

ROYAL QUEENSLAND ART SOCIETY GOLD COAST BROADBEACH ART GALLERY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2023 OUR PATRON: The Lady Mayoress RUTH TATE



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SEPTEMBER STARS BIG ART AWARD & 60th JUBILEE OF RQAS GC Lady Mayoress Ruth TATE & President: Professor Ruth McPhail

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**President: Professor Ruth McPhail**

Dear Members,

Welcome to October. BIGART was a BIG success! Our Patron Mayoress Ruth Tate presented the winners, which you can read all about in this edition of our newsletter.

I would like to thank our judges Sienna Van Rossum ([www.siennavanrossum.com/cv](http://www.siennavanrossum.com/cv)), Peter Seaward (Past President and Artist) and Svetlana Trefilova from the Queensland College of Art. They had a very difficult job to arrive at the winner and even harder to pick just one to be the Star's BIGART winner: Imogen Low for 'Serenity in the Face of Temptation'. The judges wrote "This is idealistic, a narrative on the consumer utopia, interesting story and thought provoking whilst delivered in a technically subtle manner which draws the viewer in. An impactful, challenging, and thought-provoking piece". Well done, Imogen!

The evening was the biggest we have hosted. We had around 200 guests all dressed to impress and to celebrate. Thank you to all those who helped make this show such a success – there are so many moving parts to holding a show of this size, from ordering ribbons to the amazing catering, the hanging and judging and so much more. A big thanks to Jo and the hanging team, Efi and the committee who cooked and catered and everyone who helped make this year such a great success.

Also, a BIG shout out to the Children's section that really impressed both the judges and guests. So well done to Ursula and the kids' class! The other winners and exhibitors should be just as proud. It truly has been a wonderful show.

What do you think about the new seating area? No more weeds that's for sure! Thanks to the team led by Bill for getting the job done. Shortly I will meet with Council to talk further about the master plan for the park area and see if we can get some shade and seating out there too – that would be a big help for the Art in the Park Artists.

I can't wait to see you at the AGM, its coming up very fast! I hope you consider joining the Committee or just come along for say Hi. Our Fellows, Annette Raff and David Ladley, have now officially been inducted at the State Branch RQAS on Sunday and so we need to celebrate that too! Let's have a special toast to them at the AGM! See you there.

Kind regards,

**Professor Ruth McPhail, Ph.D., M.Ed, B.Ed, PFHEA, GAICD**

# STARS BIG ART AWARDS



## 2023 STARS BIG ART AWARDS & 60<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE OF RQAS GC!

**A great night with great art!**

Hundreds attended this year's annual Big Art Awards with the crowd spilling into the surrounding grounds outside the gallery. This year the awards were sponsored by Star Entertainment who generously provided considerable prize money to the winners. RQAS GC thanks Star Entertainment for their generous sponsorship.

This year's judges were Peter Seaward (Past President), Sienna Van Rossum and Svetlana Trifilova (Qld College of Art). They had a hard time deciding winners because the standard was so high. Initially they agreed on one of two only. As they went around the rooms the order of winners and not winners as well as new contenders grew. The judges could have awarded a positive commendation to all of the works as they focused on nearly each one with a comment and critique. In the end, they agreed despite making compromises.

Guests remarked that they LOVED the show and that everyone's work, including our winners, are of top quality. So remember you are a winner if you are hung in our fantastic Stars Big Art show!

Congratulations to Imogen Low, judged Overall Winner and Figurative Art Winner as well. \$6000 in prize money for Imogen to put towards more wonderful painting.

Congratulations to Erena Naruta for Children's Art, to David Ladley who took out first for Landscape, to Vicki White for Abstract, Wendy McBrierty for Still Life, Cathy Ku for Works on Paper, Vicki White for Abstract, Jacques Meunier for Innovation from Musgrave Art Supplies, Lyn McBride for Mal Hodges Memorial Award and Deborah McLachlan for Best Presented.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped make it such a special night, in particular, the Mayoress, Ruth our Patron, the Committee, Jo and team, Efi, Belinda, Angela, Alison, Jaques, Michael, Gabrielle, Nula and Martin. A special thank the Vice President, Bill Rees who is looking after many of our special projects and was, as always, a massive help for BIG ART planning, shopping, lifting, hanging, and helping at every turn. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand to make it the best BIG ART BIRTHDAY celebration!

Our annual Big Art Awards are opportunities for the Society's members to exhibit their outstanding work. This year was exceptional with so many wonderful and varied paintings on display to delight artists and friends who attended. Our Society's Patron, the Lady Mayoress, Ruth Tate, opened the Stars Big Art Awards on Fri 8<sup>th</sup> September and distributed awards to the winners chosen by this year's judges.



