

One Year On: Gone Fishing Gallery Anniversary

December marked the [Gone Fishing Gallery's](#) 1st anniversary. A 100% artist run initiative, this has been a year of breaking new ground locally, and in the wider art community.

As well as creating a beautiful space to browse and buy art, the gallery has been a hub for book launches, exhibitions and events now marked in Pittwater history. Who will forget dancing to music on the veranda, the art auction for Queensland flood victims, or the GFG's farewell to the Curlew.

Typically, the [Gone Fishing Gallery](#) celebrated its birthday with a community event. On the 10th & 11th of December the gallery veranda hosted an art sale and market fair, inviting artists, artisans and foodies of the area to sell their wares.

Our thanks to the Romeos...

[Paul Smith](#), Gone Fishing Gallery Director, and all the GFG artists would like to send a special thank you to the Romeos for the ongoing use of the Pasadena. Thank you Jo and Mary, and a very happy 2012.

Feature Artist: Jan Melville

Printmaker and book artist

In September 2011, [Jan Melville](#) was artist-in-residence with The Sidney Nolan Trust in Herefordshire U.K. Her featured wall at the Gone Fishing Gallery, is "the owls" from the Manly Gallery Exhibition, and the owl "tylluan," printed at The Trust on Arthur Boyd's lithography press.

Jan will also exhibit a sculptural book installation "EPHEMERA." If you have ever wondered how book artists alter and fold books, here is the chance to see a work in progress for yourself. Jan will hold a 1-day book arts workshop in Bowral this month.

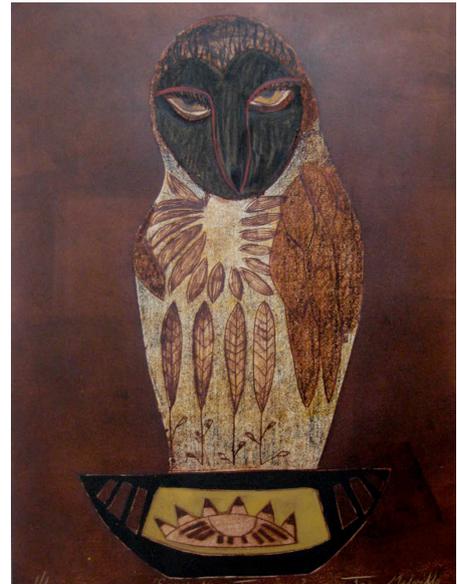
Book arts workshop:

Where: Bowral

Date: Tuesday, 24th January 10am – 4pm

Cost: \$85

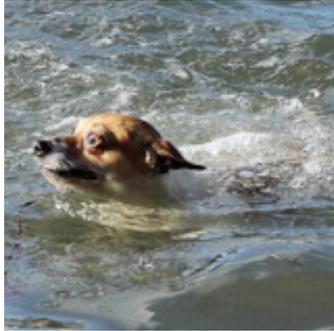
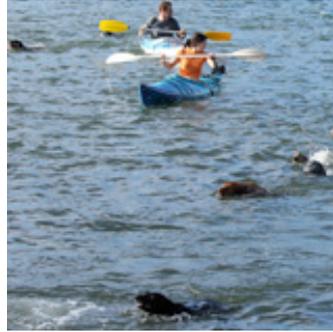
For bookings email: annieday@optusnet.com.au



Dog Race 2011

On the GFG doorstep

The Sly Dogs were fantastic. Christmas cheer was in the air. The [GFG](#) veranda was THE place to be leading up to... and after the Dog Race. Just outside the GFG, canine contenders swam, tinnies congregated, and the crowd cheered wildly. (Photos courtesy of Iain Smale.)



Art Raffle

There were 13 (yes, THIRTEEN) art raffle winners. Drawn after the Dog Race on Christmas Eve, raffle winners each took home a small work of art. [WaterMarks 2011](#) artists generously donated the prizes: [Marion van den Driesschen](#), Nettie Lodge, [Tracy Smith](#), [Paul Smith](#), Anne Willman, David Wardman, Penelope Wise, Gwyn Perkins, Michelle McDonald, [Carole Corrie](#), Jack Vaughan and [June Lahm](#).

Funds raised will bail out the 'waterlogged' WaterMarks event (the wettest September weekend in history). Any additional money goes to the Island H'Arts, our local arts based fund raising group, for future initiatives.

Worthy winner

Not put off by the pouring rain, Gail Pollard (VIC) toured [WaterMarks studios](#) in September. Gail was over the moon with her raffle prize, a Penelope Wise watercolour of Pittwater. Congratulations Gail!

Guest Artist

Stop by in January to see works of our guest artist, photographer Jon Duhig. Jon's photos capture the essence of offshore life in Pittwater, our surroundings and community.

Small Gallery Items

Check out the smaller items still available at the gallery. There are books, including Curlew and Water Access Only. We also have a range of cards produced by GFG artists.