



Paint 'n' Palette Newsletter #468

OCTOBER 2025

STGEORGE **Art** SOCIETY FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ART



President
Jan Schuster-Callus

From the **PRESIDENT'S** desk

This is a big month for us at SGAS. Our **Annual Art Show** is **ON**, all details in this PnP, the FORMS and TERMS will be sent out and on the website. We have a fabulous judge which will be named later. Mark the date for the **OPENING AWARDS NIGHT, October 31st, YES its HALLOWEEN.** Some scary things might happen. Sadly, probably not but it will still be a special night, to congratulate everyone on their beautiful work. It's our night so please come along.

Don't forget to read the **Framing Tutorial**, because we will be strict on the frames this year. We also will have some **'Market Tables'**, for the Saturday and Sunday. If you have a craft, cards etc please contact us for information.

Other news, Mirna, John Callus and Jasper, our dog went on the **"Memory Walk for Dementia"** for the *Georges River Council*, walking 3.3km SGAS made \$320 for Dementia. Well done. It was a fun morning.

We got our **'Storage Unit'** up, a long long process but it looks great, **ONE** reminder: if you take some thing **OUT**, please put back in the **exact same place**, we still have to label areas and more going through things but we found lots of materials we can share in our classes.

On a different note, most might know but our VP, Jillian Jessen is in the hospital with a broken hip and wrist, from a bad fall, at least it's her left side. She is doing well finally, but will be in rehab for a

while. I know we all wish her for a fast recovery.

For those that went on Saturday to Paul's McCarthy's Workshop, thank you for such a good day. As the coordinator of the day with Wren, we supplied a delish Morning and Afternoon Tea and with Paul's great tutorial, wow, just made me happy to be Pres for such a great group.

SO pick up your brushes, get to the framers if needed and be ready for our **81st AAS**, be sure to mark the **HELPER's FORM**, as much/little help is needed and required to put this Show on. Forms will all be on the website and sent by email.

OCTOBER 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

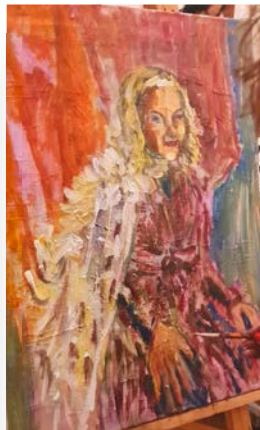
| DAY: | DATE | ACTIVITY | VENUE | TIME | GUEST ARTIST/ CO-ORDINATOR |
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| THURSDAY | 2 ND OCTOBER | CRITIQUE | RAMSGATE | 6.30PM | MELISSA MARTIN |
| TUESDAY | 7 TH OCTOBER | SKETCHABILITY | KOGARAH | 2PM | DON KIBBLE |
| THURSDAY | 9 TH OCTOBER | PORTRAITURE | KOGARAH | 6.30PM | JILLIAN JESSEN |
| TUESDAY | 14 TH OCTOBER | ARTABILITY | KOGARAH | 2PM | ANGELA ILIADIS |
| THURSDAY | 16 TH OCTOBER | DEMONSTRATION | KOGARAH | 6.30PM | MELISSA MARTIN |
| TUESDAY | 21 ST OCTOBER | ARTABILITY | KOGARAH | 2PM | ANGELA ILIADIS |
| THURSDAY | 23 RD OCTOBER | LIFE DRAWING | KOGARAH | 10AM | JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS |
| THURSDAY | 23 RD OCTOBER | WATERCOLOUR | RAMSGATE | 6.30PM | ROD BYATT |
| SATURDAY | 25 TH OCTOBER | MORNING TEA | SAN SOUCI | 10AM | MIRNA GAMBOA |
| TUESDAY | 28 TH OCTOBER | SKETCHABILITY | KOGARAH | 2PM | DON KIBBLE |
| THURSDAY | 30 TH OCTOBER | AAS BUMP IN | KOGARAH | 4-6PM | JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS |
| FRIDAY | 31 ST OCTOBER | AAS OPENING NIGHT | KOGARAH | 6.30PM | JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS |

Memory Walk



Portraiture

A wonderful subject with Jackie wearing this amazing costume. Inspirational!!



SAVE THE DATE

**SGAS CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
More details to come.**



OUR NEW STORE ROOM



Jan proudly shows off our work, still a lot of sorting to do.



Jillian and John putting the unit together, not as easy as thought, well done

Mel, going through our boxes of art supplies....

Also Wren and Mirna sorted out our cupboards and Peter M, came in to help John.



