

# KOPWA HOME CARE BUZZ

Hi KOPWA Members, We are showcasing another of our amazing clients, Margaret Kahn—passionate painter who continues to paint and exhibit. View some of her beautiful pieces.

And another of our lovely carers - Rhonda. We never realised her hidden talent was ukulele playing.



## CARER PROFILE RHONDA BULL

Hello wonderful Kopwa clients.

I was born on a banana farm in Woodford QLD, being the youngest of 13 siblings, Yes, I was given all the hand me downs. But I was so grateful for whatever I got. I am sure I got my caring nature from my mother, who was a great sewer and an even better delegator. Even though my siblings live all round Qld we are all still awfully close.

I spent 4 years in Cairns working in a beautiful resort and won a lot of awards for my flower arrangements. I moved to the Northern Beaches at 24 where I met my mischievous husband of 40 years. I did 4 years of bookkeeping and cooking and have 3 wonderful daughters. I did a lot of volunteering at my daughters' schools, reading recovery, costume making....

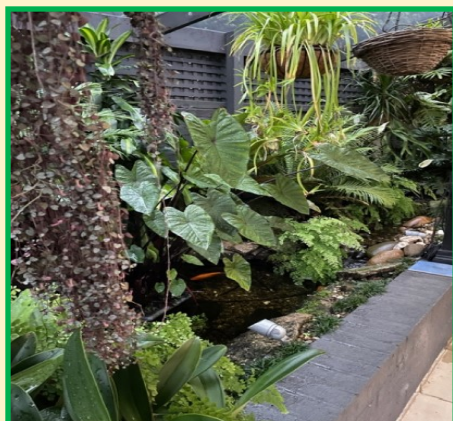
I have a love of animals, including our beautiful female family dog 'Harleigh' of 10 years, who tries to play with the water dragons in the fishpond in our garden, where I hand feed them as well as the 11 fish every day. My garden is my sanctuary, where I love to spend time alone enjoying my plants in this busy world.

My other hobbies include sewing and ukulele, long walks along the beach front with my dog and swimming in the bay with her. I have sewn a lot of memorable outfits, including my daughter's formal outfits. I play ukulele

with a small group of friends; our band is called "The Mother Pluckers". We have an amazing teacher.

I have been employed by Kopwa for 18 months and have been blessed with meeting, caring, assisting, and learning from my beautiful clients. I am excited to see who else I will meet in 2021.

Love , Carer Rhonda Bull X



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## Meet Margaret!

### One of our very talented Clients

Happy Valentines Day  
to all our Clients

A passionate artist, specialising in oil paint, watercolour and pastel, with an art career extending over 50 years.

I began studying drawing at the Bissietta Art Studio in Pitt Street, Sydney, when I was twelve years old, taught by a well-known artist Jana Bruce. I used to draw from large plaster casts for 2 hours every Saturday morning.

When I left school, after completing what was then called the Leaving Certificate, I enrolled at the National Art School, East Sydney and studied all varieties of artwork for 5 years. I married at age twenty-two and after rearing four children, I fitted in painting wherever I could. In the 1970's, once my children were older, I was able to take up my artwork again and I joined the Ku-Ring-Gai Art Society Group, as an exhibiting artist.

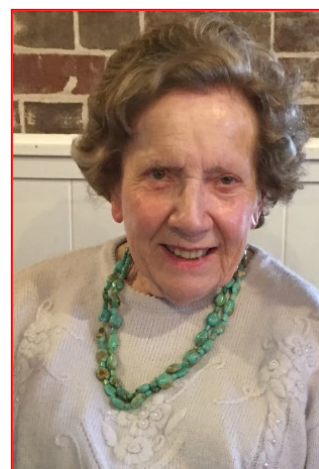
An old school friend of mine introduced me to her neighbour in Eastwood, who was also an artist. We were both interested in plein air painting, but she didn't drive and I needed some extra help to manage unloading the car and setting up. So we started regular painting trips around many parts of Sydney from the Central Coast to Bondi Beach. It was the perfect partnership, as I would leave lunch for my husband, who was busy with his accounting business and we would take all our paints, folding chairs, folding tables, lunch and paint all day long, often not returning until the evening.

I miss those happy days, painting all over Sydney and mainly paint from home now.

A few of the highlights of my career were being awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, in the 'natural flowers' category and receiving awards from the Ku-Ring-Gai Art Society as well as a commendation from the Hawkesbury Art Society.

I still enjoy exhibiting my work whenever I can at the Ku-Ring-Gai Art Society Exhibitions, held three times a year (generally March, August and November) at the St.Ives Shopping Centre, just near the ramp near the Post Office for anyone interested to view it.

Below are some of Margaret's exquisite paintings.



**KOPWA Office is moving!**  
The new facility next door is ready and we are moving office . It is a beautiful building with lots of light and foliage with large rooms. Everything is tastefully designed and if some of you would like to visit mention it to your carer and we will organise it.



One of the sitting rooms



One of the bedrooms



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