



January 2025 Newsletter

News from The Pond!



Hello Platypi!

It's Newsletter Time.
Get your cup of coffee, tea or favourite beverage and enjoy this month's installment.

See featured members and access links to various resources.

Enjoy!

[Illustration by: Chris Murray](#)

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Member News



Australia Post Stamps

Illustrated by Rosie Marshall

This Christmas will be more joyful when you use these quirky Stamps Illustrated by IA Member Rosie Marshall, bursting with character. We are happy to feature her work, and you can find

out more about this project and her practice at the next Let's Chat!

[See the Stamps on the Australia Post website](#)

IA 2023 AGM, followed by Let's Chat with Rosie Marshall via ZOOM



Introducing our AGM Guest Speaker:
Rosie Marshall



Members Only Event

Join us 12th December - 7pm AEDT

Announcing our Guest Speaker, [Rosie Marshall](#)

Join other Illustrators Australia Members for the AGM followed by an informal chat, plus a chance to meet Rosie Marshall and ask questions about her Illustration Practice.

Make sure you have this date in your diary, we will be sharing a ZOOM link for IA Members separately.

Only IA Members will be notified.

Education

Illustrators Australia committee members recently attended the Melbourne Polytechnic graduate shows in Victoria and are pleased to share more details about these courses.

[Illustration by: Ella Parsons](#)

MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC

Bachelor of Illustration

Interviews are open for the Bachelor of Illustration 2024 intake

The Bachelor of Illustration at Melbourne Polytechnic is unique in Australia. The program is located in the picturesque surrounds of Melbourne Polytechnic's Fairfield campus. It is designed for those who wish to develop their illustration skills through practice and research.



[> Register for an interview here](#)

Find out more

Below are examples of works from recent graduates of the Bachelor of illustration Course.



[Tatiana Agudelo Henao](#)



[Candela Alconada](#)

Diploma of Visual Arts – Illustration

The Preston Campus provides a condensed Course version, and a great introduction option to Illustration covering digital and traditional mediums.

[Find out more](#)

The work we saw from Students graduating from both the Bachelor and Diploma courses was diverse and of high standard. We are happy to recommend these courses to anyone looking to either start their studies, extend or refresh their skills in Illustration.

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From the Blog



by IA member Wendy Dixon Whiley.

Why we need each other

Sometimes the pieces of the puzzle come together, but it's not just luck or skill that makes this happen. We can't succeed without the help of others, and I am grateful every day for the big and small acts of generosity by others...

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Committee News



We need you

You can be a committee volunteer from anywhere in Australia! We meet online and work digitally. Being a committee volunteer is also an amazing opportunity to develop your skills and learn more about business administration, event management, marketing and more. Not to mention you get to hang with a great group of people every month.

There are also other roles the committee needs to fill.

Do you want to learn more?

Discover everything you need to know about [each role and what it entails here](#).

If you have any questions or to register your interest in a specific role, or nominate a member, please email office@illustratorsaustralia.com

Illustration by: Alex Hotchin

Exhibitions



Canberra from November 30, 2023 and will be on display for a year. See additional interstate tour dates below

Behind the lines 2023 – Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

Behind the Lines 2023 showcases the year in political cartoons.

Featuring established and emerging cartoonists from across Australia, this exhibition highlights the significant contribution they make to cultural and political debate through witty, insightful and often poignant satirical drawings, paintings, GIFs and sculptures.

For 2023 the Behind the Lines exhibition theme is 'All Fun and Games', reflecting a year where political party games were being played in parliament and featured in Australia's daily news.

Get to Canberra, view online, or see it on tour in other states during 2024

- [Cowra Regional Art Gallery](#), NSW – 7 February to 19 March

- [Old Treasury Building Melbourne](#), VIC – 20 March to 27 May
- [Parramatta Riverside Theatre](#), NSW – 28 May to 3 July
- [Parliament of New South Wales](#), NSW – 3 July to 2 August
- [The Hawke Centre](#), SA – 30 August to 1 November

[Find out more](#)

Industry Bites!

Illustration by: Inês Viegas Oliveira



Entries Close January 15th

The Little Hare Illustration Prize

Hardie Grant Children's Publishing has announced that the 2023 Little Hare Illustration Prize is now open. Awarded biennially, the prize is open to aspiring picture-book artists across Australia and New Zealand.

[> FIND OUT MORE](#)



8-11 April 2024 | Bologna – Italy

Bologna Children's Book Fair

The Bologna Children's Book Fair is an industry leading event that has succeeded in bringing together a unique and diverse global audience thanks to **60 years experience**.

Get your early bird tickets by 09/02/2024

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Join or Renew your Membership

Don't let your Membership lapse

A reminder to keep your membership up to date to enjoy all member benefits.

Illustrators Australia is open to all Australian and New Zealand residents, or Australian and New Zealand illustrators working overseas. We welcome all types of illustration from traditional to digital and we'd love to have you!

[Check out our full range of benefits and memberships here](#)

Newsletter Articles



Illustration by: Richard Morden

Share your Achievements – Get featured in the next Newsletter

We always find it so inspiring to see such beautiful artwork created **by our members**, but we probably don't see it all.

Have you been shortlisted or received an award, or have a book that has been recently released? Send the details to office@illustratorsaustralia.com and help us share and celebrate the good news in our next newsletter.

Thanks Platypi!

Thanks to IA members

Chris Murray, Richard Morden, and Alex Hotchin for contributing with the use of their illustrations in this collection of Platypi news.

And thank you to everyone for reading & illustrating!



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