



Paint 'n' Palette Newsletter #469

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President
Jan Schuster-Callus

From the **PRESIDENT'S** desk

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR ARTISTS

Our 81st Annual Art Awards had a quality of artwork that was exceptionally excellent this year. We certainly didn't make it easy for our judge **Guy Troughton**. Guy is a Member of the Australian Watercolour Institute and Fellow of the Royal Art Society of NSW.

The evening had music from **'Remember This'** a duo of *'Neil and Maria'* played the classics with Neil doing an interpretation of *Nancy Wilkinson's "Once an Aussie Artist"* Neil had us singing the chorus and ending the entertainment with *'Mustang Sally'*. We thank all the Council Members and Sponsors that came to present our Awards, with speeches to celebrate us as artists. We value this relationship and their commitment to SGAS. Without their support, we couldn't continue to provide our members the valuable service of bringing us together with Art. *Melissa Martin* was our MC for the

evening and did a marvellous job of keeping us organised. I managed to remember to bring my speech, *(which I again did leave on the printer but remembered to check)*. For those that were there, our Halloween mascot **'Chucky the Clown'** wanted to interrupt me, with his manic laughing, but was 'chucked out'. It was a fun night.

A special thank you to all our members that put their time and hard work to put this exhibition on, some year after year. With your valuable experience and dedication is what makes this work to the standard it has become 'The highlight of the year'. Some are not even members. I can't name everyone but you know who you are and please pat yourself on the back. **WELL DONE.**

CONGRATS to all our Winners, Highly Commended and Finalists. Excellent. Well deserved. All our exhibitors, I congratulate. By entering an exhibition you are already a winner, to have the confidence and ability to show your work takes courage and without our

venue and support, we couldn't exist, we come together, make friendships and best of all, we are showing our art to the community. On Sunday, taking a leisurely stroll I could see the quality and the beautifully presented works. I was extremely proud.

Our Featured Artist Peter M's **'Sunflowers'** was won by Lesley Wilson, a ticket sold on the Friday night, I delivered her beautiful painting on Sunday and she was delighted. Also was her birthday. Thank you Peter for donating such a beautiful painting. I was delighted with the **'Encouragement Award'** winner Lilianna. Lilianna has been attending our classes weekly and we could see her development and dedication. Peter Warner our **'People's Choice Award'** is a very special

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NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY:	DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME	GUEST ARTIST/ CO-ORDINATOR
TUESDAY	11 TH NOVEMBER	ARTABILITY	KOGARAH	2PM	ANGELA ILIADIS
THURSDAY	13 TH NOVEMBER	PORTRAITURE	KOGARAH	6.30PM	JILLIAN JESSEN
TUESDAY	18 TH NOVEMBER	ARTABILITY	KOGARAH	2PM	ANGELA ILIADIS
THURSDAY	20 TH NOVEMBER	PAINT & SIP	KOGARAH	6.30PM	JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS
TUESDAY	25 TH NOVEMBER	SKETCHABILITY	KOGARAH	2PM	DON & JILLIAN
THURSDAY	27 TH NOVEMBER	LIFE DRAWING	KOGARAH	10AM	JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS
THURSDAY	27 TH NOVEMBER	WATERCOLOUR	RAMSGATE	6.30PM	ROD BYATT
DECEMBER					
THURSDAY	4 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY	SANS SOUCI	6.00PM	JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS

Demonstration for Members

By Melissa Martin

Mindfully Creative session

We got to experience a very informative and hands on creative session with a twist. Mel facilitated a Mindfully Creative experiential for us which covered the many benefits of art as therapy and why practicing simple mindfulness daily can improve our overall wellbeing.

Using simple but effective designs, doodling and applying colour to mandalas as part of the process of mindfully relaxing and getting into flow state. Not striving for perfection, just having playful fun with markers and coloured pencils as mediums was refreshing and joyful and it helped us to reboot our neural (brain) connections. We can see why this process is very helpful when feeling stressed or anxious or creatively blocked as it's a quick and easy way to get into a meditative process without meditating, but with the same effect. The outcome was really great!



CHRISTMAS PARTY
4TH DECEMBER
TIME 6.00pm
ST GEORGE MOTOR BOAT CLUB
Bay Breeze Café
2 Wellington St. Sans Souci
(Under the St George Motor Boat Club)
30 SEATS AVAILABLE SO BOOK IN QUICK
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award because the people get to choose, a very worthy painting. The 'Mitzi Tilley Award of Excellence' sponsored by Arthur Tilley gave a heartwarming speech. Mitzi was a very dedicated and loved member of the Committee for many years and Arthur has continued the award in her memory. This year was won by Marlene Weaver, a very talented deserving artist. And this ends this year's ANNUAL ART AWARDS for 2025, enjoy your Christmas and NY, our Christmas party is soon, please come along, details in the PnP. KEEP painting.....

All awards are listed in this PnP and will soon be on the website.

