



ARTIST PROFILE – RUTH MATTHEWS

Ruth is an only child born at Strathfield as world war broke out in Europe.

As a child she loved reading, drawing and colouring in and wanted to study at East Sydney Tech. However, her mother said “No, you have to work and earn money”. So Ruth went to work but discovered the evening art classes at East Sydney Tech, where she attended two nights a week four years.

She married David and moved to Seven Hills which was too far away from the East Sydney Tech to continue classes. Ruth later found other art groups and workshops.

She and David have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Ruth stayed busy delivering Meals on Wheels, taking yoga classes, folk dancing, sewing and even selling Avon for 20 years. She also did a 4 year course in pattern making and garment assembly which led her to make safari suits for David to wear to work.

She enjoys the relaxed atmosphere of the Art for Parkinson’s group and there is plenty of help if she needs it. Ruth loves that the class has something different each week.