



President Jim West

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Greetings Members,

As we come to the end of another financial year, I feel that the St. George Art Society is in a good place, with 21 new members over the last 12 months and active, enthusiastic committee members who have worked hard to provide our members with a wide range of artistic activities. I will go into more detail in my President's Report to the AGM, but I do want to acknowledge here the excellent contributions this year of our Vice President Wren Crow, Secretary Col Parker, Membership Officer Jani Nanavati, Assistant Treasurer Mirna Gamboa and valuable committee members Delia Kavanagh and Peter Warner. Also, we have had vital contributions from many non-committee members including Angela Iliadis, Jean Harrow, Julie Agnew, Kathy Curtiss and Peter Michalandos.

As we head into our **AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> July**, we are seeking more members to help out with the running of SGAS. It does not have to be in an official capacity on the committee (although you would be most welcome) but your assistance in any capacity will be greatly appreciated. One specific area where we are seeking help is the planning and running of exhibitions.

Our **Annual Art Show** is not far away (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November) and in addition, we are planning another exhibition at **Tempe House** for later in November. I know we always have a lot of help "on the day" which is really appreciated, but we would also like to have more members involved in the working groups organising the events. I'm sure there are many untapped skills out there.

Also, from 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Jani Nanavati will be co-ordinating the **Make Your Mark High School Mentoring Program** which will run every Thursday afternoon for ten weeks (apart from school holidays) from 4:00 – 5:30 at the Kogarah School of Arts. We have demonstrations by SGAS members and related practical work for the first four weeks, then the students work on a major artwork, to be exhibited at our AAS. The SGAS Child Safety policy requires that we always have two adults present, so if you feel that you can assist in this way, please contact Jani at ...

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JULY					
Sunday	2	9:00 a.m.	PLEIN AIR	Don Kibble	OATLEY PARK
Tuesday	4	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	6	6:00 p.m.	<b>AGM + CRITIQUE</b>	<b>Jim West + Jane Wray</b>	RAMSGATE RSL
Tuesday	11	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	13	6:30p.m.	PORTRAITURE	Wren Crow	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	18	2:00 p.m.	ARTABILITY	Angela Iliadis	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	20	6:30 p.m.	DEMONSTRATION	Jane Wray	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Tuesday	25	2:00 p.m.	SKETCHABILITY	Don Kibble	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	27	10:00 a.m.	LIFE-DRAWING (A.M.)	Wren Crow	KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS
Thursday	27	6:30 p.m.	WATERCOLOUR CLASS	Virginia Villa	RAMSGATE RSL
Saturday	29	10a.m.- 4p.m.	PORTRAITURE WORK- SHOP	Sam Carig	KINGSGROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

## June 1st Critique ... Sam Carig

**Sam Carig's critique** at Ramsgate RSL showed his incredible knowledge of all mediums, design, use of colour and space and techniques. Sam's choices for Artworks of the Month were a beautiful **cityscape by Geoff Hargraves** and a beautiful **landscape by Joanna Moschella**.

Congratulations to both accomplished artists and thanks to Sam for sharing your passion and knowledge with us.



**Geoff Hargraves—Coolangatta Dawn**

Strong use of colour to push the sun's influence of the scene was striking and eye-catching. Brilliant and bold brush work.

**Joanna Moschella—Gorge in Outback Australia**

Great palette and texture, atmospheric perspective and composition works very well.



## Demonstration –Thursday 15th June

The June workshop artist, Sam Carig, demonstrated portraiture at it's best. Using oils, Sam completed a fantastic rendition of his model.



*Sam will be giving a 1 day workshop for St George Art Society in July 29th. For more details please go to our website.*



## Critique Thursday JULY 6th ... Jane Wray



Jane Wray is an internationally and multi awarded soft pastel painter. She paints in a wide variety of genres- still life, landscape, seascape, cityscape and abstract. Her works are contemporary realism in style and are dramatic and beautiful.

The driving force behind Jane's works is to offer the viewer a piece to revisit where they will find beauty in the detail and a contrast between softness and bold displays of colour and form.

Jane is also a qualified teacher and has taught children for many years in her first career.

She studied oil painting for three years early in her art career and has dabbled in most media, dedicating herself to her first love, soft pastels in 2016.

