LUKE KELLY

Artist - Painter

Luke is a painter living and working from his studio in Webbs Creek, and finds most of his inspiration from wildlife and nature.

Luke has a deep appreciation of his surrounding environment, and has an ongoing obsession with Australian birds – parrots in particular. Originally from the UK, Luke has always been blown away by the colours, vibrancy, and playfulness of parrots. “They have such character and personality” – which he tries to capture in his paintings – they represent what he loves most about Australian wildlife.

He has always loved the old botanical illustrations of Australian birds, like the work of John Cotton in the 1800’s, through to more contemporary work by Australian artists like Nicky Shelton.

Artist Statement

Luke enjoys painting close-up detail, realizing that the effort towards completing a painting and the final finish makes all the difference when adding detail. When painting wildlife -” There comes a point when the subject starts to feel alive and looks back from the canvas” - then the decision is made that painting is finished. Luke enjoys using acrylics on canvas to get the intensity of colour he desires in his work.