

Welcome Back to Our Gallery



Welcome back one and all! It's great to have our Gallery open once again with our "Rebirth—New Beginnings" Exhibition and so many creative variations of the theme.

Thank you to all those members who co-operated in observing the new COVID-19 social restrictions and hygiene rules which we will all need to continue.

It was a huge undertaking getting the Gallery ready for re-opening and compliant with the COVID-19 rules, and a BIG THANK YOU to all of our Committee members ... and plus Ursula Kelly, Martin Panton, Mike Labuc-Spoors, Rob Manns and Peter Thompson.

President's Report

Actions Taken and News

Memberships

Many Members have renewed their Memberships for 2020, however, there are still quite a few Members who perhaps have not yet got used to renewing on 1st January each year, rather than throughout the year (as in past years). So, please renew as soon as possible so that we can update you on our Membership Database. See page 3.

June-July ChangeOver

Smooth operation—great co-operation

Themes for Future Exhibitions

The Themes have had to be adjusted because of the time lost from closure of the Gallery. Please see page 8 for the new Themes.

Art in the Park – Sunday 19th July from 8am

Happy to announce you have a chance to sell all your excess paintings. You must be seen to be painting though. Set up an easel or table. All sales must go through the Gallery office. Commission 10%

Big Art Competition

This Competition will now be in September, starting on 1st September and we have streamlined the Categories. See page 4.

Promotions and More Events

Liz Labuc-Spoors (aka Liz Swan) has taken new photos of the gallery and is arranging for new content to be on Destination Gold Coast. Liz also endeavoured to get our name mentioned on the Gold Coast tram tours, however, despite many approaches has been so far knocked back, but will try-try-again.

Dean Wignall is doing a great job of promoting us very regularly on Instagram.

Down the track, when COVID-19 regulations allow us to do so, we will re-commence some social gatherings.

Petrie Tce Gallery (RQAS Brisbane) Figurative competition held from 8th Sept to 4th Oct 2020. Go on-line to get details at: <https://rqas.com.au/whats-on/exhibitions>

HELP! WE NEED SOMEBODY

Do you have a special talent, ability or occupation we don't know about?

We are in the process of updating our database to include the various occupations (former or current) and talents and abilities of our Members so that we can call upon them to make our Gallery even better.

Already, our people on the Committee have specific administrative and creative areas in addition to functioning in their designated role,

Lynne Astill (President)— Innovation, Negotiation, Management, Delegation, ++.

Lulu Parfitt (Vice-President)— Newsletters and Database management.

Effi Mouzikatis (Treasurer)— Catering, Event management.

Liz Labuc-Spoors (Secretary)— Promotion, Research, Event Organising

Leanne Manns (Artistic Director)— Human resource management, Workshops, etc.

Johanna Sampson—Gift Shop management

Denise La Nauze—Roster management

We also have other members who help with general maintenance, and thanks very much to Ursula Kelly, Martin Panton, Mike Labuc-Spoors, Rob Manns and Peter Thompson who helped extensively with organising, cleaning and maintenance to get the Gallery back up and running. However, we would welcome more members who can carry out some of the trades and general maintenance.

Please email us at rqasgc@rqasgoldcoast.com and let us know of your profession or trade and if you are willing to help with your knowledge and/or expertise. and we will add this information to our Members Database.

We are looking for a new tutor for ...

Thursday nights 6.30-8.30. If interested, please email your Resume to rqasgc@rqasgoldcoast.com

Many thanks to Jan Lawnikanis for her time in this role. Jan has now moved up North - just too far away to “drop in”. Good luck Jan, with your move and with settling into your new home.

CURRENT MEMBERS DATABASE

Current Membership Period—1 January 2020– 1 January 2021

It is important for the running of the Gallery to keep all memberships up-to-date. For the last 2 years, we have been transitioning into having memberships due on the 1st January each year, so have made some pro-rata concessions for members who join during the year. However, the transition period is now over. There will be no more pro-rata concessions.

