

WINTER 2021

# SHOALHAVEN ART SOCIETY NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meeting  
**TUESDAY JUNE 15**  
**4PM**

**LOCATION TBA**  
**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR**  
**ATTENDANCE**  
[INFO@SHOALHAVENARTSOCIETY.ORG](mailto:info@shoalhavenartsociety.org)

Committee Meeting  
**MONDAY JULY 12**  
**4PM**  
**SHOALHAVEN REGIONAL**  
**GALLERY**

General Meeting  
**MONDAY AUGUST 9**  
**4PM**  
**SHOALHAVEN REGIONAL**  
**GALLERY**

55th Annual Open Art  
Exhibition  
**SEPTEMBER 11- OCTOBER 2**  
**SHOALHAVEN REGIONAL**  
**GALLERY**

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

Shoalhaven Art Society  
55th Annual  
Open Art Exhibition

**Sept 11- Oct 2**  
**Shoalhaven Regional**  
**Gallery**

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Entries close Friday, August 27

### Call for Entries!

Back for 2021, our 55th Annual Open Art Exhibition will better than ever! Entries are now open. Entry forms and conditions of entry can be found on our website. Alternatively, if you would like a copy sent to you via email or post, please contact Betty Jose (Secretary) on 4423 2971. A SAS members only section with the theme 'connections' will be available for members to enter.



The Shoalhaven Youth Art Prize is an annual exhibition presented by Shoalhaven Art Society featuring the diverse talents of young, aspiring and emerging artists aged between 13 and 18 years who live within the Shoalhaven. The exhibition offers young people the opportunity to exhibit their work in a public art gallery.

Artworks will be judged in one of three sections...

Ages 13-14

Ages 15-16

Ages 17-18

Cash prizes, and art supplies will be offered as prizes. Spread the word. Entry forms or online entry can be found on our website. Entries close Friday, August 27

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“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up”.

Pablo Picasso  
**ARTIST**

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# SHOALHAVEN



## SOCIETY

Please ensure your continued support for the arts in the Shoalhaven. Thank you to those members who have paid their fees. The fees for 2021 are \$30 for adults and \$10 for junior members

(18 years and under).

Pay online on our website

[www.shoalhavenartsociety.org](http://www.shoalhavenartsociety.org)

Membership benefits include:

Opportunity to exhibit and sell work

Invitations to workshops

Tours / art excursions

Networking with other local artists

Discounts on art supplies and framing

Invitations to art show openings

Volunteering with Shoalhaven Art Society

Mentoring other art students

Attending art lectures

Join a Plein Air/Life drawing group

And Much More!



Plein Air Group  
Meets Thursdays  
Call Mark Rayment:  
0412228854

## Workshop Space



SAS are delighted with a **new studio space** to conduct Saturday workshops. The brand new purpose built art studio is located at Nowra Christian School, South Nowra. Stay tuned for upcoming workshops.



# Shoalhaven Art Society

## 55th Annual Open Art Exhibition

Sept 11-Oct 2

## Shoalhaven Regional Gallery



Shoalhaven Art Society are delighted to announce our upcoming Open Art Exhibition. We are looking forward to an exciting collection of work from members and guests.



IMAGE: JOHN DOWNTON, 'THE SEASON FOR RAIN' (DETAIL), OIL ON CANVAS, 40.6 X 61CM

# 'Sensational Shoalhaven'

Art Society Life Member, John Downton exhibition at  
Shoalhaven Regional Gallery

Congratulations to John Downton for an absolutely stunning show at the Shoalhaven Regional Gallery in March/April. Over an illustrious 50-year career John has established himself as a leading artist of the area with his stunning oil paintings, and was awarded the Order of Australia in 2017 in recognition of his valuable contribution to Australian art. The survey exhibition of his Sensational Shoalhaven landscapes was well received, with visitors travelling from afar to enjoy the visual delight. We're looking forward to seeing more of John's art in the near future!



## Live Long and Make Art

This year's 100th Archibald prize winner was Peter Wegner's *Portrait of Guy Warren at 100*. The win has been deemed by fellow Australian Artist John Olsen as a 'Win for the Seniors'! What a great way to celebrate art and life!

Warren's love of the Shoalhaven is shown in his paintings, drawings and prints which reveal Warren's deep affinity with the area and the instrumental influence it has had on the development of his imagery and practice.



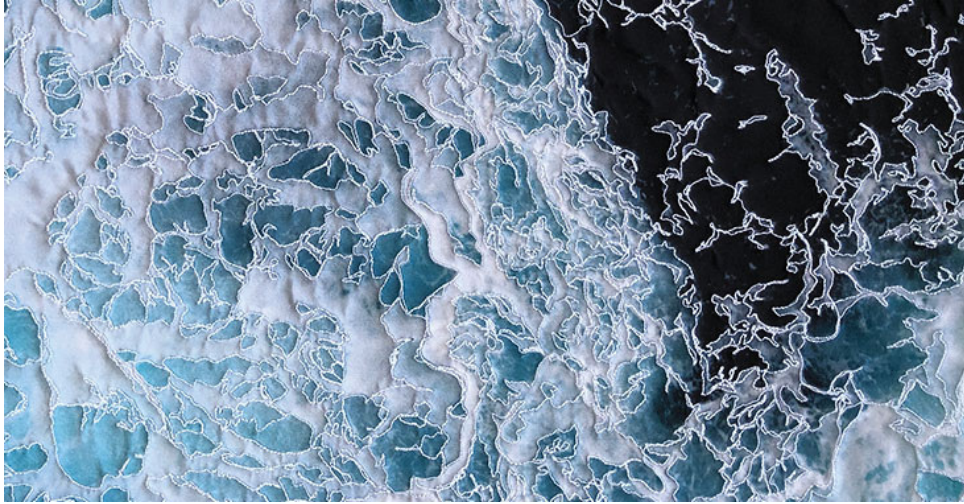
Shoalhaven HSC Art  
**NEW**  
**HORIZONS**  
Winner  
**Brigitte**  
**Sharp**  
Kiama High

Shoalhaven Art Society sponsored a prize at the 'New Horizons' HSC Visual Arts exhibition. The exhibition was another display of creativity and talent in our local area. Members of our committee awarded the prize for technical accomplishment to Brigitte Sharp of Kiama High. The committee were impressed not only on the detail in the sculptural element but the tonal projection of the image onto the wall behind. Brigitte won a cash prize and a year's membership to Shoalhaven Art Society. The exhibition is held yearly. Be sure to catch it next time. You will be impressed.



# Upcoming exhibitions at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery

## Art Quilt Australia 2021 Sat June 12- July 3



Ozquilt Network Inc is pleased to present Art Quilt Australia 2021, a biennial exhibition showcasing the very best of contemporary art quilt making in Australia.

Art quilts are defined as stitched and layered textiles and have been described by Dr Sam Bowker, Senior Lecturer in Art History & Visual Culture at Charles Sturt University as "complex surfaces shaped by the interplay of intriguing materials. More than images they are sculptural –"

## Creative Moments Sat June 12- July 3



This exhibition provides local artisans an opportunity to display their creative talents. 2021's theme is 'From Mountain to Sea'. Although the three mediums featured are very diverse, they complement each other, enhancing and enriching the viewing experience.

