



# ROYAL QUEENSLAND ART SOCIETY GOLD COAST BROADBEACH ART GALLERY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER JANUARY 23 - 24    OUR PATRON: The Lady Mayoress RUTH TATE

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**President: Professor Ruth McPhail**

Dear Royal Queensland Art Society Members,

As the year draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to every one of you. I hope this letter finds you well, surrounded by the joy of the holiday season.

As we reflect on the past year, filled with artistic endeavours, shared creativity, and the vibrant spirit of our community, I am reminded of the incredible talent and passion that defines our society. Your dedication to the arts has made the Royal Queensland Art Society a thriving hub of inspiration and collaboration.

The holiday season offers us a valuable opportunity to pause, recharge, and gather strength for the adventures that lie ahead. I encourage each of you to take some well-deserved rest, spending quality time with loved ones, and perhaps finding a peaceful moment to immerse yourselves in the tranquillity of your creative process.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Committee for their unwavering commitment to our shared vision. Their dedication is evident in the ambitious agenda set for 2024, with a focus on automation, process upgrades, and heightened security measures. These initiatives will undoubtedly enhance our gallery and studio experience, allowing us to create, share, and appreciate art in an even more streamlined and secure environment.

A special word of thanks goes out to our beloved Cafe, whose delightful offerings have added flavour and colour to our Gallery. I wish Nula, Martin and their children a season filled with special moments and a bustling summer of serving refreshing drinks and delicious ice cream to our creative community.

To each member of the Royal Queensland Art Society, I express my deepest appreciation. Your positivity, active participation, and commitment to upholding the principles of fellowship makes our society a nurturing space for artistic growth. Regardless of your tenure or artistic ability, your contributions have played a vital role in shaping the vibrant community that is the heart of RQAS in 2023 so thank you.

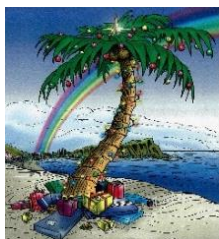
Looking ahead to 2024, I am excited about the possibilities that await us. May the new year be a canvas upon which each of you paints your dreams and aspirations (or you can use mosaics or sculpt them too 😊). Our society is here to support and celebrate your creativity, providing a sanctuary where everyone can find their happy place.

Wishing you a safe and joyous holiday season spent with those you love, or immersed in the activities that bring you happiness. If you can, join us at the Christmas Party—it promises to be a festive occasion, and rumour has it that Santa might make a special appearance!

See you in the New Year, refreshed and ready for another year of artistic exploration.

**Warm Regards,**  
**Ruth**

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



**RQAS GC Christmas Party**  
is at the **Bowls Club Broadbeach**  
16<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 am for 12noon lunch  
Tickets are available at the front desk \$35



## November winners



Overall Winner &  
Theme Winner:  
William Rees  
'Morning Sunrise'

Non Theme Winner:  
Liz White 'WWW 3'



Visitors Choice October: Ron Macrae 'Portrait of Afghan' (no image)

### EXHIBITING ARTWORKS OVER DECEMBER & JANUARY IS FOR TWO MONTHS SO 2 MONTHS OF FEES AND ROSTERS APPLY

Each month is considered separately as a normal month so you must

- volunteer for roster duty for each month (2 rosters) and
- pay hanging fees for two months

Monthly fee for 1 painting is \$10, for 2 paintings it is \$15, so for the 2 months, December and January, the fees are double. For one painting for 2 months it costs \$20 and for 2 paintings for 2 months it costs \$30 to exhibit your work. If you cannot do roster duty you must pay \$25 for one month and for the two months, December and January, it is \$50.

**HANGING FEES OVER DECEMBER AND JANUARY ARE \$20 FOR ONE PAINTING & \$30 FOR TWO PAINTINGS PLUS 2 DUTY ROSTER SHIFTS FOR THE TWO MONTHS**

Changeover for December/January is on

Fri 1st December 11am-2pm. Sat 2nd December, 2023 from 9am-11am

**DECEMBER – JANUARY Theme: LOCAL INSPIRATIONS GOLD COAST**

**OPENING Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 1.30PM for 2PM Awards, drinks, and nibbles**

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: 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. If you cannot do your roster duty then you must pay \$25. Thank you to ALL who fulfil their rostered shift.*

## TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024

\$80 for single renewal

\$90 for family

Pay now for membership to Dec 2024

New members get December of this year free!

