



September 2025, News

News from The Pond!



Hello, fellow Platypi!

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

Illustration by the Featured Member: Tonia Composto



TONIA COMPOSTO

Featured Member

Tonia Composto is an Australian illustrator, graphic designer and printmaker, based in Torquay, Vic.

Tonia's illustration universe is full of colour, humour, irony and explosive energy. She is known for her expressive shapes, limited colour palettes, and printmaking-inspired graphic artwork.

She illustrates for events, advertising, packaging, children's education & publishing, lifestyle, editorial, info-graphics, promotion and public art.

Tonia is the creator of GoGo Zine, a 16 page fully illustrated mini mag for kids and zine collectors.

[See Tonia's work here](#)

Industry Bites



Papercuts Comic Festival

Papercuts Comics Festival is a celebration of comics and graphic novels in Adelaide, South Australia. It has been held biennially since September 2019. It aims to promote awareness of comics and graphic novels as an artistic and

literary medium, showcase members of the local creative community, connect creators with one another, and help creators reach new audiences.

12-14 September - University of Adelaide

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Sketch and Scribe Fest

The **Sketch and Scribe Festival** is for children's illustrators and writers wanting to connect and learn from publishers and published experts. Events include workshops with publishers/illustrator expert in a Coaching Camp, in-person & online professional developmental days filled with publisher and expert panels, workshops, masterclasses and tech talks, writing competitions, illustrator exhibition, publisher/agent pitch sessions.

Pitch sessions on-line 1-19th September

In-person events 11-12 October – Jan Juc SLSC, Jan Juc VIC

On-line events 18-19th October plus recordings.

Tickets on sale **www.sketchandscribefest.com**

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Experimental Print Prize 2025



Castlemaine Art Museum

Castlemaine Art Museum is pleased to announce the fourth Experimental Print Prize (EPP).

Established in 2019, the biennial prize is open to artists residing in Victoria. Initiated and funded originally by Michael Rigg, the prize now evolves to a platform supported by many. Through their generous support, three prizes are offered: \$10,000, \$5,000 and \$3,000 for an emerging artist.

Entries Close: 28 September 2025

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Our YouTube



GUEST SPEAKER TALKS ON OUR YOUTUBE

As part of our Membership Drive, we hosted 3 guest speakers. Our guest speaker/Illustrator talks are usually members only, but as part of our membership drive, we have made them available to all lovers of art and illustration. Also a special thanks to [Ari Chand](#) for hosting the talks.

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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.

Check out other members' work here: [Illustrators Australia - YouTube](#)

VISIT OUR YOUTUBE

Join or Renew your Membership

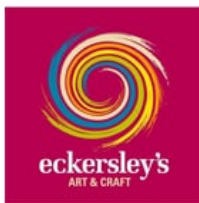
Join a community of illustrators, artists and designers

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

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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!

A big shout-out to everyone who helped with our Membership Drive!

Thanks to all Illustrators Australia members, new and old. We're all playing our part in raising the profile of illustration within Australia and beyond.



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