

'AVALON BEACH ROCKPOOL' SERIES



Steve Denham - Solo Art Exhibition

Gallery Lane Cove, 6-31st Oct 2026



Emma and I were married at Manly Beach in January 2022. As much as we love Manly, our spiritual union found an unexpected talisman in Avalon Beach, after we spent a few nights there prior to our 'official' honeymoon at Uluru, Northern Territory.

From the high vantage point at the southern end of the beach, facing out to sea, we discovered 'Classic Coffee' food truck, a local legend. But when we walked to the edge, coffees and burritos in hand, and looked far below ... we discovered Avalon Beach Rockpool hugging the foot of this rocky promontory.

Thus began a second love affair of an artistic nature, with the impulse to paint glimpses of the pool, ever-changing over days, months, years - building a repertoire of the 'same' subject, impressionistic in movement, light and activity.

Steve Denham, October 2026



Avalon Beach Rockpool 1 (**LARGE \$1,475**)

The very first painting in my 'Avalon Beach Rockpool' collection. Two lap swimmers in Avalon Beach Rockpool cross like 'ships in the day' on a sunny morning. The reflections off the water are dazzling, assimilating their costumes and bodies into an dynamic, fleeting interplay of colour and light.

Sizes: **LARGE:** 111.4cmW x 81cmH x 3cmD

FOR SALE: \$1,775 or \$1,475

MEDIUM: 84.2cmW x 61.3cmH x 3cmD

FOR SALE: \$835

SMALL: 55cmW x 40cmH x 3cmD

FOR SALE: \$425

Avalon Beach Rockpool 30
(LARGE \$1,475)



The corner of the rockpool disappears beneath waves crashing through the railings, as white foam swirls on the water's surface.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 20
(LARGE \$1,775)



Bright sun illumines dappled patterns of green dancing above the pool's bottom, as a breast stroker maintains a gentle rhythm.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 8
(SMALL \$425)



The bold red costume of a lap swimmer becomes a focal point through a blaze of sun speckles as they head toward the beach end of the rockpool.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 35
(SMALL \$425)



As tide begins to swell, a freestyler makes their way toward whitewater and foam spilling over the pool's edge on to calmer water.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 23
(SMALL \$425)



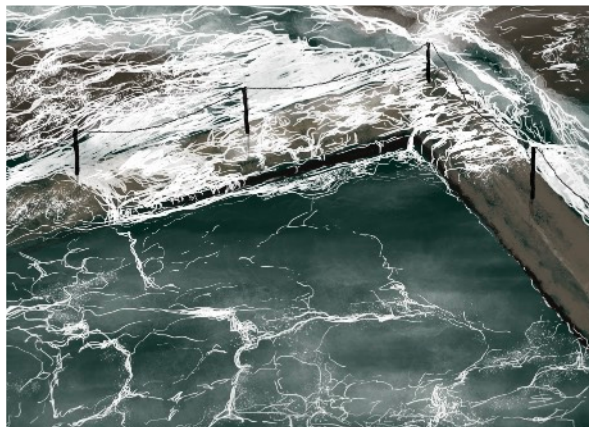
The rockpool begins to imitate the restless sea as it rushes in to claim the water within its walls as its own.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 32
(LARGE \$1,475)



At the flooded end of the rockpool, a swimmer hovers in the turbulence of the rising high tide.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 34
(LARGE \$1,775)



Spidery strands of spume stretch out over the pool's perimeter and drift across its greeny grey surface.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 16
(MEDIUM \$835)



A hatted sun bather strolls ahead of a lap swimmer, arms methodically rising from and descending back into the sunlit depths.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 3
(MEDIUM \$835)