## 2024 Exhibition Themes and Changeover Dates

Month	Theme	Exhibition Changeover Date
<b>February</b>	<b>Abstract</b>	Fri 26 & Sat 27 January
<b>March</b>	<b>Fur, Feathers &amp; Scales</b>	Fri 23 & Sat 24 February
<b>April</b>	<b>Art inspired by Dreams/Imagination</b>	Fri 22 & Sat 23 March
<b>May</b>	<b>Nature &amp; Environment</b>	Fri 26 & Sat 27 April
<b>June</b>	<b>Portraits &amp; the Human Figure</b>	Fri 24 & Sat 25 May
<b>July</b>	<b>Australia all over</b>	Fri 28 & Sat 29 June
<b>August</b>	<b>Mixed Media &amp; Collage</b>	Fri 26 & Sat 27 July
<b>September</b>	<b>Big Art Awards</b>	Fri 30 & Sat 31 August
<b>October</b>	<b>Land &amp; Sea: The Great Outdoors</b>	5 & 6 October September
<b>November</b>	<b>Reflections &amp; Shadows</b>	Fri 2 & Sat 3 November
<b>December/ January</b>	<b>Gold Coast Inspirations</b>	Fri 7 & Sat 8 December

### Note from your Secretary

What a wonderful year we have had together. I'm really looking forward to catching up with everyone at our presentation on Sunday, the 3rd, and at our Christmas Party on the 16th December.

The new coding system seems to be making everything more efficient for members. Thanks to Suzy for her input there. Just write the code in the receipt and everyone knows which piece of artwork it is. Brilliant!

It's time to renew our memberships again and, I'm sorry, but we have to fill in the renewal forms again this year. Please bear with us, as this form is a vital part of our process at the moment.

I hope you all have an enjoyable break coming up and remember to look out for vacancies in our upstairs studio where you can paint and draw with other members for a mere \$5.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Kindest regards

Angela McClavey



## Announcement: Wednesday Watercolour Class 1 – 4 pm



Annette Raff (FRQAS, watercolour tutor) taking extended leave from classes after eighteen years

Annette Raff wishes to advise RQAS members, current and potential students she is taking extended leave from her popular, weekly watercolour lessons (Wednesday 1-4pm) returning in May 2024.

She is excited to welcome **Natalie Popovski** as the replacement tutor for the watercolour classes re-commencing January 17. Natalie brings an array of art skills and experience in teaching art classes.

Annette is confident that students will have the chance to try new watercolour approaches, different styles and acquire fresh insights into their work. Below is more information about Natalie and examples of her artwork.

If anyone is interested in booking Natalie's Wednesday afternoon watercolour class and her contact details, please refer to the 'classes' page on the RQAS website from January 2024.

### Natalie Popovski - Artist Statement

I have been teaching workshops in watercolour, oil paints, and drawing for over 5 years now and have had a range of students, from complete beginners to practicing artists and everything in between. I have a passion for teaching and love finding ways to distil abstract ideas of painting and drawing into teachable exercises that have us thinking and seeing differently.



My philosophy is a mix between classical techniques as well as an intuitive approach to painting. Specific to watercolour, I love both its ability to achieve detailed work with luminous colours, but also its watery and loose qualities that allow us to create dreamy impressions.

In 2021 I undertook intensive study under Rob Gutteridge at the Rob Gutteridge Atelier in Adelaide where I delved into the world of academic drawing and painting. I spent many hours drawing and painting from life, dissecting the methods of creating detailed form through the fall of light and shadow. I love weaving these classical techniques into my teachings as these are the foundations of painting. Mastering these methods will greatly enhance your ability to create realistic paintings, but also eventually aid you in learning

how to break these very same rules.

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**Please note that the Wednesday Watercolour Class** tutored by Annette Raff will continue in the New Year while Annette Raff is on extended leave. It will be tutored by Natalie Popovski in Annette's absence. Continuing students and potential new students please note that Annette Raff's Wednesday Watercolour Class will continue, restarting in the New Year from 17<sup>th</sup> January, tutored by Natalie Popovski till Annette Raff returns.  
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## ART IN THE PARK SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Second Sunday of the month)

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

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.