# 2023 STARS BIG ART AWARD WINNERS

## CHILDREN'S AWARD WINNERS

ERENA NARUTA FIRST PLACE



ENCOURAGEMENT  
AWARD NAMI LONG



SECOND PLACE  
NINA VICKERS



## ADULT'S AWARD WINNERS



BEST PRESENTED DEBORAH  
MCLACHLAN 'FARRK ON A WIRE'



OVERALL WINNER & FIRST PLACE FIGURATIVE IMOGEN LOW  
'SERENITY IN THE FACE OF TEMPTATION'



FIRST PLACE  
LANDSCAPE

DAVID LADLEY  
'SUGARLOAF  
MOUNTAIN'





FIRST PLACE STILL LIFE  
WENDY MCBRIERTY  
'STAINED GLASS  
WINDOW'



FIRST PLACE WORKS ON PAPER CATHY KU  
'FISHING'



MUSGRAVE ART  
INNOVATION WINNER JACQUES MEUNIER  
'NATURE SUPER VISION'



MAL HODGES MEMORIAL  
AWARD LYN MCBRIDE  
'DARCY AND ME'



FIRST PLACE ABSTRACT  
VICKY WHITE 'BUSHFIRE'



## ART IN THE PARK

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023** (This month it's the third  
Sunday of the month because AGM is on 8<sup>th</sup> October)

Bring your beautiful art works to sell in the park. Set up as early as  
you wish.

Bring your paints and showcase your artistic skills to attract more people.

The success of this kind of monthly event depends on all of us. The more gazebos and market  
umbrellas in the park the better. People are attracted to people doing interesting things in  
public spaces.

Bring out your stored away paintings so others can enjoy them as they walk by.



## NEXT CHANGE-OVER OF ARTWORKS FOR NOVEMBER:

Fri 29 September 11am-2pm. Sat 30 September, 2023 from 9am-11am

### OCTOBER Theme: SCAPES – LAND AND SEA

OPENING Sunday 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 1.30PM for 2PM Awards, drinks, and nibbles.

HANGING FEES \$10 ONE PAINTING \$15 FOR TWO PLUS 1 DUTY ROSTER SHIFT FOR THE MONTH.

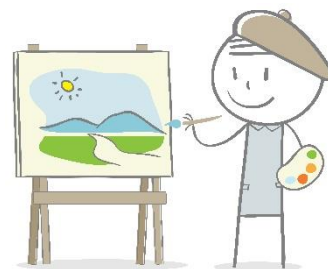
Please ensure paintings are ready to hang with cord or wire attached. Ensure canvas sides and frames are clean and tidy – professional quality standard always.

*Please note that if you bring paintings to exhibit and don't place yourself on roster or if you delete your name without a replacement guaranteed you will be charged \$25 next time you bring work in. Thank you to everyone who fulfils their rostered shift.*

## Final Themes for 2023:

November: REFLECTION

December - January: LOCAL INSPIRATIONS -  
GOLD COAST



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Note from your Secretary

Congratulations to all our winners in our Stars Big Art Competition.

Wasn't our presentation night a fantastic affair! Thank you to those who attended to support all our artists.

You have done a wonderful job being so vigilant about nominating for duty this month and completing paperwork. We rely on our wonderful volunteers to keep our society going and our gallery open for business. Thank you to those who play their part.

Don't forget to ring our artists about any sale whatsoever. This is exciting for them and helps them keep track of their bank statements.

Kind regards,
Angela McClavey



Musgrave art offers a 10% discount to RQAS GC Members
Unit 17/ 3 Jackman St
Southport Ph 5531 4010

Show your membership card or receipt for this generous discount



Escape Artists
Monthly paint-out

NOTICE TO ALL RQAS GOLD COAST ESCAPE ARTISTS

Location for Plein Air painting Wednesday 11th October 2023 is Runaway Bay



Participation as an **ESCAPE ARTIST** is open to all RQAS members. This month we will be painting in Ryder Park located at the corner of Ray and Bayview Streets, Runaway Bay, at the roundabout near the Land's End Bridge. The group will be meeting there any time from about 9am. There is free parking, toilets, a couple of tables and cafes. A few shade trees are in the park but consider bringing a beach umbrella for painting shade. Bring your own painting gear, easel, table, seat, hat, sun screen, insect repellent, water and lunch if you want to do so.

DON'T FORGET

RQAS Escape Artists' ANNUAL EXHIBITION will be held in January 2024

Bob Murphy convener 0411 244 846

bmurphygc@gmail.com



Nomination forms for Committee membership are available at the front desk. If you would like to be on the Committee you will need 2 current members to second your nomination.

AGM date: Sunday 8 October 11am

We urge members to contribute to this important yearly event by attending and voting for a new committee to steer the Art Society through 2023 - 2024!

SOMETHING NEW ON MONDAYS



The children's art class on Mondays welcomes a new tutor working alongside Ursula Kelly.

Mariella Barnes is an Early Childhood Education Teacher who is joining Ursula Kelly's Art class, to teach the younger group of 5 to 8 year olds, on Mondays starting at 4pm.

