



November 2024 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 instalment.

See featured members and
access links to various
resources.

Enjoy!

[Illustration by: Chris Murray](#)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) update



Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the AGM on October 22nd because we failed to reach a quorum – by two people!

Although the AGM was not able to go ahead, we enjoyed listening to our guest speaker, [Erica Wagner](#), who gave us some excellent advice on how to

approach publishers. Erica's presentation will be uploaded to our Members Only YouTube channel very soon.

We will now be holding the final AGM on **Tuesday 21st November**. We hope to see more of you there!

[Artwork by Erica Wagner](#)

Member Spotlight – Ingrid Bartkowiak



[Artwork by Ingrid Bartkowiak](#)

Based in Brisbane/Meanjin, **Ingrid Bartkowiak** is an artist and illustrator who works primarily in watercolour. Her hand painted work features native Flora, Fauna and Fungi. Ingrid has a fascination with all things small and intricate, from tufts of moss on a footpath to the fungi sprouting from a wombat dropping. At a young age, she discovered painting as an intimate way of connecting with nature. Inspired by botanical illustration and the Arts & Crafts movement, Ingrid's technique makes use of the watercolour medium through tiny patterns, exquisite detail, and vivid blocks of colour.

Since graduating from QCA in 2019, Ingrid has worked across a diverse array of projects, including picture book illustration, murals, packaging designs and even pet portraits. She has worked with clients such as New Farm Confectionery, Biome, Brisbane City Council and exhibited in galleries and group shows across Australia.

Ingrid will be selling her work at **three markets** in Brisbane over November and December. [Read more](#)

Welcome to Illustrators Australia

A big welcome to our new/returning members

Paola Castro, Kaye Lister, aleisha zappia and Lorenzo Rodas.

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](#)

Let's Draw | Members Only | Last week of November

Online IA Drawing Evenings

Join us for our upcoming drawing gathering with other IA illustrators via Google Meet video call!

The event will be held in the **last week of November**. The day and time will be announced towards the end of the month.

All members are welcome to join us for this fun, casual evening of drawing and chatting, hosted on Google Meet. Bring your projects or do a drawing just for fun! Inspiring prompts provided, experimentation encouraged, or just do your own thing! Chat and connect with other illustrators while you work in a relaxed and friendly space.

This is a Members Only monthly event – the link will be available closer to the date on the Members Only Facebook page.

[Illustration by: Katiebell](#)



Member News



Hurry!

Last days to catch [Emma Stuart's](#) exhibition, **Walking Bainggug**, at [Chapman & Bailey](#) Gallery. The exhibition closes November 9.

Chapman & Bailey
1C Marine Parade
Abbotsford VIC 3067

Industry bites



Deadline extension for Illustration West 63

The Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles has extended the deadline for the competition to **November 16**, so there's still time to get an entry in!

[Read more](#)



Laugh Your Arts Off

Sydney-siders, head down to [Laugh Your Arts Off](#), where local stand-up **comedians** will dazzle you with comedy gold for ONE NIGHT ONLY.

All proceeds help to fund the essential work of **Arts Law**, Australia's only national community legal centre for artists and arts organisations.

7pm, Wednesday 13th November

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.

Do you have a video showing your studio, your practice or process?
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, Katie 'Katiebell' Roberts, Erica Wagner, Ingrid Bartkowiak, Emma Stuart and Richard Morden for contributing with the use of their illustrations in this edition of Platypi news.

And thank you to everyone for reading & illustrating!



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