### NOTICE TO ALL RQAS GOLD COAST ESCAPE ARTISTS

**Bob Murphy will be in touch via email for the next en plein air paint out venue**

**Bob Murphy** convener

**0411 244 846**

**[bmurphygc@gmail.com](mailto:bmurphygc@gmail.com)**

### PRESS RELEASE!

### “ESCAPE ARTISTS ART EXHIBITION OF 2023”

The RQAS Escape Artists from Royal Queensland Art Society, Gold Coast, regularly escape from their studios to paint “en plein air” in selected outdoor locations.

Some examples of their art captured in and around the Gold Coast during 2023 will be on display and for sale every day from -

Friday 28 December 2023 until Thursday 25 January 2024

Upstairs in the Peter Abrahams Art Space at the Broadbeach Gallery

25 Broadbeach Boulevard, Broadbeach

Entry is free and all are welcome

Here are a few of the **RQAS ESCAPE ARTISTS** in action



## Last classes for 2023 and classes restart dates in 2024

### Monday morning: LIFE DRAWING CLASS

with Convenor, Melissa Bates  
Last class 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Restart 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Monday evening: CHILDREN'S ART CLASS

with Tutor, Ursula Kelly  
Last class 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Restart 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Tuesday morning: JOY OF PAINTING

with Tutor, Jo Sampson  
Last class 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Restart 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Tuesday afternoon and evening: EXPRESSIVE PAINTING

with Tutor, John McConnochie  
Last class 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Restart 9<sup>th</sup> January

### Wednesday morning: PUT ART IN YOUR

LIFE with Tutor, Bernadette Lack  
Last class 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Restart 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Wednesday afternoon: WATERCOLOUR

with New Tutor, Natalie Popovski  
Last class 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Restart 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Wednesday evening: LIFE DRAWING

with Convenor, Deb Mc Lachlan  
Last class 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Restart 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Thursday morning: OIL AND ACRYLIC

With Tutor, Phil Middleton  
Last class 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Restart 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

### Thursday afternoon: PAINT THE IMPOSSIBLE

With Tutor, Otto Schmidinger  
Last class 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023  
Restart 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Thursday evening: TRADITIONAL OILS

& ACRYLICS with Tutor, Linda Lyons  
Last class 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Restart 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024

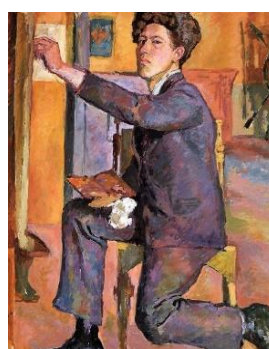
Friday – all day CATSWINGERS  
ON GOING THROUGHOUT HOLIDAYS



### Ludwig Wittgenstein:

Never stay up on the barren heights  
of cleverness, but come down into  
the green valleys of silliness.

If people did not sometimes do silly



*Alberto Giacometti*

"The object of art is  
not to reproduce  
reality, but to create  
a reality of the same  
intensity."

things, nothing

intelligent would ever get done.



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



## Fight for Youth Program call for donations

RQAS member, Uncle Bob Gracey, is a Volunteer Teacher with the Fight for Youth Program. He teaches art to disadvantaged young people from 5 years of age and up. Bob has been a guest tutor in Ursula Kelly's children's class on Monday nights in the Peter Abrahams Gallery Space, Broadbeach Gallery. As an artist himself, Uncle Bob uses art as a way of reaching and encouraging young people to process their concerns, to have fun and tap into their creative energies.



**DONATIONS PLEASE** to support this worthy Program – would you please consider donating your left over paints, used brushes, old canvases, acrylic notebooks, sketch books, old dinner plates – any art materials still useful but not perfect. New equipment would be especially welcomed if you can donate these.

It would be greatly appreciated by the young students and Uncle Bob Gracey. You can leave these items at RQAS GC for Bob to pick up or you can drop them at 44A Currumbin Creek Rd, Currumbin when Bob is there ie Mondays and Wednesdays 3 – 5pm.

### OUR COMMITTEE 2023 – 2024

President: Ruth McPhail  
Vice President: William Rees  
Treasurer: Effi Mouzakitis  
Secretary: Angela McClavey



Committee Members: Michael Hooper  
Johanna Sampson  
Jacques Meunier  
Alison Fielding-Price  
Derk Vanderbent  
Tracey Adolphe



The Art Coffee Shop has had 5 star reviews on Google. In addition, some visitors to the Gallery commented that the coffee was the best they'd tasted (Yes). Thank you Martin and Lula.

