

JAN/FEB/MAR 2026

# arts news

raising the profile of the arts in the Echuca Moama region

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2026!

With the beginning of a new year, we will be making some changes to our newsletter. This front page will be where we spotlight our volunteers and committee members - those familiar faces who work so hard to keep The Foundry Art Space evolving!

Our wonderful Chair, Judi Lawler, will still be checking in when necessary, and our issues will now be released three monthly.

To kick things off I am excited to introduce myself - Anna Walsh. I am a new committee member and under the guidance of the lovely Liz Dellar will also be assisting with the media side of The Foundry. Outside of this I am a mum to two little boys and an artist and designer. I have spent some years away from Echuca Moama living in both Melbourne and Geelong working as a textile designer in the commercial retail scene.

Returning home has been very refreshing and joining The Foundry has been a real highlight. Volunteering on a weekend had been a really nice way to get out of the house, meet new people and see some art.

If you're a local artist some tips I've found since returning to the area include:

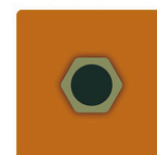
- Echuca Frames and Mirrors provide beautiful custom made framed canvas and have a very quick turnaround. Joel is always happy to help and stocks art supplies in-store.
- Nextra News agent on Hare St stock many great art supplies down the back and are happy to order stock in! They also provide a 10% discount if you sign up in store - so handy!



Anna Walsh

THE FOUNDRY

ARTS  
SPACE



ECHUCA-MOAMA

## OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE FOUNDRY:

Lets spruce up our space with a new coat of paint and some TLC! We're looking for volunteers to assist in a little bit of a glow up for our galleries.

Please get in touch with Jenny at 0428 495 497 or come along to our meeting at The Foundry on February 3 10am-11am to discuss a working bee.

Our wonderful sponsor Morrisons Winery is looking for some art to brighten up their walls. Please get in touch with Gray on 0409 368 271 or email him at [grahamhearnart@outlook.com.au](mailto:grahamhearnart@outlook.com.au) for more information. This is a Members only opportunity and will be another great avenue to share our members work with a broader audience. Thank you as always to Morrisons for their ongoing support!

Are you are willing to be involved in assisting with the organisation of the 2026 Foundry Arts Prize? Contact Sue Harrison on 0428566107 to learn more!

*'The purpose of art is to wash the dust of daily life off our souls' Pablo Picasso*

