

SCPS 2024 PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the pastel year I wish to thank my and your committee for stepping up to make not only my job easier but for the continued support they give to the Society and its members. It is essential that we maintain our individual status as a Pastel Society that on 29 June 1994 has been in operation for 30 years. A good record you would all agree.

My first and foremost thanks must go Alex, Eric, Eraine, Hideko, Lorraine, Marilyn and Deborah and for the innovative ideas you have brought to the table. Sadly, Eraine is not renominating for the Secretary role and will be sorely missed, however will assist when required by adding her valuable technical skills. Thank you, Eraine your progressive ideas have made for good future operating standards.

To Hideko your quiet but sensible approach will be missed and we wish you and Dave continued health and happiness.

Whilst on thank you's, to our volunteer tutors, Beth Westra our Web administrator, Sheryl Miller for Instagram and Carmel Cox for outside Facebook posting. To all the volunteers who step up time and time again in setting up and taking down exhibitions and to all our sponsors who support our organization with prizemoney for judged exhibitions, .

Our membership numbers presently are lower, however with the September/October "Spring Abundance" exhibition offering new opportunities this may increase. The exhibition is part of the River of Art programme and will be held at the new venue of the Football Club at Hanging Rock, Batemans Bay. Unfortunately, the Surf Club venue was not available to us at this time, and we are awaiting further notifications regarding future dates.

Personally, I feel our Society has been well supported not only by our members but the public in general, along with our valuable sponsors who supported the 2024 judged exhibition.

On offer of professional workshops in 2024 were returning tutors Catherine Hamilton and Stephanie Clark conducting two workshops in April and May. Catherine remained to judge our Pastel Magic of the South Coast exhibition and congratulations to all the winners and overall winner Jenny Tasker.

We are pleased to advise that Tricia Taylor will be conducting our first professional workshop in March 2025 and will seek another option locally.

Our beginners' workshops still attract good numbers & new participants who wish to explore the varying subjects and styles in our ongoing programme which is to continue in 2025.

To members experiencing health issues our well wishes, and members who have lost loved ones, our condolence. To all the members I hope you continue your journey of art and exploration – keep the light shining and the mind open to new possibilities. Art nurtures the soul. For artist who have won awards and held exhibitions congratulations.

I would like to encourage more members to step up and assist this committee, splitting some roles make the job lighter. I understand there is a reluctance to put your hand up, but without your help the future is in question.

I ask that my report be accepted.

Accepted by

Nina Poulton President SCPS

24 August 2024