### **Sponsorship- Supporting Shoalhaven Art Society Financially**

Sponsoring Shoalhaven Art Society ensures the pursuit and longevity of the Visual Arts within the Shoalhaven. If you would consider a sponsorship arrangement with Shoalhaven Art Society or know a business who would consider sponsorship, please contact our Sponsorship Officer, Ann Norman via email [info@shoalhavenartsociety.org](mailto:info@shoalhavenartsociety.org)

### **Expressions of Interest Workshop Tutors**

Shoalhaven Art Society are seeking expressions of interest from members who would like to tutor a workshop in 2021. Workshops are a great way to learn new skills and build community within the arts. Email your idea and when you would like to hold a workshop to [info@shoalhavenartsociety.org](mailto:info@shoalhavenartsociety.org)

# Upcoming Art Shows with Other Art Groups

The Bowral & District Art Society and

**BowralARTGallery**  
BDAS - Bowral & District Art Society Inc.

**CALL FOR ENTRIES....**



*Winner from 2018 – Lily Cummins 'Into the Studio'*

## 2021 BOWRAL DRAWING PRIZE

**Entry form & fees deadline: By 4pm on 7 July 2021**

**Works to be delivered: Wednesday 21 July between 10am to 1pm**

To the Bowral Art Gallery, 1 Short Street, Bowral

For further enquiries please contact the BDAS office on 4861 4093 or [office@bdasgallery.com](mailto:office@bdasgallery.com)



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## THE GOULBURN WORKERS CLUB ANNUAL ART PRIZE

NON-AQUISITIVE

**8-10 OCTOBER 2021**



**\$1000 - 1st PRIZE OVERALL WINNER**  
**\$500 - 1st PRIZE IN EACH PAINTING SECTION**  
**\$250 - 1st PRIZE IN EACH OF PRINT MAKING, PHOTOGRAPHY & MINIATURE SECTIONS**

**OPENING NIGHT FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 6.30pm**

Enquiries  
☎ 0412 185 019 (Helen) ☎ 0417 240 595 (Lesley) ✉ [goulburnartsociety@gmail.com](mailto:goulburnartsociety@gmail.com)

**OPEN TO ALL ARTISTS**

ENTRY FORM IS AVAILABLE AT [www.artsociety.goulburn.net.au](http://www.artsociety.goulburn.net.au)

**ALL WORKS FOR SALE**

## Fun Art Fact... Did you know?!

The Mona Lisa has her own mailbox in the Louvre because of all the love letters she receives! Over the years many have fallen prey to the portrait's 'limpid and burning eyes', leaving her offerings of flowers, poems and, yes, love notes.

## Contributions to Newsletter

If you would like to contribute some news, photos of your artworks or upcoming events, please email the newsletter editor at [info@shoalhavenartsociety.org](mailto:info@shoalhavenartsociety.org)

## Committee News

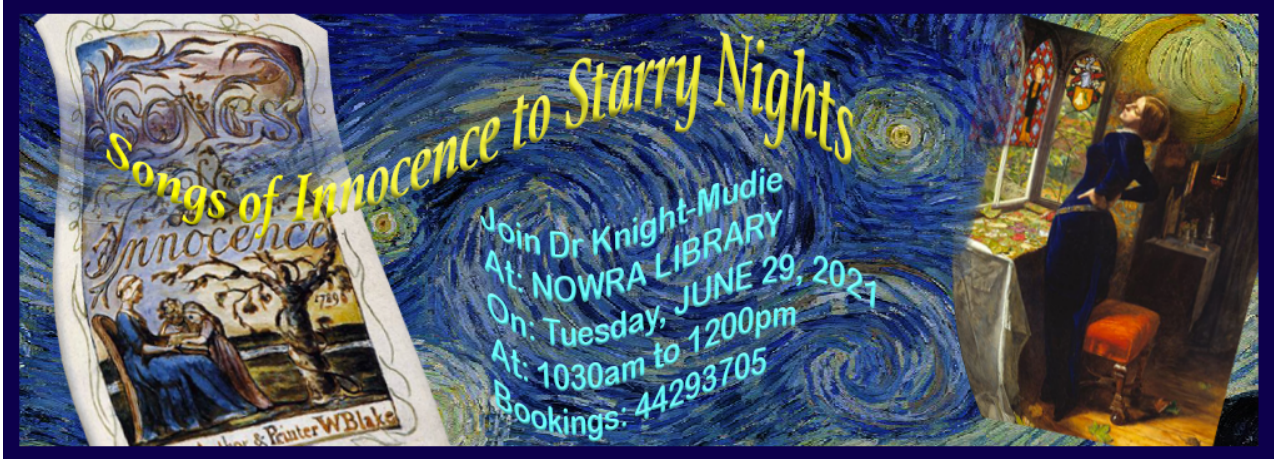
The committee would like to thank Mel Kilby for her contribution as Secretary and VP. Mel has resigned due to needing more time. Mel served SAS not only behind the scenes but running a number of fund raising workshops.

