in August. In September, we see the return of Rachell Carroll, whose demonstration on gel printing last year, was so well received, we are bringing her back for a full day workshop.

There will be the addition of a couple of further demonstrations yet to be organised.

There is the potential for a small works or 9x5 exhibition to be held at the Mosman Rowers this winter. We are awaiting confirmation and dates for this.

In 2027, from March through to May, we have secured exhibition space at the Bather's Pavillion. There will be further details on this later in the year.

Our plein air program has been paused at the moment, following the retirement of Jonathan Falk, who has organised this group for many years. The committee will get together some ideas to kick start outdoor painting and drawing activities.

We hope to see the return of a periodic newsletter soon, thanks to our new committee member, Mariko, who has expressed an interest in doing this.

Finally, I am happy to announce that we have joined the Combined Art Societies of Sydney. Their membership includes Lane Cove, Kuringgai, Northern Beaches, Randwick, Central Coast and another 6 major societies. We remain an independent society responsible for our own governance, but affiliation with this collective group will provide our membership with more exhibiting opportunities throughout the year, as well opportunities to attend more workshops and art experiences.

In conclusion, a reminder that the Committee is always open to ideas and suggestions from members. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Thankyou.