



Paint 'n' Palette Newsletter #472

MAY 2026



President
Jan Schuster-Callus

From the PRESIDENT'S desk

April has been full on with ANZAC activities,

Ramsgate RSL's Selection was on display for their ANZAC Dinner and Breakfast. Jill Jessen and I went to the Dinner as guests of Ramsgate. It was a beautiful night, inspirational speeches.



Chris Minns made a very welcomed appearance. Guests included Betty and Florence who were nurses in the war. Our Edvina Prest artwork that was bought by the RSL last year was auctioned to make money for our Vets.

Oatley RSL Sub Branch exhibition in conjunction with the SGAS for the Opening of the New Mural painted by Adrian and Nikki Marchio with three of Oatley's service personal incorporated into the work. Our artists also painted portraits of some of the service personal.

With almost 300 people coming through over the weekend and a few sales, it was a very moving exhibition. The Peoples Choice Award

went to **Yvonne Ferguson** and one point away was **Jill Jessen**. So many times I heard the words 'How can I choose from so many wonderful works'.

Many thanks to our 17 artists that exhibited and our 'Helpers' that help make it such a wonderful event. To Damian and John for again bringing in the screens.

"A big THANK YOU to Jillian Jessen, our VP for doing the tedious task of making dozens of velcro tags for our screens. An easy option for exhibitions without taking all the heavy hanging hooks. Much appreciated."

MAY 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DAY:	DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME	GUEST ARTIST/ CO-ORDINATOR
TUESDAY	5 TH MAY	SKETCHABILTY	KOGARAH	2.00PM	DON & JILLIAN
THURSDAY	7 TH MAY	CRITIQUE	RAMSGATE	6.30PM	JAQUELINE BURGESS
TUESDAY	12 TH MAY	ARTABILITY	KOGARAH	2.00PM	ANGELA ILIADIS
THURSDAY	14 TH MAY	PORTRAITURE	KOGARAH	6.30PM	JILLIAN JESSEN
TUESDAY	19 TH MAY	ARTABILITY	KOGARAH	2.00PM	ANGELA ILIADIS
THURSDAY	21 ST MAY	DEMONSTRATION	KOGARAH	6.30PM	JAQUELINE BURGESS
TUESDAY	26 TH MAY	SKETCHABILITY	KOGARAH	2.00PM	DON & JILLIAN
THURSDAY	28 TH MAY	LIFE DRAWING	KOGARAH	10.00AM	JAN SCHUSTER-CALLUS
THURSDAY	28 TH MAY	WATERCOLOUR	GYMEA TRADIES	6.00PM	TRISH MACLACHLAN
SATURDAY	30 TH MAY	MORNING TEA	SAN SOUCI	10AM-12PM	MIRNA GAMBOA

ANZAC DAY EXHIBITIONS 2026

Oatley RSL



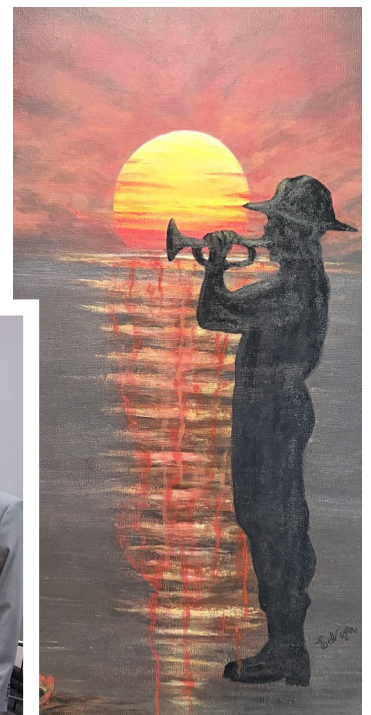
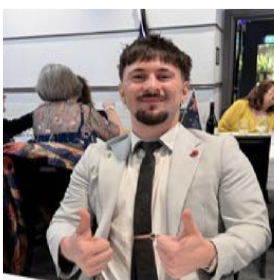
Peoples Choice: Oatley RSL Sub Branch ANZAC Exhibition

WINNER: Yvonne Ferguson for *'Remembrance'*
2nd: by one vote Jillian Jessen for *'Into the Blue'*

Ramsgate RSL

Ramsgate RSL Sub Branch ANZAC Selected Works

Peter Michalandos
Wren Craw
Jan Schuster-Callus
Eleni Karathanasi



Congrats to the Gallipoli Art Prize 2026 Finalists

Eleni Karathanasi: *'The Soldier of Kogarah Town Square'*

Fangmin Wu: *'Young Cadet'*

Tempe House Exhibition

12,13,14 June and 18,19, 20, 21st June
1 Princes Hwy, Wolli Creek



Staffing is required, so anybody entering a painting is required to attend for a minimum of one session on the staffing roster.

