

Hi everyone!

We must open our newsletter saying a huge thanks to Tamara, Jenn & Vanessa for teaching classes & running the shop during January. We are blessed to have such gifted, friendly & helpful ladies to take over the reins when needed. Thank you all for rearranging your busy schedules to assist. Sadly, Chris's knee surgery was postponed so we look forward to them doing it all again (hopefully) soon!! February classes will be scheduled as normal & we will adapt, improvise & overcome as we need to. See below for more class details

**What's new: -**

- Paper Rose are churning out some amazing new products & we have chosen some lovely Aussie themed papers & paper packs this month. Outback friends is a gorgeous collection featuring Australian animals & we have 6x6 & 12x12 paper packs, 12 x12 label sheet & a 12x12 fussy cut animals sheet. We also have some of the new release May Gibbs papers including a lovely, little patterns pad that is perfect for card making. We also have the 12x12 little patterns label sheet. All are pictured below



- We are delighted that Lavinia stamps have revised their strategy for Australian retailers & we are so happy to have their latest range of new stamps just 10 days after their release!! New stamps include fairies, frogs, mystical ships, wings, vines, beavers, shrews & some lovely new pound stamps. All stamps are in stock & pictured below :-



- New from Picket Fence are these gorgeous flat-back pearls to add a pop of dimension & colour to your projects. You can use your favourite glue or sticky dots to adhere them or you can use them to add colour to your shaker cards.



- We are expecting the new Mintay collections to arrive in the next couple of weeks. We have ordered some of each of the "Mamarazzi", "City of love" & "Yes I do" ranges.
- For those of you waiting on Couture Creations white foam strips you won't have to wait much longer. They have them back in stock & our backorder is on the way. All being well we will have them next week.

Many of our suppliers have announced significant price rises this year with some of them increasing up to 20%. Costs of business have risen all over the world largely due to the Covid19 pandemic. We will need to increase our prices as the new stock comes in & as we restock some of our regular products.

## Classes

As mentioned above, regular February classes will run as normal until Chris gets a new surgery date. We have no idea when that's likely to be, so we'll just carry on as normal & be flexible when we need to. If you like the sound of any of these be quick to book as there are not many places:-

### Scrap booking

**Vanessa** has created some wonderful layouts over the last six months & her newest using Mintay "Urban Jungle" is no exception. These gorgeous new pages feature hanging baskets, plants, greenery & some other wonderful rustic embellishments. We also have new dates for her lovely pastel & rose gold dream-catcher layouts incorporating texture with macrame.

**Chris** has used distress stains & sprays for her new layouts. You can select colours to match your photos so any topic will work with this technique. Scrapbook class dates with availability include:-

- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 11am - 1-30pm - Dream catcher layouts with Vanessa \$25
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 9-30am - 12noon- distress stain layouts with Chris \$25
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 9-30 - 12noon - Urban Jungle layouts with Vanessa \$25
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 9-30 - 12noon - Urban Jungle layouts with Vanessa \$25
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 11am - 1-30pm - Urban Jungle layouts with Vanessa \$25

### Card making

"The sea" is the theme for **Jenn's** new class featuring stamps & dies from Paper Rose, Darkroom door & a fabulous Tim Holtz scales stencil. Think shells, fish & sailboats in nautical colours. Jenn has been tinkering with Couture Creations alcohol markers & sparkly inks and you will learn some great tricks as you make 4 cards that can be adapted to suit any occasion.

**Tamara's** new class explores how to turn any textured item into a stamp using Simon Hurley's stamping foam. In this class you will learn to use many things you have in your stash including embossing folders, dies, stencils & even random patterned things from around the house like paper towels, placemats, jumpers, feathers, leaves etc. You will also play with a few different colouring techniques & will turn some of your creations into fabulous backgrounds.

There is a shortage of salad spinners in the area after many of you enjoyed Tamara's latest alcohol ink technique class! If you are yet to do this class or any others you can contact us & we'll make a time to suit.

**Chris** has a new a 10 card men's class using the Paper Rose "industrial" paper pack. This class can be done in one or two parts. Unlike other extended classes, the cards are ready to go instead of spending class time putting them together. The cards are created using lift ink, stencilling, colouring with alcohol markers & gel press techniques. We also explore some ways to use scraps.

Chris also has a new, simple 3 card class using the pretty Mintay Written memories papers  
Class dates with availability: -

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 9-30am - 12noon - 3 Lavinia style cards with Chris \$25
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 10am-12-30pm - 3 Stamping Foam technique cards with Tamara \$25
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 12-30pm - 3 beachy themed cards with Jenn \$25
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 4pm - 10 men's "Industrial" cards with Chris \$55
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 9-30am - 12 noon - part one 5 men's cards \$30 ) **AND**  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9-30am - 12 noon - part two 5 men's cards \$30 )
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 12-30pm - 3 beachy themed cards with Jenn \$25
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 4pm - 10 Glam Rock cards with Chris \$55
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 10am - 12-30pm - 3 pretty Mintay cards with Chris \$25
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10am - 12-30pm - 3 Stamping Foam technique cards with Tamara \$25
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10am - 12-30pm - 3 Lavinia style cards with Chris \$25

All of these scrap booking & card making projects will be on display at the shop. If there are any classes you'd like to do & these dates don't suit, get in touch & we'll arrange alternatives for you. It goes without saying if you are feeling at all unwell, please contact us to reschedule your class.

We will keep our temporary mobile phone at the shop until further notice. This number **will not** be in operation all year - only while Chris is away. If you need to contact us at the shop please call **0493 051331**. The number will be on our website & Facebook page & messages will be checked regularly.

Keep smiling ❤️



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