



President: Professor Ruth McPhail

Dear RQAS Broadbeach Members,

Welcome to March, where we embark on an artistic journey celebrating the theme of "Fur, Feathers, and Scales." What an amazing exhibition we have on display with not one but two judges! From the soft fur of a beloved pet to the intricate patterns of a bird's feathers or the mesmerizing scales of a reptile, your creativity has soared (pardon the pun) as you brought these elements to life as Art.

As we indulge in the beauty of nature and wildlife this month, we also look ahead to our next theme: "Art Inspired by Dreams/Imagination." Let your imagination run wild as you delve into the realm of dreams, fantasies, and surreal landscapes. Whether it's whimsical creatures, surreal dreamscapes, or fantastical adventures, we encourage you to unleash your creativity and bring your wildest dreams to life through your art.

As members of the RQAS community, we are bound by a shared love for art and a commitment to fostering a welcoming and respectful environment for all. Let us remember that with membership comes the responsibility to treat each other with kindness, empathy, and respect at all times. Let's embrace diversity, celebrate each other's unique perspectives, and create a supportive space where every member feels valued and appreciated. A special thank you to the Committee who put in much more than paying their membership and hanging fees through their work and commitment every day of the year.

March brings an exciting lineup of workshops and classes designed to ignite your creativity and expand your artistic horizons. Whether you're interested in mastering new techniques, exploring different mediums, or simply seeking inspiration, our classes offer something for everyone. Visit our website for details and registration information and embark on a journey of artistic discovery with us. Don't forget Art in the Park too.

Thank you for being an integral part of the RQAS Gold Coast Branch community. We look forward to celebrating the beauty of "Fur, Feathers, and Scales" together this month and embracing the magic of "Art Inspired by Dreams/Imagination" in the months to come. Wishing you a month filled with creativity, inspiration, and artistic exploration!

Warm Regards,

Ruth

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

February winners



Theme winner: Petra Daecke
'The Divide'



Artists' Choice & Overall Winner:
Ron Macrae 'Lend Me Fifty Dollars'



Visitors Choice Winner:
Michael Watson 'Flat Out'

ATTENTION:

April Change over is Fri 22, Sat 23 March. It's earlier in March because the last weekend of March is Easter. Easter Sun is 31 March and Good Friday is 29th March when changeover would have occurred otherwise. Please note the earlier changeover in March to avoid disappointment.

Next change-over of artworks is for **APRIL exhibition**: Fri 22nd March from 9am – 2.30pm; also Sat 23th March 9am – 12noon.

OPENING Sunday 24th March 1PM for 1.30PM Awards, drinks, and nibbles.

MARCH THEME: Art inspired by dreams / imagination

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

Please ensure all paintings are ready to be hung with cord or wire attached. Also ensure canvas sides and frames are clean and tidy – professional 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.

Please remember to ring your fellow members when they make a sale, no matter how small it is. You will make their day!

Exhibition Themes and Changeover Dates 2024

Month	Theme	Exhibition Changeover Date
April	Art inspired by dreams and imagination	Fri 22 & Sat 23 March
May	Nature and environment	Fri 26 & Sat 27 April
June	Portraits and the human form	Fri 24 & Sat 25 May

Are you available to be on our Emergency Roster List? Please let us know via email:
rqasgc@rqasgoldcoast.com

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**A REMINDER ABOUT CHANGES TO ROSTERS AND BOOKING
YOUR PAINTINGS TO EXHIBIT**

This month of March we desperately need volunteers for roster duty

On Weekends 9am to 1pm, 1pm to 5pm

On Week Days 9am – 2.30pm

Please leave your name at the desk or phone the office to nominate which shift you can do.

NEW PROCESSES FOR BOOKING PAINTINGS TO EXHIBIT

The cut off date for filling in your online consignment label or sending QR code will be the Wed or Thurs before changeover date each month. You will be notified each month and emailed the link to do it online. **No hanging will be permitted without the online label completed.** If you need help please ring Angela on 0415987111, or Belinda on 0409848360.

