



Somerset Art Society Inc

Supporting the arts and artists in the Somerset Region SE Qld

Newsletter August 2025

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Off the Hook - President's Report

with Sandi

Welcome SASI members and guests excited about the creative happenings in the Somerset region!

Reflecting back, July has been a busy month for yours truly with the Mackay Libris award and academic conference abbe 2025 on at the same time. It was an exciting event to be part of and was able to network with some wonderful Artist Book creators, listen to their stories and view their work.



The winner of the Libris award for 2025 went to Jude Taggart Roberts with her work titled "Less than 2 degrees". This is a frottage from a crop of fossilised coral from Ningaloo reef in Western Australia. The subject represents global warming and its catastrophic consequence for oceans and river systems everywhere. The work was brought back from the site and overprinted with a delicate metallic ink indicating numbers. It is then presented on a paper clay scroll with coral banner handles. Beautiful work!



We were treated to some interesting workshops. This one, presented by Clint Harvey, where we all printed a 'Kiss my Bot' on the moveable type presses was fabulous. The first print was printed from a laser printer of a robot in silver although a little hard to see in the image. Then we all inked the lettering and voila. This whole workshop is in a sea container complete with thousands of letters, some presses, ink from the day of poster printing and lots of knowledge to share and inspire. This Moveable Type Container is moved from centre to centre to share the older ways of printing on letterpress presses. Loved it.

Also, some exciting news from The Condensery! Our wonderful Regional Gallery is a finalist in the 2025 Museums and Galleries Qld, Gallery and Museum Achievement Award for Volatile Terrain, our inaugural Harvest Biennial. Absolutely well done, Madeline Brewer and team. Madeline has accepted a role with the Institute of Modern Art, starting in early August, which is a fantastic career move for her. We are sad to see her go and offer enormous thanks for the work she has done to establish The Condensery as a thriving contemporary gallery while including a much-loved local flavour.

Please welcome Denis Hawes to the SASI family of members. Denis joins the SASI Musos.

Small is Beautiful is a lovely high-quality exhibition. You still have time to cast your vote for the People's Choice until Tuesday 5th August and even buy a work or two. Artwork is to be collected at 9am on Thursday 7th August.

SASI memberships are due from the 1st August.
Back to the creative grind.
My best wishes to all

Sandi

Join SASI Groups

Click on the LOGO to visit the SASI Website



Join SASI - <https://www.sasiart.com.au/memberships>

SASI Members are active in supporting the arts and artists in SE Qld. Members enjoy free exhibition curation at Glen Rock Gallery Esk, discounted or free workshops, participation in SASI Members Market Stalls and a monthly email newsletter.

For more info Click the photo to visit SASI website Groups page



Join the Mount Beppo Artists Email: [Frances Avent \(favent427@gmail.com\)](mailto:favent427@gmail.com)

Meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9am until 1pm at Mount Beppo Community Hall, 916 Mount Beppo Rd, Mount Beppo QLD. New members warmly welcomed.

Click on the LOGO to visit The Fernvale Artists Facebook page



Join the Fernvale Artists - Contact Sue White 0407 072 926

The Fernvale Artists meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm at the Fernvale Community Hall in Banks Creek Road, Fernvale, or at the Lowood Open Door Gallery. Anyone in the local area is welcome to join them, or just to visit.

For more info Click on the Camera to visit SASI Photography Group page



Join SASI Photography Group
Contact Phil Lister Email plphotographix@gmail.com

If anyone would like to join the Photography Group or has questions about photography in general, please contact Phil

For more info Click on the MUSOS Logo



Join SASI MUSOS
Contact Andrea Oxenford 0459 031 895

SASI Musos will meet on Monday mornings from 9am until 12 noon at St Agnes Anglican Hall, Ipswich St, Esk, starting on 3 February 2024. Players of all instruments are welcome at this friendly weekly session.

Join Somerset Regional Council Volunteers

To Apply Visit <https://thecondensery.com.au/about/get-involved/>



Join the Esk Visitor Information Centre Tourism Volunteers
Contact Carole Labram mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

To Apply visit [Volunteer | Experience Somerset](https://www.somerset.qld.gov.au/volunteer)

Become a Gallery Ambassador at The Condensery
Contact email: mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

Supporting the arts and regional tourism



Join a Somerset Group

<https://www.somerset.qld.gov.au/somerset-arts-culture-directory>

Somerset Arts and Culture Directory

A Somerset Regional Council Initiative supporting the arts and regional tourism

Esk Glen Rock Stitchers Lynne Robson Ph 07 5424 1382

The Glen Rock Stitchers meet every Thursday in air-conditioned comfort at the Anglican Hall, Ipswich Street, Esk. They sew and share ideas and knowledge amongst friends with this common interest.





