AGE FRIENDLY ARTS PROGRAM

EXTENDED

January - December 2026 Program

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Free art workshops for people aged 50 and over

Proudly supported by Port Augusta City Council and Potentia Energy

Since its inception in November 2024, the Age Friendly Arts Program has welcomed more than 1,400 residents into a vibrant world of creativity, connection, and community spirit.

Originally funded by the Office for Ageing Well, the program received a significant boost when Potentia Energy came on board in July 2025, supporting the program through to December 2025. Their generosity enabled the program to expand — reaching more participants, introducing new art forms, and strengthening the sense of community that has grown around the workshops.

We are delighted to share that Potentia Energy has now committed further funding, allowing the program to continue welcoming guest artists to lead special workshops and extend activities through to December 2026, creating over 50 classes.

Combined with the ongoing commitment of Port Augusta City Council, this much-loved program will continue to thrive. Council's leadership ensures the program remains free, inclusive, and accessible to residents aged 50 and over, enriching lives through creativity, learning, and companionship.

Each class includes morning or afternoon tea, providing a relaxed opportunity for participants to connect, share stories, and build 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

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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.

Tuesdays 10am - 12pm

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.

Wednesdays 11am - 2pm

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.

Wednesdays 12:30pm-3:30pm

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.

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 POSTPONED

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: Zentangle Plant Pots
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
Wed 20th May – *(Make-Up class from 28th Jan)*
Tue 26th May – Colour Club
Thu 28th May – Colourful Creations: How to Draw Flowers

June
Tue 9th Jun – Colour Club
Thu 11th Jun – Colourful Creations: Intro to Pastels
Wed 17th Jun – Sculpture Class with Lisa Wood
Tue 23rd Jun – Colour Club
Thu 25th Jun – Colourful Creations: Paint Leafs

July
Wed 9th Jul – The Studio: Acrylic/mixed media
Tue 14th Jul – Colour Club
Thu 16th Jul – Colourful Creations: Intro to Pastels
Wed 22nd Jul – The Studio: Acrylic/mixed media

MONTHLY SNAPSHOT OF CLASSES

August
Tue 4th Aug – Colour Club
Wed 5th Aug – The Studio: Acrylic/mixed media
Wed 12th Aug – Acrylic Class with Joel Plevin
Wed 19th Aug – The Studio: Acrylic/mixed media
Thu 20th Aug – Colourful Creations: Zentangles

September
Thu 3rd Sept – Colourful Creations: Mystery Box
Wed 9th Sept – The Studio: Watercolour/Mixed Media on Canvas
Wed 16th Sept – Lino Printing with Georgia Ellie
Wed 23rd Sept – The Studio: Watercolour/Mixed Media on Canvas
Tue 29th Sept – Colour Club

October
Thu 1st Oct – Colourful Creations: Zentangles
Wed 7th Oct – The Studio: Watercolour/Mixed Media on Canvas
Tue 13th Sept – Colour Club
Tue 14th – Sculpture Class with Lisa Wood
Wed 21st Oct – The Studio: Watercolour/Mixed Media on Canvas
Fri 30th Oct – Program Exhibition Opening Night – Yarta Purtli Art Gallery

November
30th Oct – 20th Nov Age Friendly Arts Exhibition
Tues 3rd Nov – Colour Club
Thu 5th Nov – Colourful Creations: Zentangles
Wed 11th Nov – Pastels Art Class with Christie Mitchell
Tues 17th Nov – Colour Club
Thu 19th Nov – Colourful Creations: Surprise Class
Wed 25th Nov – Acrylic Art Class with Christie Mitchell

December
Thu 1st Dec – Colourful Creations: Christmas Tree Painting
Wed 7th Dec – Christmas Lunch
Tues 13th Dec – Colour Club
Thu 15th Dec – Colourful Creations: Christmas Tree Painting

HOW TO BOOK YOUR CLASSES

Colour Club

Relax, unwind, and colour your way to calm.

Bookings at
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

Scan QR code to book

OR call our friendly team
on 0458 868 282

BYO Lunch

The Studio

Create, refine, and prepare for exhibition.

Watercolour Bookings at
www.trybooking.com/DHUPU
Acrylic Bookings at
www.trybooking.com/DHURS

Scan QR code to book

Watercolour **Acrylic**

OR call our friendly team
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Afternoon Tea Provided