Please make sure that your membership is current. We know it is easy for time to pass. If you have any doubt, our volunteers can check the Current Membership List held at the Reception Desk, or our Committee can check the Members Database. Here are the different categories and methods of payment:

NEW

Single \$80 Family \$90 Student \$30 Junior \$15

RENEWAL

Single \$70 Family \$80 Student \$30 Junior \$15

Fees can be paid at the Front Desk or deposited directly into our Gallery's Bank Account, only if it is a Renewal of Membership.

BSB: 064 445

Account No.: 1049 1257

Ref: Renew—"Your Surname"

Please fill in your Bank details so we can pay you when you sell.



BIG ART COMPETITION

The Big Art Competition will be held on 1st September 2020. We now have the following 4 Categories:

1. **Landscape**
2. **Figurative**
3. **Still Life**
4. **Abstract**

You must be a current member to enter this Competition. So start painting....Entry forms and more information will be available in July.

Please Note

2020 Memberships were due on 1st January!
So this means that if you want to specifically enter for the Big Art Competition in September; the full year's membership needs to be paid and this will then expire on 1 January 2021.



OVERALL WINNER

Petra Daecke

THEME

1st: Tonye Stone – “Sanctuary”

2nd: Margit Major – “New Beginning”

Highly Commended: Michael Hooper – “The Way We Were”

NON-THEME

1st: Petra Daecke – “Soulful”

2nd: Ron Macrae – “It’s Lily”

Highly Commended: Anna Beveridge – “The Flow”

Please see images by searching for:

rqas broadbeach gallery

On Facebook and Instagram

GALLERY ROSTER DUTY

When you are on Roster Duty with someone new; please act as a Mentor for them, and show them our procedures, i.e.

- Initial counting of money in our Petty Cash Tin and recording in Diary
- How to answer our phone,
 - e.g. “Good Morning, RQAS Broadbeach, How can I help you?”
- Phoning RQAS Members scheduled for Roster Duty on the next day
- Greeting Visitors as they enter the gallery
- Engaging with Visitors during their time in the Gallery where appropriate
 - “Are you a local or visiting the Gold Coast?”
 - “Are you an artist yourself?”
- Encouraging potential Membership to RQAS Broadbeach
- How to check the completion of our Membership Forms
- How to handle payments...
 - By cash
 - Via EFTPOS Machine on the Reception Desk
- Recording of sales of Small Paintings in the relevant folder
- Stockroom—packing material for paintings
- Procedure when artworks are sold
 - Phone artist, retain label with red dot and put in empty space on wall
- Closing of Gallery ...
 - Counting cash in our Petty Cash Tin at end of shift and recording
 - Turning off lights, fans, checking doors and windows are locked
 - Bringing in flags, notice boards and small paintings on ladders
 - Alarm, locking doors, keys, etc.



Visitors' Choice is “on hold” until clearing of COVID-19 regulations because there cannot be any sharing of pens, clipboards, etc.

Please note that no animals are to be brought in while you are doing Roster Duty.

Please consider doing a Refresher Roster Duty Induction conducted by Peter Thompson on the Change-Over Days.

All suggestions submitted by Members (with their name on it) will be submitted to our Committee for discussion and possible implementation.

2020 UPDATED THEMES

JUNE	Saturday 1 June	Rebirth – New Beginnings
JULY	NO CHANGEOVER	Rebirth – New Beginnings
AUGUST	Saturday 1 August	Nature's Playground
SEPTEMBER	Saturday 29 August	BIG ART COMPETITION
OCTOBER	Saturday 26 September	Collage – Mixed Media
NOVEMBER	Saturday 31 October	My Culture – My Beginnings
DECEMBER/JANUARY	Saturday 28 November	I Live Here (Gold Coast)



Things I Wish Someone Had Told Me About Being An Artist:

1. Don't compare your work to other's. Compare your new work to the old.
2. You don't have to go to art school, but doing so can get you further, faster.
3. Someone, somewhere, will love what you do (and pay for it). Find them.
4. Really good work takes a really long time to make. Be patient with yourself.
5. Create every single day. Even if it's all garbage. You can't improve on a blank canvas