## Do you have an exhibition or creative event coming up?

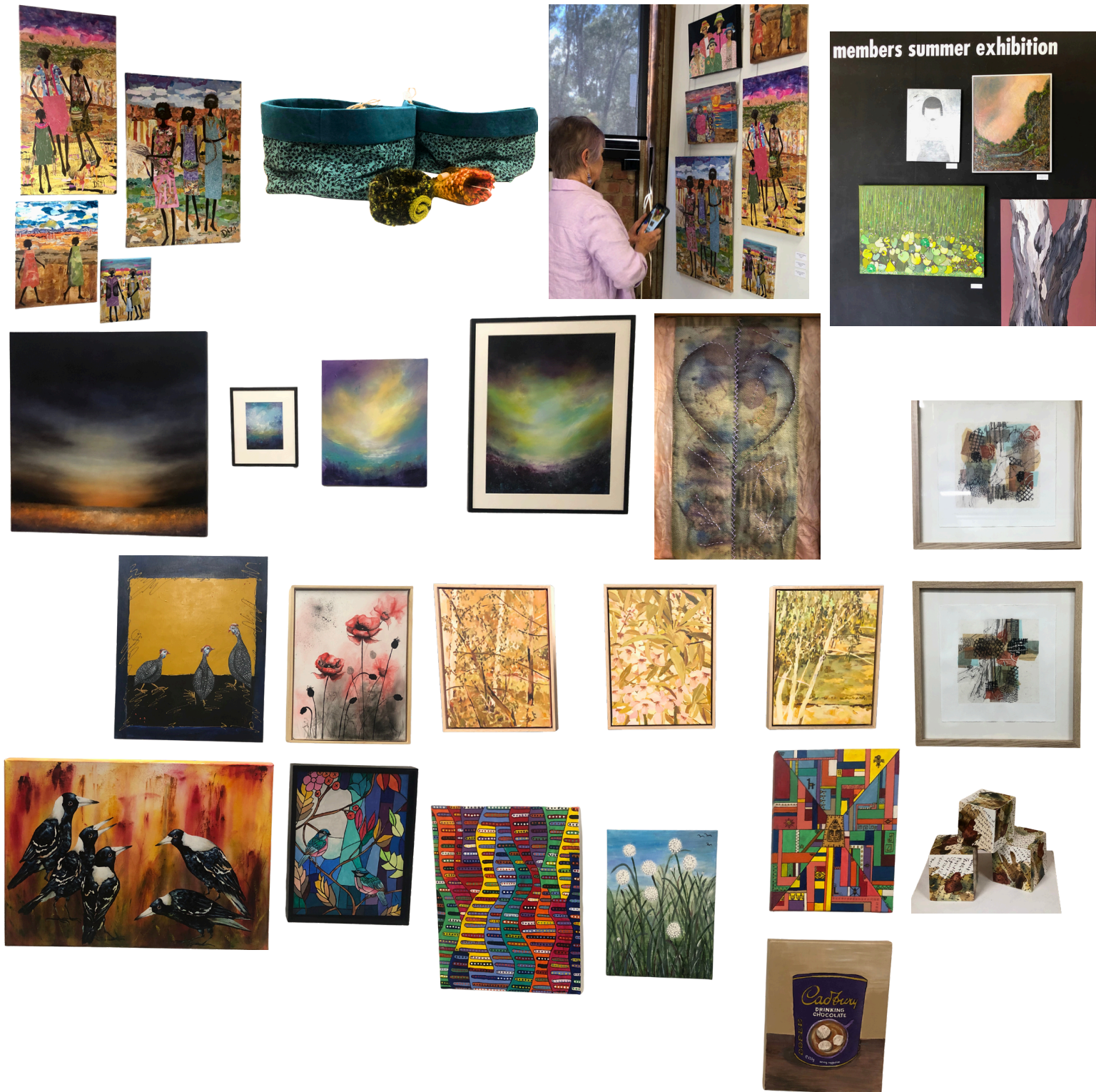
We'd love to feature it!

Please email [annammwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:annammwalsh@gmail.com) to be a part of our APR/MAY/JUNE edition of the newsletter!



Open daily 10am - 4pm.  
Closed Tuesdays except school holidays. 13 - 17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca  
[www.thefoundryartsspace.org.au](http://www.thefoundryartsspace.org.au) m: 0475 448 452  
e: [admin@thefoundryartsspace.org.au](mailto:admin@thefoundryartsspace.org.au)





### Foundry Members Summer Exhibition: 5 Dec, 2025 - 26 Jan, 2026

Our Summer Members exhibition is always highly anticipated and this year was no exception. With a number of artisans on show we saw many visitors to the gallery. Thank you to all the artists involved and to those who volunteered and kept our doors open throughout this amazing show.

We had some very hot days that saw the gallery close, despite this many pieces found homes and visitors from far and wide appreciated this display of local talent.

Keep an eye out throughout 2026 for other member only opportunities to show! Not a member but want to get involved? Pop in to the gallery for more information or jump on the website!

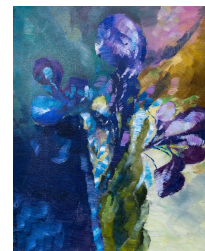
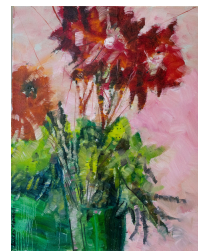
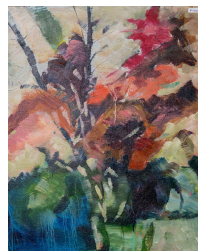




Boben Mammen

"The exhibition will mostly feature works from my Bloom\_Continues series, a large collection of expressive, textured floral studies, along with some other pieces that showcase my brushwork and practice.