Colourful Creations

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Afternoon Tea Provided

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JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 bookings open for 20th Jan	14	15 bookings open for 22nd Jan	16	17
18	19	20 Colour Club 10am-12pm	21 bookings open for 28th Jan	22 Zentanlges 1pm-4pm	23	24
25	26	27 bookings open for 3rd Feb	28 POSTPONED Acrylic Art Class 11am-2pm	29 bookings open for 5th Feb	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 11th Feb	5 How To Draw Flowers 1pm-4pm	6	7
8	9	10 bookings open for 17th Feb	11 Watercolour Art Class 11am-2pm	12 bookings open for 19th Feb	13	14
15	16	17 Colour Club 10am-12pm	18 bookings open for 25th Feb	19 Tin Can Planters 1pm-4pm	20	21
22	23	24 bookings open for 3rd Mar	25 Acrylic Art Class 11am-2pm	26 bookings open for 5th 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 11th Mar	5 Gnome Painting 1pm-4pm	6	7
8	9	10 bookings open for 17th Mar	11 Watercolour Art Class 11am-2pm	12 bookings open for 19th Mar	13	14
15	16	17 Colour Club 10am-12pm	18 bookings open for 25th Mar	19 Zentanlges 1pm-4pm	20	21
22	23	24 bookings open for 31st Mar	25 Acrylic Art Class 11am-2pm	26	27	28
29	30	31 Colour Club 10am-12pm				

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APRIL 2026

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

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MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5 bookings open for 12th May	6	7 bookings open for 14th Apr	8	9
10	11	12 Colour Club 10am-12pm	13	14 Zentangles 1pm-4pm	15	16
17	18	19 bookings open for 26th May	20 *Make-Up Acrylic Class* *11am-2pm*	21 bookings open for 28th May	22	23
24	25	26 Colour Club 10am-12pm	27	28 How to Draw Flowers 1pm-4pm	29	30

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JUNE 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 bookings open for 9th Jun	3 bookings open for 17th Jun	4 bookings open for 11th Jun	5	6
7	8	9 Colour Club 10am-12pm	10	11 POSTPONED Intro to Pastels 1pm-4pm	12	13
14	15	16 bookings open for 23rd Jun	17 Sculpture class with Lisa Wood 11am-2pm	18 bookings open for 25th Jun	19	20
21	22	23 Colour Club 10am-12pm	24 bookings open for THE STUDIO	25 Paint Leafs 1pm-4pm	26	27
28	29	30				

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 bookings open for 14th Jul	8 THE STUDIO Acrylic 12:30pm-3:30pm	9 bookings open for 16th Jul	10	11
12	13	14 Colour Club 10am-12pm	15	16 Intro to Pastels 1pm-4pm	17	18
19	20	21	22 THE STUDIO Acrylic 12:30pm-3:30pm	23	24	25
26	27	28 bookings open for 4th Aug	29 bookings open for 12th Aug	30	31	

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AUGUST 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31					1
2	3	4 Colour Club 10am-12pm	5 THE STUDIO Acrylic 12:30pm-3:30pm	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Acrylic with Joel Plevin 11am-2pm	13 bookings open for 20th Aug	14	15
16	17	18	19 THE STUDIO Acrylic 12:30pm-3:30pm	20 Zentangles 1pm-4pm	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 bookings open for 3rd Sept	28	29

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SEPTEMBER 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 bookings open for 16th Sept	3 Mystery Box 1pm-4pm	4	5
6	7	8 THE STUDIO Watercolour 12:30am-3:30pm	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Lino printing with Georgia Ellie 11am-2pm	17	18	19
20	21	22 bookings open for 22nd Sept	23 THE STUDIO Watercolour 12:30pm-3:30pm	24 bookings open for 1st Oct	25	26
27	28	29 Colour Club 10am-12pm	30 bookings open for 14th Oct			

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OCTOBER 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Zentangles 1pm-4pm	**2**	**3**
4	**5**	**6** bookings open for 13th Oct	**7** THE STUDIO Watercolour 12:30pm-3:30pm	**8**	**9**	**10**
11	**12**	**13** Colour Club 10am-12pm	**14** Sculpture class with Lisa Wood 11am-2pm	**15**	**16**	**17**
18	**19**	**20**	**21** THE STUDIO Watercolour 12:30pm-3:30pm	**22**	**23**	**24**
25	**26**	**27** bookings open for 3rd Nov	**28**	**29** bookings open for 5th Nov	**30** Exhibition Opening Night	**31**

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NOVEMBER 2026

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1	2	3 Colour Club 10am-12pm	4 bookings open for 11th Nov	5 Zentangles 1pm-4pm	6	7
8	9	10 bookings open for 17th Nov	11 Pastels with Christie Mitchell 11am-2pm	12 bookings open for 19th Nov	13	14
15	16	17 Colour Club 10am-12pm	18 bookings open for 25th Nov	19 Surprise Class 1pm-4pm	20	21
22	23	24	25 Acrylic with Christie Mitchell 10am-3pm	26 bookings open for 1st Dec	27	28
29	30					

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DECEMBER 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Christmas Tree Painting 1pm-4pm	4	5
6	7	8 bookings open for 13th Nov	9 Christmas Lunch 12pm-1pm	10 bookings open for 15th Dec	11	12
13	14	15 Colour Club 10am-12pm	16	17 Christmas Tree Painting 1pm-4pm	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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THE STUDIO

Wednesdays (12:30pm – 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 A3 watercolour artwork using washes, detail, and colour harmonies, guided step-by-step through the process.
What's Included
✔ All materials and professional-quality frames
✔ 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 30th October – 20th 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 OCT

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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