

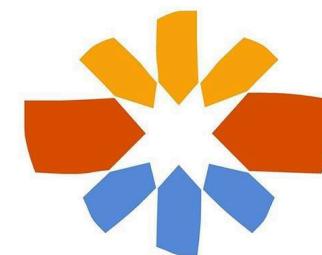


**Yarta Purtli Art Gallery**  
**Art Experience's**  
**Over 50's**

**January - October 2026**

**Program**

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# AGE FRIENDLY ARTS PROGRAM 2026

**Free art workshops for people aged 50 and over**

**Proudly supported by Port Augusta City Council**

Since its inception in November 2024, the Age Friendly Arts Program has welcomed over 1,160 residents into a world of creativity, connection, and community spirit.

Originally funded by the Office for Ageing Well, the program took a major leap forward when Potentia Energy came on board as a principal sponsor in July 2025; funding the program through to December 2025. Their generous support has not only sustained the program but allowed it to expand —

reaching more residents, offering new art forms, and deepening community connection.

Thanks to Port Augusta City Council's ongoing commitment of this highly successful program; it will continue to thrive into 2026.

The Council's leadership ensures that participation remains free, inclusive, and accessible to all residents aged 50 and over — enriching lives through creativity and companionship.

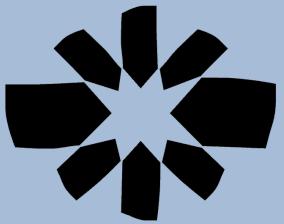
Each class includes morning or afternoon tea, offering a relaxed opportunity for participants to chat, share experiences, and build lasting friendships alongside their creative practice.

## Why It Matters

The Age Friendly Arts Program has become a vital social and wellbeing initiative in Port Augusta.

Participants report stronger connections, improved mental health, and greater confidence — outcomes that speak to the power of art in fostering inclusion and resilience.

This is more than an art program — it's a community movement that celebrates older adults as lifelong learners, creators, and contributors.



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# THE CLASSES

## Colour Club

**Relax, unwind, and colour your way to calm.**

Colour Club is a social and creative space where participants enjoy gentle, mindful colouring sessions designed to encourage relaxation and conversation. Each class features new designs and themes, allowing participants to explore colour, pattern, and creativity at their own pace. Perfect for beginners and those seeking a friendly, low-pressure way to connect with others and boost wellbeing. Morning tea is provided — come for the art, stay for the company.

## Art Classes

**Guided sessions to grow your artistic confidence.**

Led by our arts officer Christie Mitchell, these structured workshops introduce participants to new techniques in acrylic and watercolour painting. Each class focuses on developing artistic skill, confidence, and individual expression. With all materials provided, participants can simply arrive ready to learn, explore, and create in a supportive and inclusive environment. Suitable for all experience levels — no prior art training required.

## The Studio

**Create, refine, and prepare for exhibition.**

The Studio offers a deeper artistic experience for those wishing to take their creativity further. Over a series of connected sessions, participants develop a single, exhibition-quality artwork under the guidance of experienced facilitator - Christie Mitchell. Focused on acrylic/mixed media and watercolour/mixed media techniques, these sessions encourage refinement, experimentation, and personal expression. Completed works will be showcased in the Age Friendly Arts Exhibition in October–November 2026.

## Colourful Creations

**Hands-on projects to spark creativity and fun.**

Colourful Creations invites participants to experiment with a wide variety of artistic activities — from gnome painting and Zentangle drawing to floral sketching and decorative crafts. These guided sessions build skills, confidence, and creativity while encouraging laughter and connection. Each class is relaxed, social, and designed to be both achievable and inspiring. Afternoon tea is included for a friendly, shared experience.

**Tuesdays 10am - 12pm**

**Wednesdays 11am - 2pm**

**Wednesdays 9:30am-12pm  
OR 1pm-3:30pm**

**Thursdays 1pm - 4pm**

# MONTHLY SNAPSHOT OF CLASSES

## January

Tue 20th Jan – Colour Club  
Thu 22nd Jan – Colourful Creations: Zentangles  
Wed 28th Jan – Art Class: Acrylic on Canvas

## February

Tue 3rd Feb – Colour Club  
Thu 5th Feb – Colourful Creations: How to Draw Flowers  
Wed 11th Feb – Art Class: Watercolour  
Tue 17th Feb – Colour Club  
Thu 19th Feb – Colourful Creations: Decoupage Tin Can Planters  
Wed 25 Feb – Art Class: Acrylic on Canvas

## March

Tue 3rd Mar – Colour Club  
Thu 5th Mar – Colourful Creations: Gnome Painting  
Wed 11th Mar – Art Class: Watercolour  
Tue 17th Mar – Colour Club  
Thu 19th Mar – Colourful Creations: Zentangles  
Wed 25th Mar – Art Class: Acrylic on Canvas  
Tue 31st Mar – Colour Club

