



**June 2025, News from the
Pond**

Membership Drive 2025



Hello, fellow Platypi!

Get your cup of coffee, tea or favourite beverage and enjoy this month's instalment.

[Illustration by the Featured Member: Andrew McIntosh](#)



Ambi Sun

Featured Member

Ambi Sun is a graphic designer and illustrator originally from Malaysia, now calling Melbourne home. Her style is super detailed and often includes flowers and stars in her artwork.

Combining her fascination with symbolism and her love for animals and art, she created the Oriens Animal Tarot deck, which is now published globally by Rockpool. Her work has been featured in the Light Grey Art Lab exhibition, as well as in Illustration West and Nova & Mali.

[See Ambi Sun's work here](#)

Competitions



Applications Open until 31st July

To celebrate 60 years, Eckersley's Art & Craft is launching the Eckersley's Art & Craft Prize 2025, featuring a prize pool of \$25,000!

Illustrators are invited to submit all types of 2D and 3D artworks created with analogue art materials. Finalists and winners will be showcased in a group exhibition at the Hazelhurst Arts Centre in Sydney during Spring 2025.

\$25,000 in Prizes to be won!



Ilustrofest in Belgrade

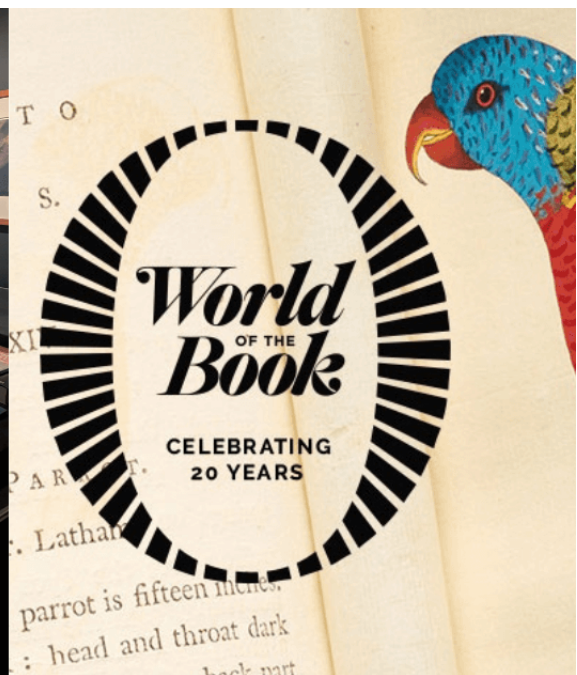
From July 11 to 18, 2025, the seventh International Festival of Illustration **Ilustrofest** will be held in Belgrade.



Hornsby Art Prize 2025

Celebrating Australian Contemporary Art this competition is open to all Australian residents aged 18 years and over. Categories include Painting, Drawing and more.

Industry Bites



World of the Book - Melbourne

Remembering the past on the first week of Membership Drive

State Library Victoria, from 2025 31 May 2025 to 17 May 2026

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the history of illustration worldwide, showcasing how images bring stories and all types of books to life from early times to the present.

If you live in Melbourne, this could be a great way to spend a few hours in one

of the city's iconic buildings. However, if you're living outside of Melbourne, don't worry—this exhibition will be available for a whole year!

Celebrating its 20th year, Australia's longest-running and most popular book exhibition showcases over 300 rare, remarkable, and historically significant items from the State Collection. You will find rare books such as: an illuminated manuscript created for a Medici, fan art inspired by Andy Griffiths' *Treehouse series*, The Evolution of Manga – From Hokusai to *Astro Boy*, and even an early illustration by E. H. Shepard of *Winnie-the-Pooh*, among many others.

FIND OUT MORE



Three times this month!

Let's Draw goes weekly throughout the Membership Drive

Meet up with fellow illustrators for evenings of relaxed drawing and chat, on Thursdays in June, from 7.30pm (AEST).

To tie-in with this year's Drive theme, inspiration for the three-part Draw will be linked by our trusty mascot moving through time: **Retro Platty in week 1; Thoroughly Modern Platty in week 2; and Future Platty in week 3!**

All interpretations welcome! (And of course working totally outside the theme is absolutely fine too - from doodling at random to finishing commissions, feel free to drop in, no matter what your project.)

See you for a sketchy sesh on Thursday - just follow the Zoom

link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81211140122>

Join or Renew your Membership Today



Membership Drive June 9-30th 2025!

- Participate in Illustrators Australia events and opportunities
- Connect with other illustrators, industry contacts and build community
- Contribute, advocate and create through involvement in the organisation and committee.
- Prizes and discounts on goods and services from industry partners
- Showcase your portfolio and profile and become part of the leading illustrator organisation in Australia and New Zealand

We're excited to announce the return of our successful Membership Drive for its second year! The three-week program centered around the themes of **the past** (first week), **the present** (second week), and **the future** (third week).

Join us for three weeks of events showcasing the benefits of being a member of Illustrators Australia. Enjoy discounts, prizes, free events, and opportunities to connect with other illustrators. Members can create an online portfolio from our website, access valuable resources, network, and receive discounts at art supply stores, printers and more!

BECOME A MEMBER

Committee News

Illustrators Australia is excited to be in the process of booking an exhibition in Melbourne at the end of the year! It's going to be a big endeavor with artworks coming from all over Australia and New Zealand. To pull this off we NEED a TEAM of talented volunteers! A great experience to be had - from promo to admin, hanging the show to staffing it.

Let us know if you want to join the Exhibition Team! **Volunteer positions are open now**

Contact office@illustratorsaustralia.com

YouTube



Illustrators and Animators, share your work on our YouTube Channel

If you're an Illustrators Australia member, you can showcase your art, animations, and illustrations on our YouTube channel.

Send videos or links for download to our email, or directly to the committee member

Chris Murray, at chrismurrayillustrator@gmail.com.

Member discounts from these business:

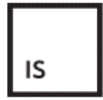


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Member Benefits

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!

[Benefits and memberships here](#)

Join Illustrators Australia

Thanks Platypi!

Thanks to Illustrators Australia members

Chris Murray and **Richard Morden**, 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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