On the back of your Paintings please write the following details:

1. Your name
2. Membership number (if you don't know this please ask the office)
3. Title of the painting
4. Your phone number

The volunteers on changeover day will check to ensure you've got all you need to identify your work and that you have a roster shift date.

Please note these important changes to make an easy transition to our new processes



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Show your membership card or receipt for this generous discount



NEW MEMBERS who completed the Induction Course in February to carry out their roster shifts in the gallery.

Committee Members, Michael Hooper and Angela McClavey are inducing new members to become effective gallery operators.

If you're a new member and would like to take a roster shift rather than pay \$25 to hang your work (in addition to hanging fees) please contact Angela or Michael to put your name down for an induction.

Michael and Angela carried out an induction again in February for 12 new members altogether. The next

one will be available on the 14th March. Ring Angela (0415 987 111) or Michael (0403 090 433) if you'd like to come along then or if you'd like to organise another more suitable time.

No induction = no duty for new members. But if you hang your work please note the \$25 non duty fee 😊 in addition to the hanging fee will apply. So ring the numbers above and book for an induction course to avoid the non-duty fee!

The induction courses are free to attend. Renewing members who'd like a refresher in gallery duties are welcome to attend too. Please don't feel shy, contact Angela or Michael.

To be effective when on roster duty please complete an induction course **before doing roster duty.**

This is very important so that the gallery runs smoothly and you know what your responsibilities are regarding visitors, use of the eftpos machine, how to write out receipts correctly, how to record sales correctly, how to manage the gallery, how to unlock and lock up the gallery and how to conduct yourself professionally. You will gain in confidence being on gallery duty if you know the ropes which the induction course will provide for you.

Here are some jobs that every person who does a volunteer roster shift needs to get down pat yet sometimes they missed doing:

1) Please remember to **write down the next day's roster duty people's names** into the diary on the desk together with their Mobile numbers. This information is on the large Calendar found in the kitchen. Some of us write in a few days ahead when possible as this makes it easier for the next roster shift volunteers to pick up where we left off and to know who is supposed to be notified of their roster the next day.

2) **Remember** to ring the following day's volunteers to attend their roster day/time, tick against their names if they responded to your call.

3) Please remember to **check the back gate and back doors are locked.**

3) **Please** remember to turn **off** Air conditioner and fans, importantly, **Turn on Alarm**

4) Please take out bins to the kerb beachside in front of the building (public shower and toilet block) when required and please bring them back in the next day.



Exhibition Label QR Code: See RQASGC website for link <https://rqasgoldcoast.com/forms/>

It's easy to access and use from our website. If you have difficulty please contact Belinda 0409848360 or Angela 0415987111 for assistance. Filling out labels in this way helps the gallery with monthly exhibitions ensuring labels for paintings are correct as per the artist's input.

These QR codes are also available from the front desk to take home. You just need to download and QR code reader from the App store of your choice.

Note from your Secretary

Thank everyone for making my job so much easier this month by printing off your labels. I am exceedingly grateful. Well done everyone.

February's abstract paintings were stunning this year, and the genre was embraced by a lot more of our members. Congratulations all, on a wonderful exhibition that you have created for the month of March!.

I would like to remind everyone how important it is to ring the artist when you make a sale, even if it is just a card. Make sure you write the code for the gift shop items on the receipt, so artists and our Treasurer know all the sales details. Our induction courses show you what needs to be recorded, where, and how to do it.

**Kindest regards,
Angela McClavey**

This wonderful painting by Pam Gallagher was sold yesterday and also had a very interested buyer and almost sold a week ago. It was hanging in the gallery on the far left corner at the top which goes to show that paintings are selling from all hanging positions.



