

President Jim West

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We have something a little different in store this month, and I am very much looking forward to it. Our guest artist is Melissa Martin for both Critique and Demonstration, but they will not be in the usual format. Instead of a technical critique of your artwork, Melissa will be searching for something a little deeper in what the painting means to the artist and viewer. Similarly, June's Demo will be an interactive and creative one. Please come along!

As previously announced, Don's SketchAbility class is now on the 1st and last Tuesdays of the month. We would however, like to continue this group in some form on week 2 and 3. We are currently reviewing exactly what that might mean. I have added these into the June calendar under the provisional name of Sketch+. I will let you know more details as soon as I can.



**JUNE CALENDAR**

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	GUEST ARTIST / TUTOR	VENUE
Tuesday	1 JUNE	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	3 JUNE	6:45 p.m.	CRITIQUE	Melissa Martin	16FT SAILING CLUB
Sunday	6 JUNE	8:00 a.m.	PLEIN AIR	Don Kibble	BEVERLEY PARK GOLF COURSE
Tuesday	8 JUNE	2:00 p.m.	SKETCH+	TBA	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	10 JUNE	6:30 p.m.	LIFE DRAWING (P.M.)	Sam Carig	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	15 JUNE	2:00 p.m.	SKETCH+	TBA	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	17 JUNE	6:45 p.m.	DEMONSTRATION	Melissa Martin	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	22 JUNE	2:00 p.m.	SKETCH+	TBA	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	24 JUNE	10:00 a.m.	LIFE DRAWING	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	24 JUNE	6:30	WATERCOLOUR GROUP	SGAS Members	16FT SAILING CLUB
Tuesday	29 JUNE	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS

**Membership**

Membership renewal is now due! As we now have a July to June financial year, the renewal fee of \$30 should be paid before the end of June. Please see our **Membership Officer Jani Nanavati** for your new membership card and your receipt. Anyone who has joined or renewed since January 2021, is covered until end June 2022.

## MELISSA MARTIN – GUEST ARTIST JUNE

### Art Critique Summary: Art Appreciation a renewed perspective.

Looking at art from a fresh perspective and turning it away from the technicalities and back to a more introspective look and feel of what actually means to the artist and the viewer. Mel will facilitate a critique that enables us to throw open the door and do what art is meant to do: making us think and feel afresh, self-aware and curious to explore further. I hope that you will find this interesting and I invite you to step through the process of appreciating art from an Art as Therapy process.

### Art Demonstration Summary: Mindfully Creative

In this month's demonstration we will have the opportunity to try our hand at becoming more mindfully creative and have some playful experimentation and fun with Mel's interactive art as therapy process using water based inks, pen and the Zen-Doodling process. This is designed to assist with creative un-blocking and allowing participants to learn to free-flow and embrace the serendipitous aspects of creating without the need to worry about the end product.



Melissa Martin

*Melissa (Mel) Martin* is a local contemporary Artist, Art therapist and a Champion of Change, who is passionate about enabling one's inner ability to *create*, through artistic expression, seeking to *inspire* and promote wellbeing through an artistic journey of *healing* and *personal growth*. Mel has taken her interests and training in People and Organisational Psychology, Art Therapy and Holistic Creative Arts Therapies to a new level of experiencing self-awareness.

Mel facilitates local *art classes/workshops* in the community and privately, where she explores with small groups their true selves and the potential they have and the fear that is holding them back. By engaging in this therapy, Mel is able to reach into the lives of the people she can help more directly or build a personalised service for an individual or group looking for team building opportunities to *reduce stress, improve confidence, compassion, problem solving skills* and *workflow*.

*Mel's Art of Zen* is Mel's business entity located here in the Shire.



## MAY ACTIVITIES

### AGM

Our AGM will be held at the Kogarah School of Arts on 17<sup>th</sup> July at 5:30 p.m. Put it in your diary! This is early notice that we will be seeking an Assistant Treasurer, so please consider whether you may be able to contribute to our art society in this way.

### May Critique by Ros Psakis

Our Guest Artist for May was Ros Psakis, who provided some very helpful feedback to our members on how we can all improve the composition and tonal values in our paintings – and of course, the use of light! There was a good roll up with a large and excellent collection of artworks, which made Ros's task of selecting Artwork of the Month very difficult indeed. The winner was Joe Green for his portrait of "Abbie". Ros also selected two highly commended artworks, Wren Crow for "Autumn in Canada" and Angela Iliadis for "Five Birds".



Ros Psakis and Joe Green



Ros Psakis and Wren Crow



Ros Psakis and Angela Iliadis



### May Demonstration by Ros Psakis

It was wonderful to have Ros Psakis back again at the Kogarah School of Arts, amazing us and charming us with her warmth, her wit, and her supreme talent.

