

Visions with Variety: Celebrating Seniors

Strathfield Library & Innovation Hub

2 February– 5 March 2023

The Strathfield School for Seniors was established in 1977, when the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches combined to form the Uniting Church. John Woodhouse, Minister of the Carrington Avenue Church led a committee consisting of both church and community members with an aim to establish classes in the fields of history, geography, art, French, German, craft, and music appreciation. It is these classes that are now part of The Strathfield School for Seniors.

Classes continue today, providing an opportunity for residents with similar interests to meet, engage and learn. It is this social interaction and getting out of the house to be active that is beneficial for all who attend. Learning does not have to cease once we leave school.

Cheryl Beverley is an exhibiting artist and the current volunteer art tutor and defines this position as *“My role in the art class is to provide assistance to our diverse and creative people. The way I tutor is to show perspective, shaping and different techniques of medium the artists can utilise. This creates confidence in their own style of projects.”*

In recognition of Seniors Week, Visions with Variety: celebrating seniors, the Ironbark Gallery showcases the talents of our residents who participate in these art classes held at the Strathfield School for Seniors, located on the grounds of The Uniting Church, Strathfield.