Jane exhibits once or twice a year in a solo exhibition and contributes to exhibitions at many art societies. She is a member of the Royal Art Society and the Pastel Society of Australia where she has won many national awards. Her works are in numerous private collections.

Jane was adjudicated as a finalist in the International Association of Pastel Society's Annual Awards in 2023, the pre-eminent world-wide exhibition of pastel works. Also, in 2023 she was awarded a Highly Commended in The Royal Art Society's Drawing Prize.

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## Demonstration –Thursday 20th July - 6.45pm Kogarah School of Arts

### PROGRAM FOR 2023/24

The program for the **remainder of 2023** has been prepared and will be forwarded to members in the next few days. We have some wonderful guest artists coming up for **Critiques and Demonstrations** including **Jane Wray, Sally Ryan, Dario Falzon and John Rice.**

In addition, there are three **Saturday workshops – with Sam Carig, Ros Psakis and Cathy Shugg.**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES for 2023-24 ...are now due at the end of JUNE**

EFT payment is preferred: **BSB: 032-055 Acct number: 871299**

Reference for renewing members: Surname + RM

Fees can now be paid online on the SGAS website at:-  
**Membership Application—St George Art Society**

All enquiries, please contact Jani Nanavati at [jani.nanavati@stgeorgeartsociety.com.au](mailto:jani.nanavati@stgeorgeartsociety.com.au)

If there is no change to your personal details, there is no need to fill out a form. For new members, or to change your details, an online form is now available on the website : <https://stgeorgeartsociety.com.au/membership-application>

# Regular Art Activities

**\*\*\* JULY & AUGUST - PORTRAITURE with MODEL  
@ KOGARAH SCHOOL OF ARTS**

**PORTRAITURE .... Wren 13th July 6:30pm start**

**Thursday morning ... 27th July 10am-12pm**

With a new financial year comes a new Term for our Life Drawing package. As you are probably aware, this package allows you to pay in advance at a reduced rate (\$10 per session instead of \$15). There are still two Winter evening Portraiture Sessions (July and August) which are included in the package

**Contact: Wren Craw 0404 867 838 or email: [st.george.art.society@gmail.com](mailto:st.george.art.society@gmail.com)**



Thursday morning June life drawing at Kogarah School of Arts resulted in some fantastic works by our members. Always a great way to spend a couple of hours, finessing our skills and of course catching up with friends.



## PLEIN AIR with DON KIBBLE

**SUNDAY JULY 2nd ... 9am onwards**

**Venue— Plein Air Painting Group this coming Sunday 2nd July at Oatley Park.**

**ENQUIRIES: Text Don at 0427 472 237**

**Tuesdays @ Kogarah School of Arts 2:00-4:00pm**

## **ArtAbility with Angela Iliadis**

**Tuesdays... JULY 11th, 18th.**

## **Sketch-Ability**

**with Don Kibble**

**Tuesdays... JULY 4th, 25th.**

## WATERCOLOUR CLASS

**Watercolour class... Thursday 27th JULY 6:30 – 8:30p.m. @ Ramsgate RSL**

**Cost: SGAS Members \$15**

**Non-members—\$20**

**Bring your own materials**

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Thursday night watercolour class at Ramsgate RSL with Virginia Villa was all about the pelican. The evening resulted in some beautiful birds under Virginia's guidance.



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## PORTRAITURE WORKSHOP

**Tutor: Sam Carig**

**Saturday 29th July 10:00am to 4:00pm**

**KINGSGROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**COST \$90 members (\$100 non members)**

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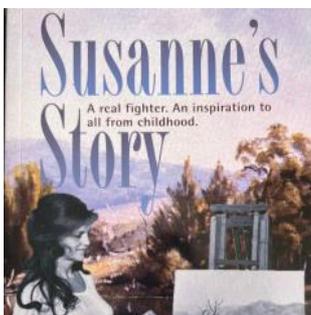
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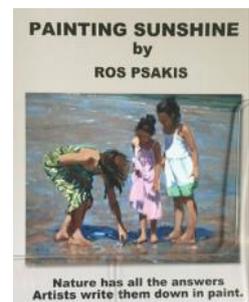
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