Unfortunately, there was a disappointing roll up for Ros's excellent demonstration but those who were there were privileged to see Ros's skill as her beautiful painting of a woman and young girl walking on the sand, took shape in just over the hour. Amazing!

### New Members

#### New Members

We are pleased to welcome COLLEEN DREW, CLARICE MELVILLE, JUDY BREEN, BREE RILEY as new members and hope that you enjoy the activities that SGAS has to offer.

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# TUITION

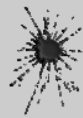
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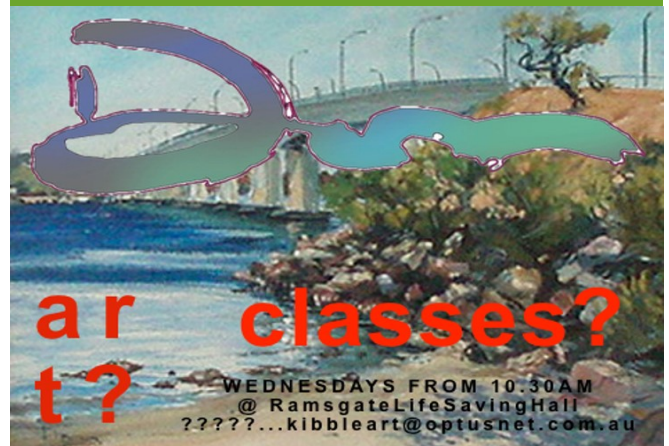
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## SGAS PleinAir

Beverley Park golf course

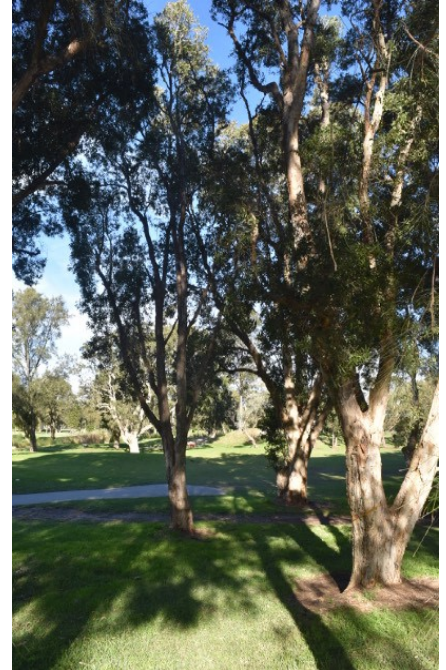
Sunday 6 June 2021 **8.00am** or later



I *still* like trees! And trees *still* like me!!

Plein Air on 6th June will be a lovely day. For sure.

For outdoor painting and/or sketching. Washroom facilities and coffee shop available at Joe's takeaway bar.



Note the shadows here are about 1.30pm. The trees won't change at a whit, but 8am shadows will be shorter.

**LOST?? Text to Don 0427472237**



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# 8TH KAAF ART PRIZE 2021

# Call for Entries

**Closing midnight 20 June**

Winner - \$20,000  
2 x Highly Commended - \$2,000 each

Exhibition period: 16 July - 27 Aug 2021  
Venue: Korean Cultural Centre Australia Gallery

Image: 2020 KAAF exhibition 'New Beginning'

Our prestigious art prize has reached its 8th year and continues to grow. Despite the pandemic, this is a very special year as it marks 60 years of friendship between Australia and Korea. So enter for the chance to become a finalist and take part in the celebration.

Winner takes \$20,000 acquisitive prize, followed by 2 x highly commended awards (non-acquisitive).

Selected artists will be given the opportunity to exhibit at the newly renovated Korean Cultural Centre Gallery in the heart of Sydney. This is in adherence to KAAF's motive of enhancing Australia's multiculturalism and promoting and uniting the two nations' cultural understanding of each other.

2D artworks in all forms welcome. Size limits apply.

For full terms and conditions, visit [www.kaaf.org.au](http://www.kaaf.org.au)

2021 Judges

Mr John McDonald (Art Critic/  
Columnist

Mr Oliver Smith (Senior Lecturer—SCA



# AIR

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



# CREATE CONNECT INSPIRE



The Georges River Artist in Residence program offers artists a unique location to explore, interpret and experiment with their artistic practice, while enhancing the cultural profile of the Georges River area. The program is designed to allow artists the space and time to explore new ideas and to create new works. Artists will also have the opportunity to engage with the Georges River community through workshops and exhibitions.

The Carss Park Artist's Cottage provides a studio and accommodation for one artist and is located in the picturesque setting of Carss Bush Park on the Georges River, only 10kms south of Sydney airport.

Residences of up to three month's are available to local, regional and international artists across a diverse range of art forms.

**Applications for residences in 2021-2022**

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Image: Carss Park Artist's Cottage  
During Emma Davidson's  
residency  
Photo by Emma Davidson