



# EXHIBITION 2026

## GRESFORD COMMUNITY GALLERY

### NEWSLETTER FEB. - MARCH 2026

Greetings Gresford Community Gallery artists and friends

#### **Gresford Community Gallery Updates:**

The gallery started the year with the opening celebration of EXHIBITION 2026, everyone enjoyed the friendly atmosphere, and fabulous art. The Gallery also hosted the launch of a booklet about the Arboretum which is next to the gallery and a lovely visitors park. Well worth a visit! The book is available at the gallery, 12 Park St East Gresford. Please drop by to view an impressive collection of Hunter Valley artists' work. The exhibition includes a great variety of quality art and craft, featuring painting, drawing, sculptures, ceramics, photography, fibre art, glass work, jewellery and stained glass/lead light work.

### Photos from opening celebration





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**12 PARK ST EAST GRESFORD NSW. WEEKENDS: 10am - 4pm.**

The Gallery has many more exciting and interesting events planned for this year.

**Gavin Fry** is a writer, artist and museum professional with fifty years' experience working in curatorial and management positions in Australian museums, galleries and educational institutions. He is the author of twenty-five books on Australian art and history. It has been a pleasure for the gallery to host Gavin's interesting and informative talks in 2025. His next talk in March - *From Silhouette to Selfie - Seeing ourselves over two centuries*. Refreshments/afternoon tea served. Follow our Face Book page for dates of events.

## RAFFLE

Don't miss out on the gallery's great raffle!

Accomplished Sculptor **Michael Garth** has donated a fabulous sculpture to the gallery. Michael is a well known Hunter Valley sculptor, who's work has been featured in the Bondi Sculpture by the Sea. The raffle will be drawn in late April.



The Fortress - Michael Garth.

## PHOTOS FROM SKETCH CLUB - FEBRUARY 2026





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## SKETCH CLUB DAYS 2026.

The gallery hosts two Sketch Clubs in 2026 each month. One Plein Air, visiting beautiful scenic locations in the Huner Valley, and Still Life / figurative held at the gallery. Everyone enjoys the creative, friendly atmosphere. Please join us at the next event, all welcome – beginners and professionals.



**STILL LIFE** held at gallery 12 Park St. East Gresford.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026 Time: 1 – 4pm.**

Hosted by artist Christine Pike

Inspiration Australian **Tsering Hannaford** artist.

**Beginners guide to sketching starts 12 noon**—Volume and line.

Please bring own art equipment. Afternoon tea provided. Cost: \$10



### SKETCH CLUB MARCH PLEIN AIR

**Gresford Show 13th & 14th March 2026**

Hosted by artist Christine Pike.

This month's sketch club is *challenge*. I'll be at the show from 11 am to 3.30 pm on both days wondering around for anyone needing help. You can look up the show timetable on each day before deciding.

Inspirational Australian artist - **Lucy Culliton**. Check out Lucy's exhibition "The Show" at Maitland Regional Art Gallery.

Bring your own art materials/equipment, sunscreen, good walking shoes, hat, water, chair & lunch if needed.

Cost: Show gate charges.

Enquiries: [gallerygresfordcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:gallerygresfordcommunity@gmail.com)

Ph: 0428 271 819 Christine Pike.

The Gallery has a Face Book page which will give regular news and updates of the Gallery's forthcoming events.

Please Like and follow our page Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555506220944>

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## KIDS ART CLUB

Free Art Sunday for children at Gresford Community Gallery.

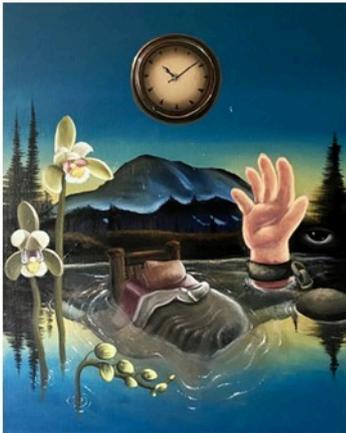
On the third Sunday of the month between 10am and 2pm.

Next Art day is **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Craft.**

Hosted by artist Dawn Thompson. Enquiries: Dawn 0428924800

During these hours children of primary school age accompanied by an adult will be able to use the art equipment supplied to create their own art. Our friendly Gallery helpers will be on hand to assist.

### FEATURED GALLERY ARTIST FOR FEBRUARY



## CHLOE HOOPER

Chloe Hooper is a Maitland-based Artist, with four years of study in visual arts through a Diploma, Advanced Diploma, and a Bachelor of Creative Practice from Newcastle Art School, Hunter St TAFE, NSW.

Chloe is a young Surrealist artist, a rising star in the Newcastle art scene.

Working primarily in Acrylic and watercolour painting, Chloe plays with soft-blending techniques to create delicate, and personal works with a surreal energy in them. Her practice is inspired by the study of dreams, surrealism, emotional psychology, and the natural world, influenced by artists such as Frida Kahlo, Salvador

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Chloe has shown her work in the past through Newcastle Art Space, The Creator Incubator, Lake Mac Yapang, Wattspace Gallery, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, SH Ervin Gallery Café in Sydney, and John Hunter Hospital for Arts for Health.

Chloe has further developed her artistic practice through painting workshops with Famous Australian Artists, Wendy Sharpe and Bernard Ollis, and also passionately contributes to volunteering at her local Maitland Regional Art Gallery monthly.

## EXHIBITING ARTISTS 2026

ALICE ROPATA	JOANNA GREENWOOD	CHLOE HOOPER
JOHN BARNES	KYLIE WEEDON	DOROTHEE HEIBEL
GAVIN FRY	GILLIAN WADDELL	RODERICK STANGER
BARBARA NANSHE	LIBBY CUSICK	JANELLE GOLDMAN
ERIC WERKHOVEN	CHERIE PLATEN	TERRY HOLDOM
ROBYN WERKHOVEN	CECILY GRACE	SUZANNE MORRISON
DAWN THOMPSON	GEORGIA HORACEK	LOUISE REES
SANDRA LEE BROWN	PETER RONNE	MARGOT BROUG
SUE STEWART	MICHAEL GARTH	JUDY HENRY
HELENE LEANNE	LAURENCE THORSSSELL	CHEL KING
GAYE SHIELD	ROS ELKIN	JEANNE HARRISON
WENDY JOHNSON	PEARL MOON	
BERNADETTE MEYERS	MICHELE HEIBEL	



**DOROTHEE HEIBEL**



**TERRY HOLDOM**



**RODERICK STANGER**



**LOUISE REES**



**JANELLE GOLDMAN**



**SUZANNE MORRISON**



**CHEL KING**

If you would love to join our team as a volunteer, meet artists and learn about their art practices, and enjoy the world of art

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please contact us!

**12 Park Street East Gresford NSW 2311**  
**Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm.**

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