Be yourself, everyone else is already taken Oscar Wilde

"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water."

RABINDRANATH TAGORE



**HOTA Quiet Hour** first Saturday of every month 9 – 10am in HOTA Gallery provides a relaxed and calm environment for anyone who prefers a quieter visitor experience.

Please meet at Ground Entry for access to Quiet Hour

Signage encourages visitors to contribute to a more calming environment

Public address system is turned off

Music is turned off

Hand dryers in the toilets are turned off

Lower sound and light levels are employed where possible

We can provide a quiet break out space, please ask a member of staff

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.

DATE & TIME	EVENT – WHAT'S ON		
<b>DEC 1 FRI</b> <b>11am-2pm</b> <b>DECEMBER 2</b> <b>SAT 9am – 11am</b>	<b>CHANGE OVER for</b> <b>DECEMBER IS AT THE</b> <b>BEGINNING DECEMBER</b>	<b>MONDAY</b> 9am – 12pm LAST CLASS 18 DEC RESTART 8 JAN	<b>LIFE DRAWING</b> With model (no tutor): Contact: Melissa Bates 0420 615 489 \$20
<b>OPENING DEC</b> <b>3 SUNDAY</b>	<b>DECEMBER / JANUARY</b> <b>THEME: LOCAL</b> <b>INSPIRATIONS GOLD</b> <b>COAST</b>	1pm – 4pm	Sketchbook Satchel (p6) \$30
<b>DEC 10 SUN</b> <b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY of</b> <b>month</b>	<b>ART IN THE PARK</b> Set up early	4pm – 6pm & 4.30pm – 6.30pm LAST CLASS 11 DEC RESTART 5 FEB	<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD</b> <b>CHILDREN'S ART CLASS</b> \$20 Tutor: Mariella Barnes 0411448340
			<b>CHILDREN'S ART CLASS</b> \$20 Tutor: Ursula Kelly 0418 886 057
<b>DEC 16 SAT</b> <b>11.30 FOR 12</b> <b>NOON START</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b> <b>RQAS GC \$35</b> <b>BROADBEACH BOWLS</b> <b>CLUB</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b> 9.00am – 12 pm LAST CLASS 19 DEC RESTART 9 JAN	<b>THE JOY OF ART</b> acrylics Beginners to Intermediate Tutor: Johanna Sampson 0429 626 140 \$20
		1pm – 4pm	<b>EXPRESSIVE PAINTING</b> \$30
		6pm – 9pm	<b>EXPRESSIVE PAINTING</b> Tutor: John McConnochie 0411 279 600 \$30
		<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9.30am – 12.30pm LAST CLASS 13 DEC RESTART 24 JAN	<b>PUT ART IN YOUR LIFE</b> Tutor: Bernadette Lack 0411 376 777 \$25
		1pm – 4pm LAST CLASS 13 DEC RESTART 17 JAN	<b>WATERCOLOUR</b> Tutor: Annette Raff 0419 637 452 New Tutor: Natalie Popovsky \$35
		6.30pm – 9pm LAST CLASS 13 DEC RESTART 24 JAN	<b>LIFE DRAWING</b> With model (no tutor) Contact: Deb McLachlan 0407 760 077 \$20
		<b>THURSDAY</b> 9.30am – 12.30pm LAST CLASS 14 DEC RESTART 1 FEB	<b>OIL &amp; ACRYLIC CLASS</b> Tutor: Phil Middleton 0437 626 222 \$25
		1pm – 4pm LAST CLASS 21 DEC RESTART 11 JAN	<b>PAINT THE IMPOSSIBLE!</b> Tutor: Otto Schmidinger 0407 465 661 \$30
		5.30pm – 8.30 pm LAST CLASS 14 DEC RESTART 11 JAN	<b>TRADITIONAL OIL &amp; ACRYLIC CLASS</b> Tutor: Linda Lyons 0450096932 Email lally004711@gmail.com \$30
		<b>FRIDAY</b> 9am – 4pm ONGOING OVER HOLIDAYS	<b>CATSWINGERS</b> – no tutor; open to all members just turn up! \$5



White polo shirts &  
Maroon or Black  
Aprons with RQAS  
emblem \$30 ea



**NEW MONDRIAN**  
**T-SHIRTS**

**WOW!**

**Only \$20 ea black or**  
**white**

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