



HAGAS: Artist in the Spotlight

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When and why did you join HAGAS?

I joined the Henley and Grange Art Society around 8 years ago as a children's art tutor. Shortly after I started the Mixed Media adult art group which has been a lot of fun.



What jobs have you done other than being an artist?

After Year 12, I trained at the Royal Adelaide Hospital to become a Registered Nurse. From there I worked as a nurse in the USA and around Adelaide. I then studied a double degree in Education and Art and worked as an Art and Design high school teacher for 7 years. After a short break, I studied to become a Child, Youth and Family Health Nurse and taught at Flinders University for 6 years. I love learning, teaching and meeting new people.



What's your strongest memory of your childhood?

It would have to be my dad singing Rod Stewart songs in his footy shorts while doing jobs around the backyard. He liked to sing and dance at any opportunity, and this has encouraged me to make life fun.

Favourite or most inspirational place?

I love being in nature so any where green is inspirational for me. We recently moved to the Adelaide Hills, and we feel so much more relaxed and inspired by the dappled light, sense of space and peace and quiet.

Artistically, what's your goal?

To keep improving and to inspire people to notice the beauty around them

