

SOUTH COAST PASTEL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The Committee

President: Alex Gower
Vice President: Eraine McArthur
Secretary: Jennie Tasker
Treasurer: Andrew Nicholls

General Committee Members

Marilyn Himmelberger
Deb Smith
Lorraine Willcock

Public Officer

Suzanna Hay

Committee members can be contacted at:
secretary.scps@gmail.com or
southcoastpastelsociety1@gmail.com

Upcoming events:

General Meeting:

22/11/2025 at Tomakin Sports and Social Club

Summer Exhibition:

16/1/2026 to 26/1/2026

Judged Exhibition:

10/4/2026 to 20/4/2026

Spring Exhibition:

2/10/2026 to 12/10/2026

Mixed Media Workshop for Beginners

29/11/2025

2026 Workshop Program

Currently being planned

Paint Outs

Join our group of regulars who meet up to enjoy Plein Air painting on location at a variety of picturesque south coast locations. The group meets on Tuesday each week (weather permitting). Its great fun whilst helping to build your painting skills. Call Alex on 0412262701 for details.

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter: In this edition of our newsletter we report on our hugely successful "Ode to the Masters" exhibition which featured a broad range of works in both categories from both long standing and new members. The Exhibition was a success financially too, providing a small profit which will help the society to fund and subsidise our workshops and other events for the benefit of members. Feedback from visitors was that they found the standard of the paintings to be very high. There were also very positive comments on the quality of the display area at Hanging Rock and it was clear that many returning visitors are becoming familiar with the venue. A down side of the exhibition was the failure of the lift at our busiest time over the long weekend. The committee are working with the facilities people at the Council to address this issue.

The committee is currently planning our workshop program for 2026 and this will be published as soon as it is finalised. In 2026 we will continue to conduct beginner's workshops and will also organise a minimum of two professional workshops for our members. Grace Paleg has offered to run her Gold and Silver Leaf with Pastel workshop for members and Lorraine Willcock has offered to organise and lead a Life Drawing session. The Paint In day at Malua Bay Community Centre also proved to be popular with those that attended and will be scheduled into next year's program. The planned Stuart Whitelaw "Pastel on Canvas" workshop has been postponed till next year due to his very busy travel and exhibition schedule.

Finally, make a note in your diary for the General Meeting on 22 November at the Tomakin Sports and Social Club. Meet for lunch at noon - meeting commences at 1pm.

South Coast Pastel Society thanks our sponsors for their continuing support:



Ode to the Masters Exhibition

The Ode to the Masters exhibition was held at the Hanging Rock Function Centre from 27 September to 6 October. Set up took place from 8:30am on Friday 26th. Many thanks to the group of members and their spouses who did a wonderful job of getting the display boards and stands up to the exhibition area. Their mammoth effort ensured that we were ready to scrutinise and accept art works by 10:30am. The scrutinising process ensured that all the art was professionally framed and displayed. The team of scrutineers was grateful for the cooperation and good cheer of our members with this process. Many thanks to Deb Smith and her team for their professionalism with this as well as the hanging of the paintings which was completed by late afternoon. Also thanks to Marilyn Himmelberger who used her daughter's horse trailer to transport the Society's stands and lights to the venue. These were loaded the afternoon before to ensure that everything was delivered early to Hanging Rock.

The Exhibition in Numbers:

There were 40 Ode to the Masters entries and 53 entries in Open Category giving a total of 93 framed paintings on exhibition. 15 framed and unframed paintings sold. Overall, just over \$11,000 was made in sales leaving the Society \$2,000 ahead with some minor invoices for expenses still to be received. More than 550+ people visited the exhibition over the 10 days. 557 People's Choice votes were received for Ode to the Masters entries and 527 votes received for Open Section. 43 votes received for various unframed works which were ineligible for the peoples choice award.

Ode to the Masters Top Ten Votes

	Artist	Painting Title	Number of Votes
1.	Jennie Tasker	Cloudy Moonlight (after Olsson)	125
2.	Charlie Lee	Girl with the Pearl Earring (after Vermeer)	43
3.	Marie Lund	Monet in Bermgui (after Monet)	33
4.	Eraine McArthur	Frida Kahlo (after Vermeer)	30
5.	Anne Lindley	Autumn at Loch Lomond (after Melville)	28
6.	Sharon Beder	The Church at Moruya (after Van Gogh)	24
7.	Alex Gower	The Fighting Temeraire (after Turner)	24
8.	Hideko Pentony	Blue Dancers (after Degas)	21
9.	Lorraine Willcock	The Necklace (after Miller)	18
10.	Wendy Nichols	The Bedroom (after Van Gogh)	17

Open Category Top Ten Votes

1.	Alex Gower	Moruya Heads Turquoise Dream	51
2.	Grace Paleg	Road from Durras	42
3.	Jennie Tasker	Morning Jewels	38
4.	Hideko Pentony	Reflections	27
5.	Oroya Mitchell	Look at Me	19
6.	Jenni Tasker	Aja's Whirlpool	19
7.	Anne Lindley	Bowl with Crab Apples	18
8.	Margaret Allen	Summer Almost Here	17
9.	Sheryl Miller	Silver Sea	17
10.	Eric Strachan	Mother Cummins Mt. Tasmania	17

South Coast Pastel Society thanks our sponsors for their continuing support:

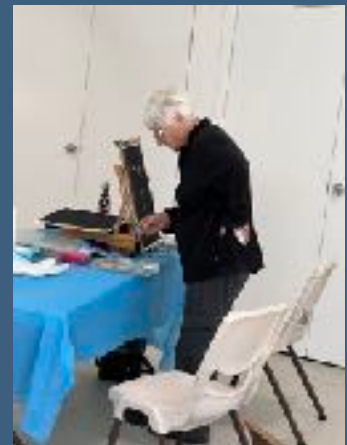


Notice of General Meeting

The Next General meeting will be held at the Tomakin Sports and Social Club at 1pm on 22 November.

Items on the agenda include: A demonstration of the capabilities of a modern Web Site that will enable the society to more easily update information in a timely manner, undertake transactions and receive payments on line. I will also project a more modern and up-to-date image for the society. Members are also encouraged to think of a theme or title for our summer exhibition. Bring your ideas along to the meeting or let the committee know before hand if you are not comfortable in talking to your thoughts in the meeting environment.

Pictures from our Paint In Day at Malua Bay Community Centre:



South Coast Pastel Society thanks our sponsors for their continuing support:

