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Autumn
Apr – Jul 2026



WHAT'S NEW



winter
ART
prize

PAINT. CONNECT. BE RECOGNISED

North Sydney Community Centre is proud to launch its first-ever Winter Art Prize. We're calling all painters and artists to bring this year's theme to life:

Things That Bring Us Together

With thanks to our partners:



**REGISTRATIONS
CLOSE
Fri 15 May**

**AWARD NIGHT
Fri 3 July**



Meet the Judge



Ann Cape is a painter, sculptor and educator who has shaped the Australian art community for more than 25 years. She is known for her expressive portraiture and commitment to mentoring artists at every stage of their careers. Ann brings deep studio experience and has judged leading prizes, including the North Sydney Art Prize, Hunters Hill Art Prize and exhibitions at Mosman Art Gallery.

How did your artistic journey begin?

Art spans three generations in my family. My mother, my daughter and I all attended the National Art School. I studied while working, later continued my training in London, and have balanced practice with family life ever since.

What drives your work today?

My work is figurative and gestural, grounded in years of life drawing. I'm interested in capturing presence and character rather than polished realism.

What do you value when judging an artwork?

Authenticity, confidence of mark and a clear artistic voice. I'm drawn to work that feels honest and resolved.

ANN'S CAREER AT A GLANCE

25+ YEARS professional practice
PAINTER, sculptor and art educator

TAUGHT at Royal Art Society of NSW, TAFE and Willoughby Art Centre

MENTOR to emerging and established artists

EXPERIENCED JUDGE for major Sydney art prizes



Lucy with Friend – Portrait of Lucy Culliton



Elisabeth Cummings

NEW COURSE!

Did
You
Know

Great paintings often start with a toned canvas, not white. Mid-tones make judging light and shadow much easier.



NEIL JACKSON

Artist

Neil is a portrait painter trained at North Shore and the National Art School, with further study in Florence, creating intimate, contemplative works shaped by light and shadow.

How did your artistic journey begin?

I've been drawing and painting since childhood, starting with coloured pencils and oils. In recent years I've refined my practice through formal study and specialised portrait training in Florence.

What draws you to portraiture?

I'm interested in the quiet emotional space between subject, viewer and painter. Light and shadow allow me to create moments of stillness and psychological depth.

What will students gain from this course?

Students will learn how to turn form using light and shadow — first on the Asaro Head, then on a lifelike plaster cast — building confidence in oil painting techniques.

Light & Form

Explore portrait fundamentals in oil, starting with the Asaro Head and progressing to the Venus de Milo.

Develop confident form, light and colour handling. By the end of the course, you'll have the skills to create convincing, three-dimensional portraits in oil.

PORTRAITS IN OIL: LIGHT, SHADOW & FORM

8-Week Course

Monday 5 May

1:30 – 4pm

Cost: \$405



LEARN DISCOVER CREATE



Mindful Meditation

7-Week Course

Fri 24 Apr, 11:30am–12:30pm, Cost: \$155



Double Irish Chain Quilt

4-Week Course

Sun 3 May, 10am–4pm, Cost: \$485



Bolga Basket Weaving

Workshop

Sat 20 Jun, 9am–2pm, Cost: \$390



Creative Writing: Starting Your Story

2 Sessions

Sat 30 May & 6 Jun, 10am–4pm, Cost: \$120



Introduction to Travel in China

Workshop

Fri 19 Jun, 6:30–9:30pm, Cost: \$50



Biggest Morning Tea

**EXPLORERS
PLAYGROUP**

Mon–Thu

9:30am–12pm

during school term



Come along to Explorers Playgroup for a joyful morning of play, connection and giving back. We'll be serving a complimentary morning tea with sweet treats and fresh fruit, while little ones enjoy crafts, playdough, storytime and plenty of toys to explore.

All funds raised will support the Cancer Council in their vital work.



Wed 20 May, 9:30am–12pm

Cost: \$15 per Playgroup session

Free morning tea | Donations welcome



How to make a

“MOMENTS THAT MATTER” PROJECT

Celebrate Things That Bring Us Together with your own collage!



What you need:

- 12 x 12” canvas
- Old magazines, newspapers or photos
- Scissors & glue
- Acrylic paint & brush (optional)
- Markers or paint pens

How to do it:

1. Paint the canvas background if you like and let it dry.
2. Think about what brings you together, such as family, friends, pets, music or community.
3. Cut out images and words and arrange them on the canvas.
4. Layer and glue the pieces for depth.
5. Add words or decorative touches with markers or paint.

Small Hands, Big Ideas

In Term 2, After School Care children will participate in a special art competition inspired by the Centre’s Winter Art Prize.

Beginning in Week 4, children will create original artworks inspired by the theme “Things That Bring Us Together”. Through painting and creative expression they’ll explore connection, family, friendship and community, reflecting on the people and moments that matter most.

At the end of the term, guest artist and tutor Neil Jackson will judge the entries, with one young artist awarded a special prize voucher.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE LEISURE

Mon–Fri

3–6pm

during school term



Did you know some artists add sand, salt or fabric to their paint to make bumpy, textured artworks you can almost feel!