The title, 'Bloom\_Continues' reflects my belief that beauty and hope endure, even as life changes shape. I learned to find beauty and optimism even when things were tough. This way of seeing became a habit and, eventually, my artistic language.



This painting explores coexistence, duality, and the layered nature of identity, which aligns well with the exhibition, 'Identity is Plural.' The exhibition shows that identity is layered, shaped by relationships, and always changing, rather than being fixed or singular."



**OPENING EVENT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
AT 2PM. ALL WELCOME!**

ARTS SPACE AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR  
EXHIBITIONS/WORKSHOPS/THEATRE PRODUCTIONS  
MUSIC PERFORMANCES/MEETINGS

THE FOUNDRY  
**ARTS  
SPACE**



ECHUCA-MOAMA

13 - 17 MURRAY ESPLANADE

ECHUCA, VIC. 3564

ADMIN@THEFOUNDRYARTSSPACE.ORG.AU

WWW.THEFOUNDRYARTSSPACE.ORG.AU

0475 448 452

OPEN DAILY 10AM-4PM

CLOSED TUESDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

FREE ENTRY



## 2026 EXHIBITION CALENDAR

THE FOUNDRY SUMMER EXHIBITION\* 5.12.25 - 26.01.26

BOBEN MAMMEN 30.01 - 01.03

LEE NELSON & BELDARI POTTERY 06.03 - 29.03

OLIVIA RAZUKI 02.04. - 03.05 GALLERY 1  
MEMBERS EXHIBITION\* 02.04 - 30.04 GALLERY2  
STUDIO ARTS TRAIL 01.05 - 03.05 GALLERY2

LINDEN LANCASTER 08.05 - 08.06

NAIDOC COMMUNITY EXHIBITION 12.06 - 12.07

2006 ART PRIZE 17.07 - 16.08

TUESDAY JUNCTION 21.08 - 13.09 GALLERY1  
MEMBERS EXHIBITION\* 21.08 - 13.09 GALLERY2

CAMPASPE YOUTH 18.09- 25.10 GALLERY1  
ANNA WALSH 18.09- 25.10 GALLERY2

GRETYL SCHILLER & MAREE SANTILLA 30.10 - 29.11

THE FOUNDRY SUMMER EXHIBITION\* 04.12.26 - 26.01.27

\*MEMBERS EXHIBITIONS ARE HELD IN GALLERY 2 OF THE  
FOUNDRY ARTS SPACE AT VARIOUS TIMES OF THE YEAR

\*OPEN TO FOUNDRY MEMBERS \*NO HIRE COST

\*COMMISSION FEE ON SOLD WORK APPLIES.

\*APPLICATION FORMS ON WEBSITE

WWW.THEFOUNDRYARTSSPACE.ORG.AU

## 2026 FOUNDRY ARTS PRIZE

People interested in assisting the Arts Prize committee will meet very soon with a view to

- establish the committee membership
- discuss budget and sponsorship
- decide on a theme for the Arts Prize
- develop a planning chart for the lead up to the prize.

We do now have a number of systems in place following the last two Arts Prize events - we will just need to review these and allocate resources.

We are looking for some new committee members. Please let me know if you are willing to be involved in assisting with the organisation of the 2026 Arts Prize.

Looking forward to meeting with you soon.