Calendar of Events

What's on and What's coming up

GALLERIES

Glen Rock Gallery

Small is Beautiful artwork collection Thursday 7 August 2025 9am sharp.
Friday 8 August to Wednesday 3 September
Anne Digton

Lowood Open Door Gallery

August Exhibitors: Lowood High School

The Condensery

'The way things grow' and 'Mock Sun for an Inverted Daisy'
19 July 2025 – 14 September 2025

WORKSHOPS

See workshop page for details on Workshops

EVENTS

OTHER

SASI Membership year starts 1 August 2025.
Visit <https://www.sasiart.com.au/memberships> to register new and continuing memberships.

All Welcome!
SASI Annual General Meeting: Friday 15 August, 2025 9:45 for 10am start at St Agnes Hall, Esk
AGM followed by an insightful presentation on Ukrainian Art by Jan Williams -

SASI Musos sessions at St Agnes Hall Esk.
Mondays 9am - 12 noon

Small is Beautiful 2025

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Glen Rock Gallery Esk

Voting Open to Tuesday 5 August 2025

Winners in each category announced 6 August 2025

Environment	Fauna	Flora & Still Life	Portrait
Title: ?	Title: ?	Title: ?	Title: ?
Artist: ?	Artist: ?	Artist: ?	Artist: ?

YOU BE THE JUDGE



Glen Rock Gallery

supported by SASI and Somerset Regional Council

ESK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE 82 IPSWICH STREET, ESK, QLD 4312
 OPEN TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9-4PM SATURDAY 10-2PM
 CLOSED SUNDAY, MONDAYS THE FIRST THURSDAY MONTHLY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

What's Up at Glen Rock

Anne Digton

FRI 8TH AUG - WED 3RD SEPT

In The Display Cabinets at Glen Rock

LOCAL ARTISTS

Coal Creek Pottery
Exquisite Cards and Gifts



What's Coming to Glen Rock Gallery

SEPTEMBER
Susan Wellingham

Anee Digton

FRI 8TH AUGUST TO 3RD WED SEPTEMBER 2025

My art is inspired by God who is the ultimate artist. The beauty of nature and we humans are a testament to His art. I love being able to reflect and glorify His work through portraits of humans (mostly woman) and portraits of animals (mostly domestic animals).

I started teaching myself to paint in late 2017 by means of YouTube and library art books and it has been an ongoing journey that I love. For my artwork I use photographs:

- that friends & family have kindly given me permission to use;
- that my husband has patiently and lovingly taken for me when I have dragged him around to horse show events; and
- from free image websites which are the bulk of my inspiration.

I'm not a professional artist, and don't desire or profess to be. Occasionally I'm blessed to have someone buy one of my paintings, but all in-all I'm simply a hobby artist who passionately enjoys painting portraits of people and animals that I find in photos and feel a connection with.



View the full exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery, Esk Visitor Information Centre 82 Ipswich Street, Esk, QLD 4312 Tues-Fri 9-4 Saturday: 10-2

[CLICK to EXPLORE](#)
Glen Rock Gallery online



Lowood Open Door Gallery

A Lowood Lions Project

RAILWAY STREET, LOWOOD, QLD 4311
THUR 9:30AM - 12:30PM SAT/SUN 9:30AM - 2PM

What's Coming to Open Door Gallery

JUNE

Donna Vale
The Crooked Potter

In The Cabinets at Lowood



Lowood Open Door Gallery's July exhibition has been with our very own Fernvale Artists. They love doing their own thing and they do it very well. We enjoyed demonstrations throughout the month by Cassandra Hodgins, Marita Reynolds, Stephen George and Alexis Starke. Karen Leahy entertained local and not so local participants with the ever-popular Resin Workshop. Everyone's work is unique, and you never get the same result twice. We also had our Creatives come on Monday and we revisited Gelli Plate printing. Always fun and always a surprise. Our Food swap on the 4th Saturday of every month from 9.30am to 10am. A great morning sharing locally produced fruit and vegetables and wonderful gardening ideas and information.

August we are welcoming the Lowood High School with their annual exhibition., they will be having a morning tea opening on Saturday 16th August at 10am. You're invited, please come to support and encourage our local up and coming artists.

August workshop is with Cassandra Hodgins in Watercolour. Please note this is an Intermediate Level and previous experience is essential. Please see attached advert. Don't forget we have Book Making in September with Dale (see advert) this workshop is booking fast so call soon to secure your place.