## April

Tue 7th Apr – Colour Club  
Thu 9th Apr – Colourful Creations: How to Draw Leaves  
Wed 15th Apr – Art Class: Watercolour/mixed media (World Art Day)  
Tue 21st Apr – Colour Club  
Thu 23rd Apr – Colourful Creations: Gnome Painting

## May

Tue 12th May – Colour Club  
Thu 14th May – Colourful Creations: Zentangles  
Tue 26 May – Colour Club  
Thu 28 May – Colourful Creations: How to Draw Flowers

## June

Tue 9th Jun – Colour Club  
Thu 11th Jun – Colourful Creations: Decoupage Tin Can  
Tue 23rd Jun – Colour Club  
Thu 25th Jun – Colourful Creations: Pastels

## July

Wed 9th Jul – The Studio: Watercolour/mixed media  
Wed 22nd Jul – The Studio: Watercolour/mixed media

## August

Wed 5th Aug – The Studio: Watercolour/mixed media  
Wed 19th Aug – The Studio: Watercolour/mixed media

## September

Wed 9th Sept – The Studio: Acrylic/Mixed Media on Canvas  
Wed 23rd Sept – The Studio: Acrylic/Mixed Media on Canvas

## October

Wed 7th Oct – The Studio: Acrylic/Mixed Media on Canvas  
Wed 21st Oct – The Studio: Acrylic/Mixed Media on Canvas  
Fri 30th Oct – Program Exhibition Opening Night – Yarta Purtli Art Gallery

## November

30th Oct – 20th Nov Age Friendly Arts Exhibition

# HOW TO BOOK YOUR CLASSES

## Colour Club

Relax, unwind, and colour your way to calm.

**Bookings at**  
[www.trybooking.com/DHOPY](http://www.trybooking.com/DHOPY)

**Scan QR code to book**



OR call our friendly team  
on 0458 868 282

Morning Tea Provided

## Art Classes

Guided sessions to grow your artistic confidence.

**Bookings at**  
[www.trybooking.com/DHUOJ](http://www.trybooking.com/DHUOJ)

**Scan QR code to book**



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BYO Lunch

## The Studio

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**Watercolour Bookings at**  
[www.trybooking.com/DHUPU](http://www.trybooking.com/DHUPU)

**Acrylic Bookings at**  
[www.trybooking.com/DHURS](http://www.trybooking.com/DHURS)

**Scan QR code to book**



Watercolour



Acrylic

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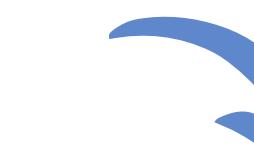
Morning/Afternoon Tea  
Provided

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Afternoon Tea Provided

# JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4	5	6	7	1	2	3
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Booking openings

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# FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Colour Club 10am-12pm	4  bookings open for 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5 How To Draw Flowers 1pm-4pm	6	7
8	9	10  bookings open for 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11 Watercolour Art Class 11am-2pm	12  bookings open for 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	13	14
15	16	17 Colour Club 10am-12pm	18  bookings open for 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	19 Tin Can Planters 1pm-4pm	20	21
22	23	24  bookings open for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	25 Acrylic Art Class 11am-2pm	26  bookings open for 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	27	28

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# MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Colour Club 10am-12pm	4  bookings open for 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	5 Gnome Painting 1pm-4pm	6	7
8	9	10  bookings open for 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11 Watercolour Art Class 11am-2pm	12  bookings open for 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	13	14
15	16	17 Colour Club 10am-12pm	18  bookings open for 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	19 Zentangle 1pm-4pm	20	21
22	23	24  bookings open for 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	25 Acrylic Art Class 11am-2pm	26	27	28
29	30	31 Colour Club 10am-12pm				

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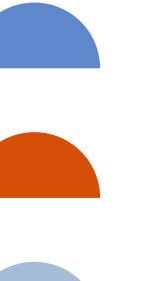
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# APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>31 MAR</b> bookings open for 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> bookings open for 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Colour Club 10am-12pm	<b>8</b> bookings open for 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>9</b> How To Draw Leaves 1pm-4pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> bookings open for 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	<b>15</b> Watercolour/ mixed media 11am-2pm	<b>16</b> bookings open for 23rd Apr	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Colour Club 10am-12pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Gnome Painting 1pm-4pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	 <p>We celebrate World Art Day at our Watercolor/mixed media art class on the 15<sup>th</sup> April</p>	