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
Tracey Adolphe

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"The great artist is the simplifier." Vincent Van Gogh

"The principles of true art is not to portray, but to evoke." Jerzy Kosinski

"I never paint dreams or nightmares. I paint my own reality." Frida Kahlo

## RQAS Outdoor Artists (formerly known as 'Escape Artists')

**Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 9am**

**Venue: Currumbin Creek Estuary**

**Meeting point:** Underneath the northern end of the Gold Coast Highway bridge over Currumbin Creek. Parking next to meeting point, and also near the Dune café. There are several covered picnic tables along the waterfront and a few shady trees.



**Loos:** approx. 400m flat walk from meeting point.

**Subjects for sketching and painting:** People, seagulls, Pirate Park, Dune café, water scenes, big skies, 2 bridges, hills & distant mountains, board walk through mangroves.

**Mentoring for this event:** how to simplify vast panoramic scenes into more manageable bites (ask your host, Janette Hvistendahl).

**Lunch:** Dune Café near "Pirate Park" (945 Gold Coast Hwy, Palm Beach)

**What to bring:** water, sun hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, painting or sketching gear, beach umbrella, apron, trolley. **Morning tea:** bring your own drinks and snacks.

**To reserve your place in the group and add your name to the mailing list, please contact RQAS Secretary: Angela McClavey 0415 987 111.**

**For general enquiries please contact group host: Janette Hvistendahl 0431 759 404**

**The RQAS Outdoor Artists group will meet at 9.00am on the second Wed of each month (except January) to paint or sketch at a variety of locations up and down our beautiful Gold Coast. After painting, we have lunch and chat at a chosen location.**

**No joining fee, no charge per event.**



**First Outdoor Artists meeting in February 2024**  
Angela McClavey

Boy, February went quickly didn't it! We had our first art excursion to Currumbin Creek this month. We made our way down to the banks of Currumbin Creek near the RSL. It was a magnificent day with 11 people participating. We had

a wonderful lunch together on the deck of the RSL too.

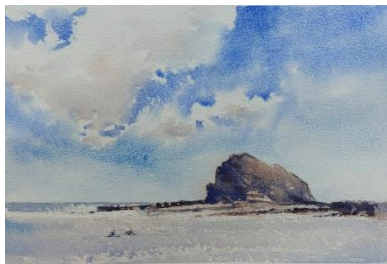
We met at the hall at the Palm Beach Uniting Church where Janette thoroughly discussed some of the basic skills needed when painting and sketching en plein air. Don't be shy about asking advice from your fellow artists, including our host, Janette.

During the year, we will try to accommodate everyone, regarding the distance from home, even though the March venue is at Currumbin again.

Please read Janette's flyer (sent to those on the mailing list) and feel free to join us on March 13th, even if you wake up that morning and suddenly feel like going out to paint.



## En plein air Outdoor Artists



J Hvistendahl (watercolour)

Painting outdoors enables a direct connection to the landscape, its diversity and local beauty which may go unheeded until a person stops and starts to take in and then sketch or paint what they see or experience. Artists describe seeing new patterns, having new insights as they sit in front of a chosen scene that takes their fancy. As the day progresses the light changes, shadows and colours transform and move. People or animals or insects pass through the landscape, be it in nature or in a city, as life happens all around us. Sounds can change the feel of a place too. In quiet and deep attentiveness a person can experience more of what is there externally and internally, melding inner and outer. Painting or sketching outdoors can bring heightened awareness of a place and its goings on and our relationship to the world surrounding us. It can make the new, familiar; the familiar, new as light changes and beings pass through or because of how it makes us feel to be there on that particular day.

Painting or sketching outdoors can be done alone or with others. A contemplative experience shared with chatter about all sorts of things that arise with like-minded and kindred spirits. For over 7 years Bob Murphy convened Escape Artists and now Janette Hvistendahl and Angela McClavey have taken on the task for our society. Come and experience this direct way of painting what you see and feel, how to hear and learn about the landscape and yourself.