81st ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION 2025 AWARDS

Section 1: Traditional Oil Painting: The Wal Chandler Award

Presented by : Councillor Nancy Liu-
Hurstville Ward, GRC



Winner: Salwa Woodroffe

Emma McKeon Olympian Champion
Sponsored by: M&M Flevaris
McGrath Real Estate



Highly Commended: Jana Blasco
Kurnell
Sponsored by: Mel's Art of Zen

Section 2: Traditional Acrylic Painting: The Walter Bennett Award

Presented by Zhi Soon, Member for Banks



Winner: Jean Harrow

Title: River Flow
Sponsored by: Noonan Real Estate



Highly Commended: Nauha Dabboussy
Title: Rose Bush
Sponsored by: Zhi Soon

Section 3: Traditional Watercolour Painting: The John Upton Award

Presented by Thomas Gao -
Kogarah Ward, GRC



Winner: Jana Blasco

Title: Tea Pot and Orchids
Sponsored by: The Upton Family



Highly Commended: Yvonne Ferguson
Titled: Lennox Bridge (1833)
Sponsored by: St George Motor Boat Club

Section 4: Mixed Media Award Works on Paper

Presented by Ash Ambihapahar,
Member for Barton



Winner: Jan Schuster-Callus
ReBirth: Starting Again
Sponsored by: Chris Minns,
Premier of NSW



Highly Commended:
Diana Milford-Smith
Circular Quay at Night
Sponsored by: Bold Psychology

Section 5: Contemporary/Abstract Artworks:

The Nancy Wilkinson Award
Presented by Natalie Mort, -
Blakehurst Ward, GRC



Winner: Marlene Weaver Red Shoes
Sponsored by: Visual Arts



Highly Commended: Jan Schuster-Callus
Whispers of the Wind
Sponsored by: John, Mr Handyman

Section 6: Small Works: The Walter Dowman Award

Presented by Jan Schuster-Callus,
President of SGAS



Winner: Tina Workman

Orchid Morning
Sponsored by: Mark Coure MP,
Member for Oatley



Highly Commended: Marlene Weaver
Neenish Tarts
Sponsored by: Fantastic Framing

The Mitzi Tilley Award of Excellence



Marlene Weaver:
"Afternoon Tea"

Sponsored by: Arthur Tilley

The SGAS 'Encouragement Award'

presented by Jillian Jessen,
Vice President of SGAS



Lilianna Marinucci
Magical Fairy Wren

2025 SGAS's PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Presented by:
Jan Schuster-Callus,
President of SGAS



WINNER: Peter Warner
Megalong Sunset
Sponsored by: Eckersley's

RAFFLE PRIZE WINNER

Leslie Wilson



Artwork: Sunflowers
By Peter Michalandos
The winning ticket was sold on
Opening Night

Finalists for the St George Art Society 2025



Eva-Marie Workman
The Fate of the Kitty



Peter Warner
Megalong Sunset



Lewis Mendis
Wattle it Be



Salwa Woodroffe
The French Village



Don Kibble
Connells Bay



Jean Harrow
Blue and
White Jug



Jan Schuster-Callus
Ageless



Yvonne Ferguson
Vintage Jugs with Orchids



Joe Green
Agestic Windows
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Jillian Jessen
Katini



Art Exhibition 2025





We focussed on clouds and rocks as part of our ongoing study of landscape painting.

In November, we will look at the unique landscape of Central Australia and how to add people to our landscape paintings.



In ArtAbility today we experimented with watercolour techniques and pointillism. Some students worked on their own projects.

Christmas Paint & Sip

Thursday 20th November at 6.30pm

A fun night of painting, drawing a festive themed still life, all the while enjoying bubbles or a cocktail (a non-alcoholic version for drivers), festive nibbles, and a bit of music.

Start your Christmas early. Bring your own materials but some will be available on the night.

Please RSVP to st.geroge.art.society@gmail.com if you can for numbers. Or just show up.



Critique



Mel workshopped with attendees a structured set of thought provoking, open-ended questions within October's Critique session. These could be useful when artists are in the process of planning and or working on creating artwork. They are designed to go beyond the technical aspects of creating, as they touched on exploring personality, emotional depth and capturing the atmosphere and the artist's expression through personal style and voice or intention. It was a fun session of exploration and getting everyone involved in the critique session. It was a very hard decision to find a winner as Mel said she found all the artworks unique and creatively expressive.

This month's winner was Wayne Tooke artwork titled "Small Ship in a Big Storm" People's choice went to both Wayne and also Peter Michalandos for his serene pastoral watercolour.



If you would like to receive the one page Question Guide handout utilised in the Critique session by Mel feel free to email membership@stgeorgeart.com.au to request a PDF be sent to your email.

Portraiture



Another successful Portraiture session, with our gracious model dressing up in a fancy costume to enhance artists creativity and imagination.

Life Drawing



Life drawing. One of our favourite models, whose professionalism in her poses, are not easy to draw at times. But very much worth the effort.

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