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# MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5  bookings open for 12 <sup>th</sup> May	6	7  bookings open for 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	8	9
10	11	12 Colour Club 10am-12pm	13	14 Zentangles 1pm-4pm	15	16
17	18	19  bookings open for 26 <sup>th</sup> May	20	21  bookings open for 28 <sup>th</sup> May	22	23
24	25	26 Colour Club 10am-12pm	27	28 How to Draw Flowers 1pm-4pm	29	30

## Booking openings

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# JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>2</b>  bookings open for 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  bookings open for 11 <sup>th</sup> Jun		
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Colour Club 10am-12pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Decoupage Tin Can 1pm-4pm	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  bookings open for 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  bookings open for 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Colour Club 10am-12pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Pastels 1pm-4pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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## Booking openings



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Colourful Creations



Art Classes



The Studio

## Classes



Colour Club



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Art Classes



The Studio

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# AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31					1
2	3	4	5 THE STUDIO Watercolour 9:30am-12pm or 1pm-3:30pm	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Watercolour 9:30am-12pm or 1pm-3:30pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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# SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  bookings open for THE STUDIO Acrylic/Mixed	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> THE STUDIO Acrylic/Mixed 9:30am-12pm or 1pm-3:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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## Booking openings

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## Notes

# OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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18	19	20	21 THE STUDIO Acrylic/Mixed 9:30am-12pm or 1pm-3:30pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30  Exhibition Opening Night	31

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# THE STUDIO

**Wednesdays (9:30am–12:00pm OR 1:00pm–3:30pm)**

Create, refine, and prepare for exhibition.

The Studio offers a deeper, more immersive artistic experience for participants wishing to advance their skills and create a fully resolved artwork for public exhibition and sale.

Working in small groups of only 10 participants, each artist receives personalised guidance from facilitator Christie Mitchell, developing confidence and technical skill in a supportive and focused environment.

Over four structured sessions, artists learn what is involved in preparing artwork for a professional exhibition — including concept development, canvas preparation, framing, finishing, and presenting work for sale.

**Participants select one dedicated art stream:**

**Acrylic & Mixed Media on Canvas (4 sessions)**

Explore acrylic painting, texture, layering, and mixed media while developing a 50cm x 50cm canvas ready for exhibition.

**Watercolour & Mixed Media on Parchment Paper (4 sessions)**

Create a refined A2 watercolour artwork using washes, detail, and colour harmonies, guided step-by-step through the process.

**What's Included**

- ✓ All materials and professional-quality frames
- ✓ Morning or afternoon tea
- ✓ Expert mentorship from Christie Mitchell
- ✓ Guidance on preparation, presentation, and finishing techniques
- ✓ Support to produce an exhibition-ready artwork

**Commitment to all sessions is required (see in brochure for all session dates and times)**

**Participation in The Studio includes a commitment to exhibit the completed artwork in the Age Friendly Arts Exhibition at Yarta Purtli Art Gallery in October–November 2026.**

# IF MY FRIENDS COULD SEE ME NOW

## Art Exhibition

**If My Friends Could See Me Now** is a joyful celebration of creativity, courage, and community.

Presented by participants of the Age Friendly Art Classes and The Studio, this exhibition showcases the incredible talent of older artists from across Port Augusta who have spent the past year learning, experimenting, and pushing their creative boundaries.

Every artwork represents a personal journey — a moment of discovery, a return to creativity, or the achievement of something participants never imagined they could do. Through acrylic, mixed media, and watercolour, these artists share stories of resilience, friendship, and the surprising possibilities that unfold when people are given the space to grow.

The exhibition title reflects a shared sentiment expressed by many participants:

“I never thought I’d be making art like this. If my friends could see me now...”

It captures the pride, joy, and transformation that the Age Friendly Arts Program has helped spark.

Developed through guided workshops — from concept and composition to framing and presentation — every piece in the exhibition has been created with intention and care. The works on display are not only a testament to artistic skill, but to connection: classmates who became friends, conversations over morning tea, and the creative community that has grown within Yarta Purtli’s walls.

All artworks are available for sale, with proceeds supporting the artists and helping to sustain future Age Friendly Arts programming in Port Augusta.

Join us on Opening Night, 30 October, to celebrate the achievements of our remarkable artists and experience firsthand the magic of creativity at any age.

**30TH NOV**  
  
Exhibition  
Opening Night

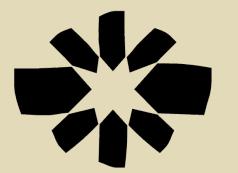
The **People's Choice Award** celebrates the artwork that resonates most strongly with the community — the piece that moves, inspires, or simply delights the greatest number of visitors.

The artist whose work receives the most votes will be awarded a \$500 prize at the conclusion of the exhibition.



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# NOTES



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