Ursula and Mariella will share the room with two groups of younger and older children. The cost per child is \$20 for 2 hours of tuition and fun painting with either Mariella or Ursula.

Mariella Barnes:

'Our art class aims to foster the children's sense of wonder by guiding them into the art world. Through art, the children will engage in sensory learning experiences, exploring their creativity, imagination and self expression. They will also practise their fine and gross motor skills and eye hand coordination.



Best of all they will develop confidence and emotional wellbeing in a happy and safe environment that caters for each child at their own pace. Looking forward to an exciting and amazing term.'

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Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it. — Maya Angelou

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals. — Zig Ziglar

### 2022-2023 COMMITTEE

President: Ruth McPhail  
Vice President: Bill Rees  
Treasurer: Effi Mouzakis  
Secretary: Angela McClavey  
Committee: Michael Hooper  
Jacques Meunier  
Johanna Sampson  
Mary-May Simpson  
Elizabeth Swan  
Alison Fielding-Price  
Admin Officer: Belinda Bradshaw

Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy. —

Talk to yourself like someone you love. — Brené Brown

Nothing is impossible. The word itself says, I'm possible! — Audrey Hepburn

Thich Nhat Hanh

If you can dream it, you can do it. — Walt Disney

RQAS GC acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we are located. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging and we extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait members and guests.

## EVENTS DIARY OCTOBER 2023

## CLASSES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 2023

| DATE & TIME                                                                        | EVENT – WHAT'S ON                                                                                 | MONDAY                                      | LIFE DRAWING                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>OCT 8<sup>th</sup> 11am</b>                                                     | <b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b><br><b>BROADBEACH ART GALLERY</b>                                    | 9 am – 12 pm                                | With model (no tutor):<br>Contact: Melissa Bates<br>0420 615 489 \$20                                            |
| <b>OCT 11 WED</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>of month</b>            | <b>ESCAPE ARTISTS</b><br>Runaway Bay (p6)<br>Convenor Bob Murphy<br>0411 244 846 free             | 1pm – 4pm                                   | VACANCY                                                                                                          |
| <b>OCT 15 SUNDAY</b><br><b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY</b><br><b>of month</b>            | <b>ART IN THE PARK</b><br>Set up early.                                                           | <b>VACANCY</b><br><b>NEW</b><br>4 pm – 6 pm | <b>EARLY CHILDHOOD CHILDREN'S ART CLASS</b> \$20<br>Tutor: Mariella Barnes 0411448340                            |
| <b>OCT 27 FRI</b><br><b>11am-2pm</b><br><b>OCTOBER 28</b><br><b>SAT 9am – 11am</b> | <b>CHANGE OVER for NOVEMBER IS AT THE END OF OCTOBER</b><br><br><b>NOVEMBER THEME: REFLECTION</b> | &<br>4.30 pm – 6.30pm                       | <b>CHILDREN'S ART CLASS</b> \$20<br>Tutor: Ursula Kelly 0418 886 057                                             |
| <b>OPENING OCTOBER 29 SUNDAY</b>                                                   |                                                                                                   | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>9.00 am – 12 pm           | <b>THE JOY OF ART</b> acrylics<br>Beginners to Intermediate<br>Tutor: Johanna Sampson<br>0429 626 140 \$20       |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | 1 pm – 4 pm                                 | <b>EXPRESSIVE PAINTING</b> \$30                                                                                  |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | 6 pm – 9 pm                                 | <b>EXPRESSIVE PAINTING</b><br><br>Tutor: John McConnochie<br>0411 279 600 \$30                                   |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>9.30 am – 12.30pm       | <b>PUT ART IN YOUR LIFE</b><br>Tutor: Bernadette Lack<br>0411 376 777 \$25                                       |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | 1 pm – 4 pm                                 | <b>WATERCOLOUR</b><br>Tutor: Annette Raff 0419 637 452<br>\$35                                                   |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | 6.30 pm – 9 pm                              | <b>LIFE DRAWING</b><br>With model (no tutor)<br><br>Contact: Deb McLachlan<br>0407 760 077 \$20                  |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>9.30am – 12.30 pm        | <b>OIL &amp; ACRYLIC CLASS</b><br>Tutor: Phil Middleton<br>0437 626 222 \$25                                     |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | 1pm – 4pm<br><b>NEW</b>                     | <b>PAINT THE IMPOSSIBLE!</b><br>Tutor: Otto Schmidinger<br>0407 465 661 \$30                                     |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | 5.30pm – 8.30 pm                            | <b>TRADITIONAL OILS &amp; ACRYLIC CLASS</b><br>Tutor: Linda Lyons 0450096932<br>Email lally004711@gmail.com \$30 |
|                                                                                    |                                                                                                   | <b>FRIDAY</b><br>9am – 4pm                  | <b>CATSWINGERS</b> – no tutor; open to all members just turn up! \$5                                             |



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white**



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