Key Dates:

Bump in:

Thursday 11th June

Bump Out:

Sunday 21st June

Opening

Saturday 13th June

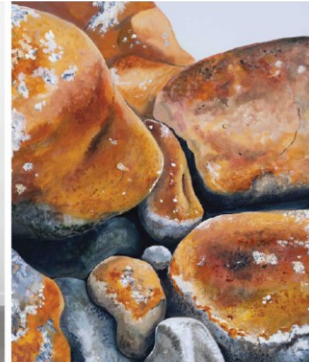
Exhibition:

Friday 12,13,14 June
and 18,19,20, 21st June



Information on how to enter will follow

**This month's
Guest Artist
Demonstration
And Critique by
Jaqueline Burgess**



Born in South Africa, Jaqueline Burgess is a visual artist who studied and trained in Fine Art before travelling to Europe to further her practice. She worked as an artist, muralist, and art teacher at a private school in London before relocating to the east coast of Australia, where she now lives and works full-time from her home studio in the northern suburbs of Wollongong, NSW.

Her work spans landscape and portrait painting, blending technical skill with emotional and spiritual depth. Jaqueline has been recognised in several major Australian art awards, including as a **Finalist in the Lethbridge 20,000 (2023)**, **Finalist in Arts in the Valley (2022)**, and **Semi-Finalist in the Doug Moran National Portrait Prize (2016)**. Most recently, she completed a significant body of twelve landscape paintings for a dual exhibition at **Gallery Alchemy**, marking a defining milestone in her artistic career.

If you know of any award winners please notify us so that we can acknowledge their achievements.

Art for the Soul Gallery - Studio

Art and photography sales

Upcoming art as therapy group workshops

Multi award winning artist and tutor

Denise Kassis 0420 740 552



God's gift

By

Photographer Susan Williams (née Kearney)

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Life Drawing



Our model has ballet background and it showed in her poses, so beautiful and graceful. Only a few showed up and it was sad with one of the cheaper professional Life Drawing class available.

Still we did some wonderful drawings.

**Suitable for all levels of experience
All Welcome**

April Demonstration by Peggy and Shire Sketchers



Peggy Annabel and ten members of Shire Sketchers talked about the pleasure they get from belonging to their group. "It's all about the pleasure it brings to us in so many forms ". Expressing themselves combines so many mediums and it starts with the drawing. What an inspirational evening.



Morning Tea

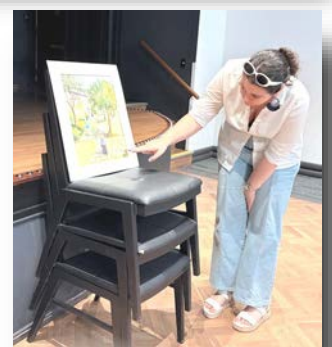
Morning Tea is at Bay Breeze Café, down-
stairs at the
St George Motor Boat Club
Saturday 30th May
at 10am

*Pease advise Mirna 0431829900
if would like to join us.*





“Portraiture was so good on Thursday evening with our own Jo Butler as the beautifully dressed model who thought out her appearance with a great result. Everyone attending assisted in the setting up and putting the gear away which was greatly appreciated. Thank you Jo for your contribution and to the attending members for your support.”
Jillian.



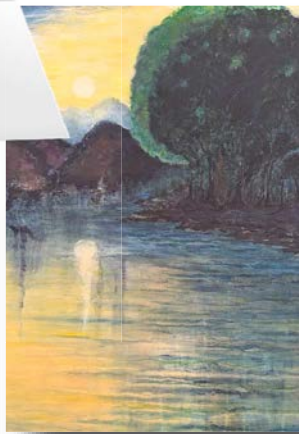
Our Critique night was in conjunction with Ramsgate RSL and Our Kieth Wills, As well as our normal critique, members brought their ANZAC theme paintings for a selection by Kieth to be on the stage for the Ramsgate ANZAC Dinner and Breakfast. Keith as usual had a difficult time choosing but selected Wren Crow, Peter Michalandos and Jan Schuster-Callus. He then added Elena Karathanasi.

The Gallipoli Art Prize



Two of our SGAS members were finalists in The Gallipoli Art Prize. Elani Karathanasi and Fangmin (Jack Wu).

ArtAbility



It was a small group as some were away sick. Each participant got feedback as required.

WATERCOLOUR



Trish's watercolour class was yet again so inspiring and informative. Her step by step instructions helped us to achieve a lot more than we thought we were capable of. We all look forward to the fourth Thursday of each month for Trish's next challenge.

Membership Alert.

Dear Members,

A reminder that SGAS membership follows the financial year (1 July – 30 June), not the calendar year or your joining anniversary.

All current memberships expire at the end of June 2026 and need to be renewed for the 2026–2027 financial year by mid July and before next AGM. Annual fees will remain at \$35 (single) or \$40 (family).

If you have recently joined or renewed, your membership will continue to June 2027 automatically and you do not need to pay again.

To renew, submit your payment online with a completed Application Form via the SGAS website www.stgeorgeartsociety.com.au.

You may also print the form, (available at School of Arts or online), complete and return it with payment. Direct debit is preferred, but cash or cheque can be given to a Committee member. You will be provided with a receipt and card via email to save on mobile device or print and keep for proof of membership.

A current membership is required to participate in SGAS activities and exhibit artworks from July 2026 to June 2027.

Thank you for your continued support!

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