NORTHSIDE
PRODUCE
MARKET
— SINCE 1999 —



Mike is one of only two regular stallholders, out of 70+, that don't sell food

ART TO TABLE

AUTUMN MARKET DATES

7 & 21 Mar

4 & 18 Apr

2 & 16 May



Mike Hall of Eastern Wharf Pottery is a rare non-food stallholder at Northside Produce Market, yet he speaks directly to the dining table. His artisanship and work is intrinsically connected to the way we grow, prepare and share food.

Mike's love of farm-to-table living, artisan food and sustainability aligns naturally with the values that define the market community. His "contemporary rustic" style produces handmade pieces crafted with quality, functionality and durability in mind.

Conversations with market customers and their requests continually enrich his creative process and inspire new ideas. His cups, mugs, bowls, plates, platters and more sit naturally alongside the farmers and artisan food and beverage producers, who bring the market to life.



Celebrating Community

MEN'S SING-ALONG WITH PIZZA AFTERNOON

A relaxed space for men to connect and unwind over live music, pizza and great company.

Sat 9 May
2:30–5:30pm



WOMEN'S LIFE DRAWING & WINE

Art meets connection and a glass of wine at this creative event.

Tue 16 Jun
7–9:30pm



SMALL KIT. BIG IMPACT.

Celebrate 20 years of the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia with afternoon tea and hands-on impact. Help us assemble 600+ clean birthing kits for women in developing countries. Proudly supported by the Zonta Club of Northern Sydney.

Sat 30 May, 1–4pm
Registration fee: \$5
Donations on the day welcome



YOUR NEXT PARTY SPOT



Host birthdays, events or any celebration. Scan here to book your perfect party space!

WHAT'S ON

Term 2, 2026: 18 Apr – 3 Jul

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
6.30am			Early Morning Yoga 6:30am Kayaking 6:30am (off-site)
7.00am	Tai Chi 7am	Yin Yang Yoga 7:30am	
8.45am	Qi Gong for Enhanced Mental Energy 8:45am	Stretch & Strength 8:45am	
9am	Explorers Playgroup 9:30am–12pm	Explorers Playgroup 9:30am–12pm	Stretch & Strength 9am Explorers Playgroup 9:30am–12pm Pottery 9:30am
10am	Expressive Painting 10am French Beginner 10am Staying Young & Active 10am	Italian Advanced 10am Staying Young & Active 10am Watercolours Advanced 10am	Italian Beginners 10am Body Conditioning 10:30am
11am	Fit & Fab 11:15am	Move & Grov 11:15pm	Chair Fitness Strength 11:45am
12.30pm	German Conversation 12:30pm	Zumba Gold 12:30pm	
1pm	Body Strength 1pm Portraits in Oil 1:30pm Linedance Improver 2:10pm	Linedance Beginners 1:40pm	Spanish Beginners 1pm Relaxation & Sound Healing 1:15pm
3pm	After School Care 3–6pm	After School Care 3–6pm	After School Care 3–6pm
6.30pm	Evening Yoga 6:25pm French Elementary 6:30pm Greek Beginners (online) 6:30pm Italian 6:30pm Machine Sewing Beg. 6:30pm Painting with Acrylics 6:30pm	Zumba 6:20pm Japanese Conversation 6:30pm Machine Sewing Int/Adv 6:30pm Pottery 6:30pm Spanish Beginners 6:30pm	Greek (online) 6:30pm Italian Beginners 6:30pm Linedance Beginners 6:30pm Mahjong Lvl 1, 2 & Social 6:30pm Pottery 6:30pm Ukulele Beginners 6:30pm
7pm	Tennis 6pm & 7pm (off-site) Photography Beginners 6:30pm Monday Night Choir 7:30pm		Life Drawing 7pm Linedance Improver 7:30pm

To enrol visit www.northsydneycentre.com.au or call us on (02) 9922 2299

	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7.00am	Pilates 7:30am	Mat Pilates 6:45am Strength Training 7:35am	Kayaking 7:30am (off-site) Pilates 7:30am
8am			Northside Produce Market 8am (every 1st & 3rd Saturday) Pilates 8:30am
9am	Staying Young & Active 9am Explorers Playgroup 9:30am–12pm	Music & Movement 9:30am–12pm	Guitar Intermediate 8:30am Mahjong Lvl 1, 2 & Social 9:30am Pottery 9:30am
10am	Japanese 10am Watercolours Advanced 10am Staying Young & Active 10:15am	The Beauty of Watercolours 10am You Can Draw Anything 10am	Guitar Advanced 10am Staying Young & Active 10am
11am	Fit & Fab 11:30am	Mindful Meditation 11:30am	
12.30pm	Japanese Beginners 12:30pm Zumba Gold 12:45pm	Lunchtime Choir 12:30pm Italian Beginners 12:40pm	
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3pm	After School Care 3–6pm	After School Care 3–6pm	Nurturing Self-Compassion 3:30pm Relaxation & Sound Healing 5:45pm
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7pm	Tennis 6pm & 7pm (off-site) Photography 6:30pm Go-Go Dance 7:40pm		



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new courses and
weekend workshops



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North Sydney Community Centre acknowledges the Cammeraygal people as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