Kind regards,

Sue Harrison

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LITTLE TREE  
ECHUCA

### 2026 Little Tree Art Classes

#### Monday

3:30pm – 5:00pm | Year 3 to Year 6  
5:15pm – 6:45pm | Open Class – Ages 10 to Adults

#### Tuesday

3:30pm – 4:30pm | Prep to Year 2  
4:45pm – 6:15pm | Year 5 to Teenage

#### Wednesday

4:30pm – 6:00pm | Teenage

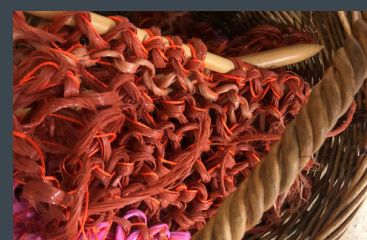
#### Term Fees

\$270 – 1 hour class  
\$360 – 1.5 hour class

*With Narges*



## Members Make it at The Foundry



Bring whatever you are working on

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
3pm - 5pm

Contact Jenny 0428 495 497





## CALLING ALL ARTISTS and MAKERS



Rochester is hosting an Exhibition for local artists, makers and creatives during the week of the Rochester Mural Festival, Sunday 22-Saturday 27th March 2026 and we want to invite you to show your works; paintings, sculptures, photographs, textiles and more! All artists welcome from 10 years of age to mature, established and amateur alike.



### How to enter your artworks:

Please read and fill out a submission form to include your name, titles of works and price of each work (if for sale). Email your entry form and high resolution photos of your works to [mythfyr12@bigpond.com](mailto:mythfyr12@bigpond.com) by Sunday the 22nd of February 2026. This information will be used in the catalogue and for promotional content. The entry fee for each work is \$5.00 which can be paid in cash on the day of artwork drop-off or via direct deposit to:

Rotary Rochester BSB 633000 Acc No 1321 85521.

Bring in your works to the Rochester Heritage Courthouse, on Sunday 8th, Monday 9th or Tuesday 10th March between 10:00am-12:00pm.

Exhibition Opening hours: Sunday 22nd March 10am-4pm

Monday 23rd-Friday 27th March 10am-5pm

Saturday 28th March 10am-4pm

Works can be collected on Sunday 29th March, 1pm-3pm, or Monday 30th March 10am-12pm.

Please contact Shaz with any questions or queries regarding your entry on: 0409 280 509.

Note: all picture frames must have attachments for hanging secured prior to submission. The Creative Seeds Committee takes a 15% commission from all sales to go towards the running of the event and restoration of the Rochester Heritage Courthouse.

### "Creative Seeds" Workshops

Light Snacks, tea and coffee provided at all workshops. Explore the Creative Seeds Exhibition too! To book, please call 0409280509 by March 21st



"Mushroom Textiles" Workshop with Sonya

Sunday 22nd March 1:30pm-4pm

\$30 per person



"Bottle Blooms" Workshop with Annie

Monday 23rd March 1pm-3pm

\$35 per person



"Northern Lights on Black Canvas" Workshop with Lynnette

Tuesday 24th March 1pm-3pm

\$35 per person



"Tea Bag Art" Workshop with Liz

Wednesday 25th March 10am-1pm

\$30 per person



"Abstract Oil Pastels" Workshop with Greta

Thursday 26th March 4pm-6pm

\$30 per person



"Buttons, Beads and Jewellery Craft" Workshop with Shaz

Friday 27th March 2:30pm-5pm

\$45 per person



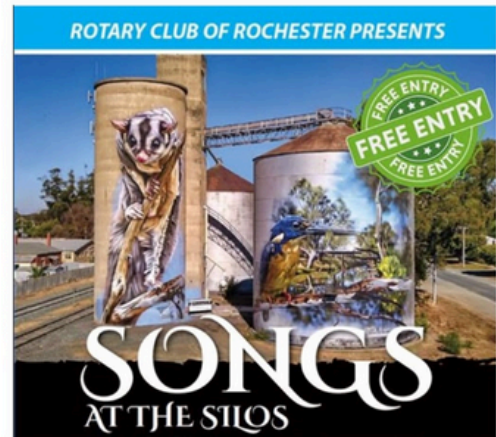
"Macrame" Workshop with Bree

Saturday 28th March 10:30am-1pm

\$60 per person

CREATIVE SEEDS

Rotary Club of Rochester



A Musical Evening featuring 8 Classical / Opera / Contemporary / Musical Theatre artists and our local girl Evie Scoble.