Please also remember our 'In the Pink Extravaganza' is fast approaching and **we really do need your help with this biennial fundraiser for Ipswich Breast Care Unit.** If you have a piece of original artwork to donate (no more than 1metre x 1metre) please let us know. Work can be delivered to Open Door Gallery on any Saturday or Sunday from 9.30am to 1.00pm or Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.00 noon. (see advert)

Stay creative,
Marita Reynolds





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THUR 9:30AM - 12:30PM SAT/SUN 9:30AM - 2PM

What's On 2025

August	Lowood High School	Mixed Media
September	Bec & Paul	Photography
October	Breast Care Unit	Fund raiser
November	Noela Lowein & Jodie Lone	Paintings Quilter
December	TBA	



In the Pink Fundraising for Ipswich Breast Care Clinic

Donate a piece of art work

Art work or craft no bigger than 1metre x 1
metre.

Unsold artworks will be auctioned on
Friday

24th October at Lowood Open Door Gallery
from 5pm onwards

light refreshment and nibbles available

**Works can be delivered
to the gallery, 45 Railway street, Lowood.
on or by Wednesday 1st October**

Please phone

Yvonne on 0448 043 404

or
email

lowoodopendoorgallery@gmail.com

for further information.



The Condensery

Somerset Regional Art Gallery

29 FACTORY ROAD TOOGOOLOWAH QLD 4313
WED TO SUN 10AM – 4PM CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

What's Up at the Condensery

MOCK SUN FOR AN INVERTED DAISY

19 JULY 2025 - 14 SEPT 2025

THE WAY THINGS GROW

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Mock Sun for an Inverted Daisy

19 July 2025 - 14 September 2025

Mock Sun for an Inverted Daisy is an installation by artist Tay Haggarty that uses the warmth of the sun as an entry-point for archiving queer and trans joy.

The artworks selected for display in The Condensery's bomb shelter form part of a larger series, titled Sun on Bare Back (SOBB), which were created prior to the artist receiving gender affirming care in 2023.

These abstracted works were initially developed to capture Tay Haggarty's daydream of hiking without a shirt, feeling the warmth of the sun on their back.

Now each work operates as a lighthouse when navigating the complexities of visibility. The golden artworks within Mock Sun for an Inverted Daisy function as a beacon of queer joy and a reminder that everyone deserves to feel comfortable in public spaces.

The Way Things Grow

19 July 2025 - 14 September 2025

Greenhouses and gardens are a way to escape time and place, offering a means for community building, creativity and experimentation amidst climate change. They are spaces where synthetic environments can be manufactured to protect, cultivate and propagate plants; spaces where both humans and other organisms can grow together; and, where we can improve knowledge in pursuit of a vibrant, well-fed and nourished planet.

The way things grow is an exhibition that considers greenhouses, gardens and backyards. Through displaying creative work, this exhibition uses the 'greenhouse' as a metaphor to propose new futures where socially-engaged, decolonial and eco-conscious practices are embraced.

This exhibition features new artworks created by Erika Scott, Gabriella Hirst, Jan Godfrey, Jane Nicholson, Libby Harward, Llewellyn Millhouse & Annie Bowman, Rachel King, and Susan McConnel.

EXPLORE
The Condensery Website

CLICK to EXPLORE
<https://thecondensery.com.au/>

Condensery Gallery Manager Madeline Brewer mail@somerset.qld.gov.au or
Contact Email thecondensery@somerset.qld.gov.au

To recommend a Workshop with a particular tutor and/or in a specific media

Contact: SASI Art Workshop
workshop@sasiart.com.au

Artists are most welcome to apply to present a workshop

Intermediate Watercolour



Saturday 30th August
9.30am to 1pm
\$60
Held at Lion's Den, Lowood

This workshop is for those who have previously attended my beginners botanical watercolour workshop OR if you have a basic understanding of watercolours

BYO all materials and Artwork project ready to paint

Please note this class is for adults.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Cassandra Hodgins
0400 884 388
quiessenceart@gmail.com

Book Making with Dale



Sunday 21st September, 2025
10am to 1pm
Cost \$60
Bookings essential - limited spaces.

Come and explore the fun of making your own book. This workshop will take you through creating the pages, stacks, covers and spine. You will go home with a lovely keepsake for your own personal use or maybe a gift for a friend. No previous experience required. All materials are supplied.