**Sunday 10 MARCH 2024** is the next **Art in the Park** event (second Sunday of the month)

Bring out the art you'd like to sell and set up as early as you wish. Showcase your artist skills too if you like!

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; show them to the passers-by. Bring your paints, easels, canvases or boards. Demonstrate your artistic skills and sell some art!

**Catswinger group** please remember to put away easels and tables by 4pm and clean away any food. Ensure the upstairs Gallery is left clean and tidy for Saturday Workshops. Also the gallery should be vacated by 5pm.

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 & TOIME                           | EVENT – WHAT'S ON                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>SUN 10 MAR</b><br>Second Sun<br>Mar | <b>ART IN THE PARK</b><br>Set up early                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>WED 13 MAR</b><br>Second Wed<br>Mar | <b>OUTDOOR ARTISTS</b><br>Currumbin Creek nth end<br>GC H'way bridge see p 6<br>Host: Janette Hvistendahl<br>0431 759 404<br>Mailing list: Angela<br>McClavey 0415 987 111 |
| <b>FRI 22 MAR</b><br>9am – 2.30pm      | <b>CHANGE OVER for<br/>APRIL IS EARLIER IN<br/>MARCH due to Easter<br/>APRIL THEME: ART<br/>INSPIRED BY DREAMS/<br/>IMAGINATION</b>                                        |
| <b>SAT 23 MAR</b><br>9am – 12 noon     |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>SUN 24 MAR</b><br>1pm for<br>1.30pm |                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                        | Awards & nibbles for<br>March exhibition                                                                                                                                   |



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OF MARCH –**

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| <b>MONDAY</b><br>9am – 12pm           | <b>LIFE DRAWING</b><br>With model (no tutor):<br>Contact: Melissa Bates<br>0420 615 489 \$20                        |
| 12.30pm – 3.30pm                      | Sketchbook Satchel<br>Tutor: Jane Whittred (Mrs Red)<br>create@mrsreds.com.au \$30                                  |
| 4 – 6.30pm                            | <b>EARLY CHILDHOOD<br/>CHILDREN'S ART CLASS \$20</b><br>Tutor: Mariella Barnes 0411448340<br>(5-8yrs)               |
|                                       | <b>CHILDREN'S ART CLASS \$20</b><br>Tutor: Ursula Kelly 0418 886 057<br>(9-14yrs)                                   |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>9.00am – 12 pm      | <b>THE JOY OF ART</b> acrylics<br>Beginners to Intermediate<br>Tutor: Johanna Sampson<br>0429 626 140 \$20          |
| 1pm – 4pm                             | <b>EXPRESSIVE PAINTING \$30</b>                                                                                     |
| 6pm – 9pm                             | <b>EXPRESSIVE PAINTING</b><br>Tutor: John McConnochie<br>0411 279 600 \$30                                          |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>9.30am – 12.30pm  | <b>PUT ART IN YOUR LIFE</b><br>Tutor: Bernadette Lack<br>0411 376 777 \$25                                          |
| 1pm – 4pm                             | <b>WATERCOLOUR</b><br>New Tutor: Natalie Popovsky 0419<br>637 452 \$35                                              |
| 6.30pm – 9pm                          | <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 – 12.30pm   | <b>OIL &amp; ACRYLIC CLASS</b><br>Tutor: Phil Middleton<br>0437 626 222 \$25                                        |
| 1pm – 4pm                             | <b>PAINT THE IMPOSSIBLE!</b><br>Tutor: Otto Schmidinger<br>0407 465 661 \$30                                        |
| 5.30pm – 8.30 pm                      | <b>TRADITIONAL OIL &amp; ACRYLIC<br/>CLASS</b><br>Tutor: Linda Lyons 0450096932<br>Email lally004711@gmail.com \$30 |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>9am – 4pm<br>ONGOING | <b>CATSWINGERS – no tutor; open<br/>to all members just turn up!<br/>\$5</b>                                        |