7th March 2026 6pm-8:30pm

BYO chairs

Food available—Lions Club of Rochester & Rotary Club of Bendigo serving gourmet BBQs; Mum & Me Coffee; Scouts—soft drinks & water

A smoke & vape free, alcohol free, pet free event



Michael Lapina

Singer/Vocalist, Tenor

Classical / Opera, Musical Theatre

Tenor Michael Lapina began his career in 1988, touring Australia and Asia in musicals before taking on leading tenor roles with Australia's top opera houses. Internationally, he's performed in Canada, Singapore, China, and New Zealand, acclaimed



Eleanor Blythman

Singer/Vocalist, Soprano

Classical / Opera, Cabaret, Musical Theatre

Eleanor is an acclaimed Australian performer whose versatility spans opera, musical theatre, and concert stages across Australia and Europe. A graduate of the Elder Conservatorium and London's Royal College of Music, she has appeared with Opera Australia in The Barber of Seville, By the Light of the Moon, and

Rotary Club of Rochester

The Rotary Foundation

Community Bank Bendigo Bank

Rotary Club of Echuca Moama

Campanse

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Neil's Transport P/L



Our 2026 artists have been selected.

Grace Murphy  
Kristina Greenwood  
Steve & Carol Monk  
Kerry Nicholson  
Gren Freeman  
Helen English  
Marco Pennacchia  
Patricia Smart & Ollie Grohs

21 March - 28 March



Art Gallery of Swan Hill

Horseshoe Bend, Swan Hill | Phone 03 5036 2430 | [artgal@swanhill.vic.gov.au](mailto:artgal@swanhill.vic.gov.au)

CREATIVE VICTORIA

SWAN HILL Rural City Council



## Kyabram Town Hall Art Group

**Come together,  
create, inspire!**


Our art group meets twice weekly on  
Tuesdays 5:30 to 7:30 pm and  
Thursdays 10:30 to 12:30pm.  
Come to one session, or both.

\$5 per session, plus \$5 annual  
membership fee.

BYO materials.  
Beginner tuition available.  
Tea/coffee provided.


FOR MORE INFO TEXT 0427 194 885

Customs House Gallery is seeking entries for our Film & Books Art Exhibition, celebrating the stories, characters and cinematic moments we love.

 Exhibition: 13 March – 10 May 2026  
 Entries close: Sunday, 8 March 2026  
 Customs House Gallery, Echuca

All mediums welcome. If film or books inspire your art, we want to see it!

For more information please contact me on 0429 869 106 or [chgalleryechuca@gmail.com](mailto:chgalleryechuca@gmail.com). 😊

 Let your art tell the story.

## DENILIQVIN *Easter* ART PRIZE



Edward River Art Society and the Rotary Club of Deniliquin  
proudly present the annual Deniliquin Easter Art Prize.

### 2026 Entries now open

Edward River Art Society and the Rotary Club of Deniliquin proudly  
present the Deniliquin Easter Art Prize in 2026.

We invite artists from across the Deniliquin region and beyond to enter,  
with \$17,500 in non-acquisitive prizes to be awarded.

Enter online at [trybooking.com/DHMSY](https://trybooking.com/DHMSY)

## Murray River Art



## Members' Spring Show

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
@ Caledonian Hotel

Local artists from Echuca, Moama,  
Bendigo and Shepparton

Open Sat / Sun 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> as well.

## Art Gallery of SwanHill ART AUCTION AND GALA DINNER

SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 - 6.30PM  
ART GALLERY OF SWAN HILL  
TICKETS \$98