To book contact

Dale Lee
0418 718 003

Small Is Beautiful

SASI Small is Beautiful 2025 - Competition Results
Competition | Exhibition | Sales

The competition judge, Michelle Bowden, is President of Impress Printmakers Studio and Gallery, Woolloowin Brisbane. <https://www.impress.org.au/>

ENVIRONMENT

1ST	2ND	3RD	HC
			
First Creek Bunya Mountains Jane Hoffman	Cressbrook Creek Naomi McKenzie	Sunset Flight Shirley Gregor	Sunlit Beach Christine Boughen

FAUNA | ANIMALS

1ST	2ND	3RD	HC	HC
				
Dam Birds Jan Godfrey	Masked Owl Contemplation Marita Reynolds	The Strays Noela Lowien	Nestling In Linda Senjov	Is this my best side? Jane Hoffman

FLORA | STILL LIFE

1ST	2ND	3RD	HC
			
Multifarious Sharon Lee	Eve's Regret Abigail Day	Finger Lime Jim Filmer	More Than Beautiful Betty Williams

PORTRAIT

1ST	2ND	3RD	HC
			
Need a spanner Christine Boughen	Not Getting Out Naomi Filmer	Aunty Rhonda Jim Filmer	Twine? Sandi Hook

People's Choice winners will be revealed in the September newsletter

Mt Beppo Art Group

We are proceeding with organising art retreats for members of our group which will be subsidised. Depending on availability these retreats will be late this year or early next year.

Some of us will be attending the art camp at Goomburra near Warwick in September 2025.

This month's CHALLENGE 'Collage' has been collected to go in the newsletter. Next month the theme is 'Fantastic Art'

Mt. Beppoians - remember - your contribution is collected on the third Wednesday of the month (20th August) don't miss out on contributing - it may be suitable to enter into "Small is Beautiful" next year!



Fernvale Art Group

The Fernvale Artists wish to express their pleasure and gratitude to the Lowood Open Door Gallery for presenting their 2025 exhibition so beautifully, and also to the organisers of the Small is Beautiful competition and exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery in Esk. It is exhibitions such as these that encourage us all to do our best work and to see how strong and talented our local art community is.

As well this month, with another of our lunches at the Brisbane Valley Tavern, the Fernvale Artists farewelled Alex Rigby, who has been a generous and supportive member of our group since 2013. Alex and his wife Jill are moving to Cleveland, and we wish them every happiness in the years to come.



SASI Musos reaches 6 month milestone

It's hard to believe it has been 6 months since the first SASI Musos session earlier this year.

Our eclectic repertoire is a testimony to the inclusive nature of the group, with member's song suggestions respected to accommodate a variety of musical tastes.

We have enjoyed expanding our repertoire, with three wonderful Paul Kelly songs being recent additions.

However, with a total of 28 songs now in our folders, we have decided to revise and improve many of these before we add anymore to our repertoire.

Although the group was not intended as an actual performing group, we are being approached by other community groups who are looking for live music entertainment. Each performance opportunity is discussed, with consideration given to the size of the group required, as well as the suitability and availability of players. Performing as part of a larger group can be a wonderful opportunity to experience the 'buzz' of a performance, without the same level of stress that comes with solo or small group performances.

We continue to welcome new attendees, each one making their own positive contribution to the group.

There is also time allocated each session for players to voluntarily perform for the group. This is a wonderful opportunity to play in front of the most supportive audience you will ever find!!

Come along and enjoy a morning with a friendly group of musos.

Your first session is free, then \$5 per session.

Players of all instruments are welcome, including voice. 😊



A promotional poster for SASI Musos. At the top left is the SASI logo, a stylized 'S' in blue and purple. To its right, the text reads 'SUPPORTING ARTISTS AND THE ARTS IN SOMERSET REGION' and 'SOMERSET ART SOCIETY INC. PRESENTS'. The main title 'SASI MUSOS' is in large, bold, blue capital letters. Below it, 'A WEEKLY SESSION FOR MUSOS TO PLAY TOGETHER' is in smaller blue capital letters. The schedule 'EVERY MONDAY (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) 9AM - 12 NOON ST AGNES HALL, ESK' is in blue. A purple line of text asks 'Want to know more?' followed by the email 'Email musos@sasiart.com.au'. At the bottom left is a circular logo with 'SASI MUSOS' and a musical note. On the right side, there is a large, stylized purple treble clef with a musical staff and notes winding around it.

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SASI MUSOS

SASI Members Page

Dedicated to members, for members, from members.

Recommended by Members



Ipswich Art Society

Saturday Morning Casual Painting

SECOND SATURDAY of each MONTH 9.00AM TO 1.00PM

The Old Court House (Ginn street rear entrance) cnr East and Roderick Streets , Ipswich.

Come along to our Untutored Art Group held at the Old Ipswich Courthouse to enjoy some quality time and share ideas and interact with other artists.

Cost: \$5.00 for Members and \$10 for non members with 'join on arrival' facility.

Coffee/tea is provided , bring your lunch.



Hassel St Esk Qld
facebook.com/BargainManiaEskQLD/



**Riot Art and Craft Stores
are now stocking
quality artist supplies
<https://riotstores.com.au>**

SASI appreciates the support of Esk Fruit Shop for displaying SASI brochures and our Glen Rock Gallery posters.