Mel has been replaced as Secretary by Betty Jose.

Ann Sudmalis has kindly offered to be Minutes Secretary. It was decided that the position of VP need not be made vacant this year. If you would like to join the committee, please contact Betty Jose on 4423 2971 or email [info@shoalhavenartsociety.org](mailto:info@shoalhavenartsociety.org)



# Art Lecture June 29, Nowra Library



## Walk in Time "Songs of Innocence to Starry Nights", JUNE 29 at NOWRA LIBRARY

It's as stroll into a world of spiritual yearnings of artists who didn't conform with the norm of the times in which they worked.

We'll meditate with mystic **William Blake**, join the **Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood** to meet **Hunt, Rossetti, Millais** and others; raise eyebrows at **Aubrey Beardsley's** bizarre sense of humour in London; escape European society with **Paul Gauguin**, and finally suffer inner turmoil with **Vincent van Gogh**.

Twenty-two years separated Blake from the Pre-Raphaelites, and yet his poetic mysticism, and saturation of medieval culture, united them in a search for reality beyond conventions of accepted beliefs and behaviour. For that reason the artists along this "Walk" to van Gogh's *Starry Night*, don't fit into a fashionable "ism".

Mid-eighteenth century William Blake was born in London to middle-class parents permeated by religious zeal. His talent for drawing gave him entry to the Royal Academy where he reacted negatively to the influence of Sir Joshua Reynolds. The two men were poles apart evidenced by Blake's disregard for material wealth, and refusal to pander to academic tastes. Rather, Blake closeted himself in his 'real' world of visionary imagination.

Almost as "grandfather" to the later PRB artists, the affinity with medieval images can be seen in the works of Rossetti where creation of spiritual, and a poetic-amorous atmosphere flows into his work. On the other hand, chivalric gallantry and romantic dreams influenced paintings by **Burne-Jones**, while illuminated manuscripts swayed attention to fine detail and luminous, shimmering colour in works by **Hunt** and **Millais**.

Such works of brilliant perversity flooded PRB images with bright colour, precisely and evenly placed to appear almost flat—their works opposed the materialist, fleeting realism associated with Impressionism. Instead, by concentrating on the fine detail of natural flora and fauna, the PRB painters searched for symbolic cosmic connections with the almighty creator. Inspiration was drawn from the time before Raphael, as Blake had demonstrated in his "Songs of Innocence". Conversely, younger followers such as the "strange boy", **Aubrey Beardsley**, tended to dance with the devil to find his eroticism to rattle Victorian complacency. Support from critics **John Ruskin**, and **William Morris** fuelled awakening moralistic righteousness at the same time Impressionism burst across the channel in France.

Ideas waved over the water and trickled into ears of artists disillusioned with what they saw as a superficial approach to representing "the moment". **Paul Cézanne** sought the monumental structure of the past, **Seurat** experimented with visual mechanics, and **Paul Gauguin** and **Vincent van Gogh** heard the call of symbolic and highly personal feelings.

"Songs of Innocence to Starry Nights" scheduled at Nowra Library on Tuesday, June 29 from 10:30am to 12p.m. Let's walk with extraordinary artists—ignored or mocked in their time! Come & join all lovers of art, history, & seekers of thinking throughout time, to travel with me in "Walks in Time"—share wonderful friendships, & amazing conversations. For bookings, contact Karen Knight-Mudie PhD [karenknightm@gmail.com](mailto:karenknightm@gmail.com) Mobile: 0427 362 244