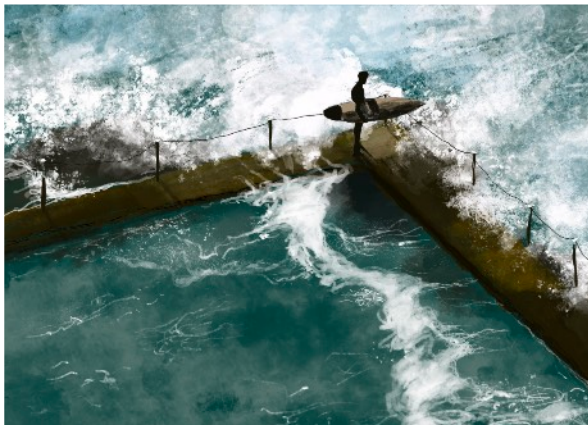
An overhead view of a paddler in the rockpool reaching out one arm at a time, to pull themselves forward through the wash.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 28
(MEDIUM \$835)



As the ocean arrives in force a bather crouches, poised at the pool's ocean end, about to dive ahead of the waves.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 36
(**LARGE \$1,775**)



Unfazed by choppy conditions, a surfer, board in hand, prepares to launch from rockpool to ocean.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 18
(**LARGE \$1,475**)



A powerful lap swimmer caught mid-stroke, in the lead up to turning by pushing off the ocean end of the rockpool.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 33
(**LARGE \$1,475**)



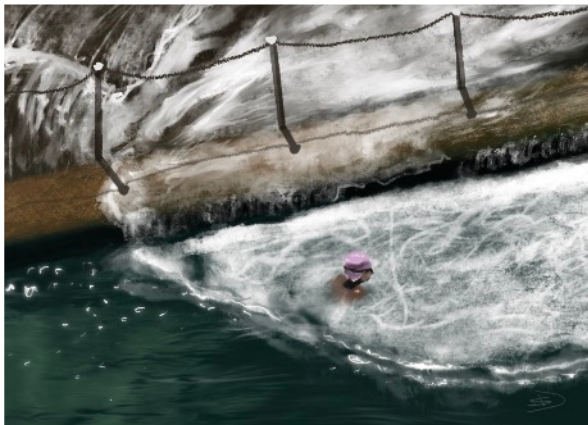
A capped bather dog paddles
in the wash of foamy froth
at the rockpool's
eastern edge.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 29
(**LARGE \$1,775**)



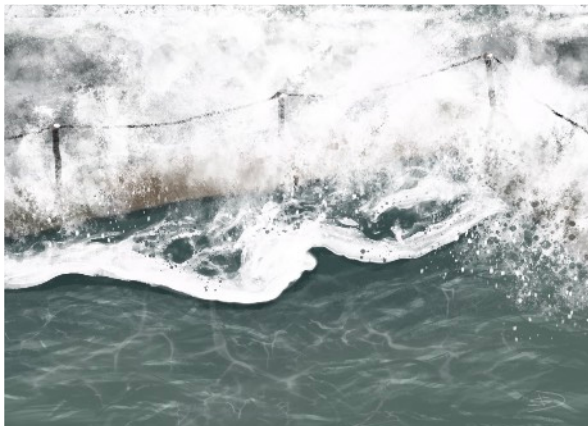
The head of a female
swimmer is seen bobbing
in a turmoil of spume
and wild spindrift.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 17
(LARGE \$1,475)



A female lap swimmer's pink cap bobs in the middle of an effervescing layer of sea water.

Avalon Beach Rockpool 14
(LARGE \$1,775)



Beneath waves crashing into the rockpool, a creamy lather of whitewater curls and slides across marbled green.



Seaward (**MEDIUM \$1,135**)

An archetype of sea and wave, 'Seaward' invites investigation of the imagery and textures that form the elements of paintings in the 'Avalon Beach Rockpool' Series.



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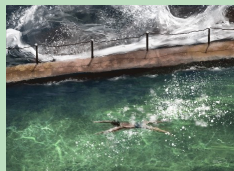
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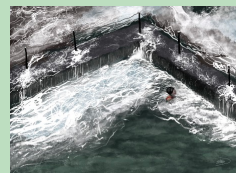
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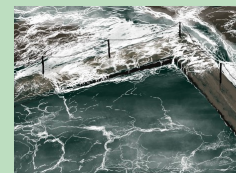
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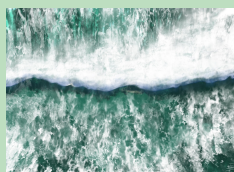
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Seaward

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