The 2025 Annual Art Exhibition

**31st October -
2nd November**

Kogarah School of Arts

Cnr Queens Ave & Bowns Rd Kogarah

RAFFLE
PRIZE



Feature Artist Peter Michalandos

Opening Night Friday 31st October

6.30pm and Awards 7.30pm **Free Entry**

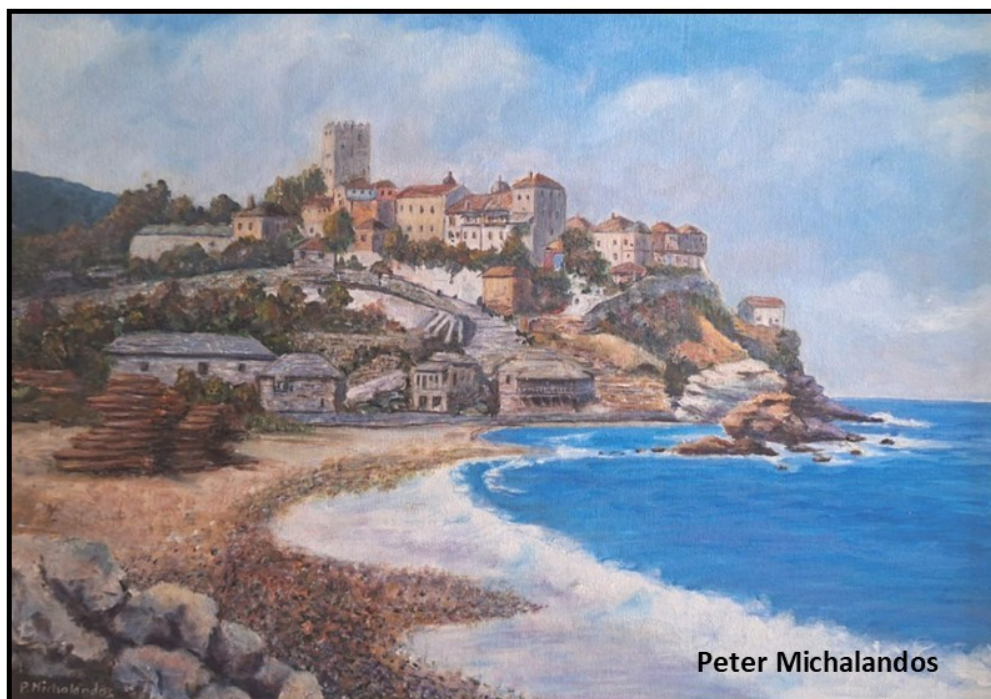
Exhibition open to the public

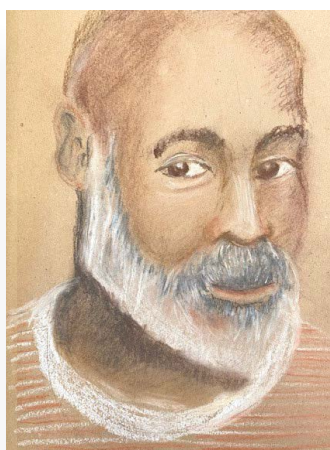
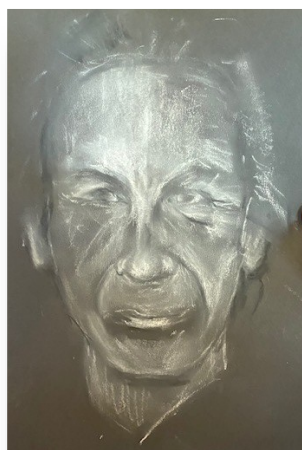
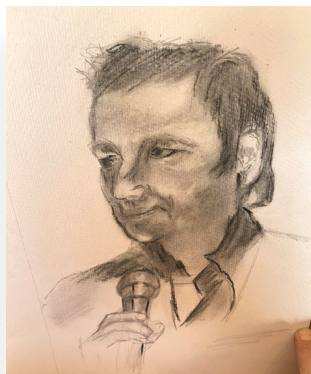
Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd 10.00am to 4.00pm

Free Entry

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ART EXHIBITION

**Opening night Friday 31st
October - Saturday 1st and
Sunday 2nd November
Exhibition.**

**Start organising your artworks now
and watch out for entry forms in your
emails soon.**

**Exhibitors will be given a free
entry ticket for opening night.**

"Sketchability was so good with the group really taking great interest and enthusiasm to learn".

October Critique and Demonstration By Melissa Martin

Mel Martin left the corporate world to follow her true calling, a journey she describes as synchronistic, serendipitous, and life-changing. Through her practice, Mel's Art of Zen, as an Integrative Creative Arts Therapist she helps people creatively improve wellbeing, while also reconnecting with their creative spark - encouraging freedom of expression, experimenting, and the healing power of play.

Her philosophy is that creativity is for everyone, not just artists, and that expressing what's within us is essential to living well. Mel enjoys working with colour, mixed media, and playful "outside the box" experimentation. Mel inspires others to embrace the beauty of imperfection, find meaning, and reconnect with their inner selves.

About the Demo:

A great way to have some hands-on playful fun sampling Mindful Art and creative sparking. Learn some easy, quick relaxation techniques while mindfully enjoying creative doodling art that you can take away with you.

Please let know if you would like to join in the session.

RSVP & book your spot for the Mindful Art session email Jan:

st.george.art.society@gmail.com



For Critique:

Bring along an artwork (old/new or work in progress) that expresses YOU (personality/style) to discuss.



We are so lucky with some great models, Brian was absolutely fun to draw with his interesting poses.

Never one to just take the easy route, he continues to motivate us. His smiling face made a good portrait drawing also.



Oatley awards

Our members did well at Oatley 101 Awards

Section 1: Oil painted in a traditional manner or Acrylic painted as Oil

Winner: Marlene Weaver for her work entitled "Afternoon Tea"

Highly Commended: Ros Psakis for her work entitled "Get that ball fella"

Section 2: Watercolour, Gouache, Pen & Wash

Highly Commended: Jana Blasco for her painting entitled "Still Life Teapot and Orchids"

Section 3: Works on Paper - Original Prints, Pastel, Charcoal, Pencil, Ink, Mixed Media, Collage

Winner: Jan Schuster-Callus for her work entitled "Ageless"

Section 4: Contemporary artworks,

Highly Commended: Marlene Weaver for her work entitled "Shane II"

Commended: Shirley Hagarty for her work entitled "Balancing Trick"

Art for the Soul Gallery - Studio Art and photography sales

Denise Kassis Award Winning Artist & Tutor
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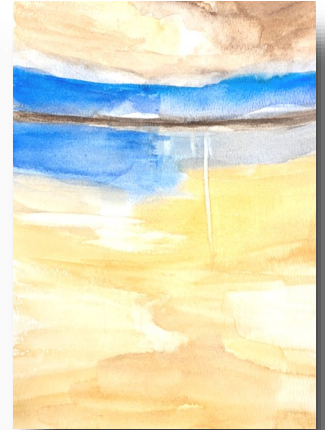
Instagram:
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opening times and
for appointments

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Two landscapes on Thursday night, one exclusively with a big mop brush and another using a thin rigger brush



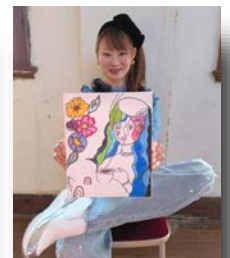
Paul McCarthy Workshop



It was a perfect day in the Park, Paul's Workshop had some pretty amazing results. As you can see, everyone had a different interpretation. Paul's teaching ability and sense of humour made the day go too fast with so much information to digest. We can't wait to have him again.



Participants worked on nature art e.g. tree, floral arrangement, also portraiture, underwater scene.



Critique

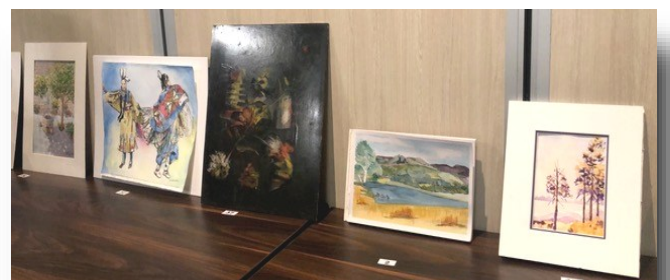
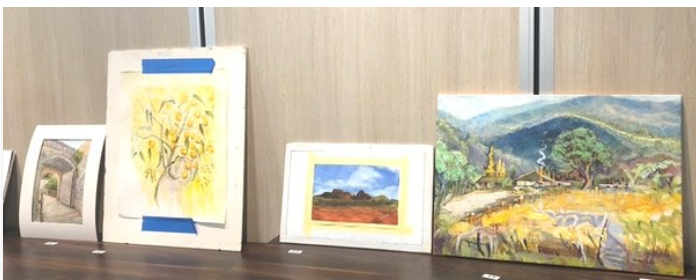


With our Guest Artist falling ill, we still had a good evening.

Everyone critiqued each other. Jan invited up the members to discuss their reasons/process of the artwork they presented. It was interesting to hear the story behind.

We had a 'People's Choice' vote, and Jan Schuster-Callus won. We also presented two Runner-Ups to Jenny Wassel and Gracie Fernández, who were tied.

It was a hard choice as we had such a good turnout of some really beautiful work. We hope Marion will get well soon and see her on the Demonstration Night.



Marion Chapman's Demo Night

An inspirational evening with Marion, experimenting with the freedom of painting and being loose with watercolour techniques which explored some interesting and different effects.



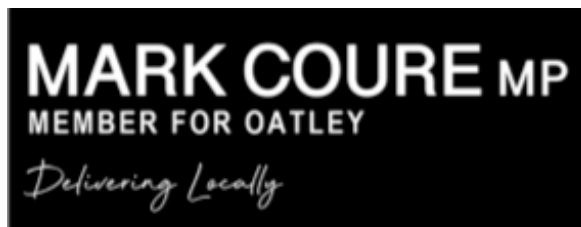
Morning Tea

Morning Tea is at Bay Breeze Café, downstairs at the
St George Motor Boat Club
Saturday 25th October

Pease advise Mirna 0431829900 if would like to join



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