



# WOLLONDILLY ARTS GROUP NEWSLETTER

July, 2010

P.O. Box 799  
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## FROM THE COMMITTEE

The WAG committee met on 2nd and 22nd June and continued to discuss business regarding the running of the Gallery and Committee responsibilities. More on this on the following pages....

### Tourism After 5

Janet Dalton and Roswitha Giersch represented WAG at the Ta5 function held on Thursday 17th June, 6.30pm in the Council Chambers. Our display as well as the new colour brochure, that Janet and her husband Rob kindly designed and produced, were well received. It was interesting to see the varied displays of Tourism operators and Creative Traders who participated. Amongst the nine Wollondilly producers who presented their produce to the 60 business owners and guests were WAG members Ron Davies and Tony Barnett who were showing off their woodwork and Lavinia Zammit who presented her beautiful luxury soaps, some of them are a work of art.

### Our Website is up and running!

Thanks to Janet and her husband Rob Wollondilly Arts Group has finally its own website. Thank you!

[www.wollondillyartsgroup.com.au](http://www.wollondillyartsgroup.com.au)

So please have a look. Your feedback is valuable. It is a starting point for us!

The latest newsletter can be read online at the [current newsletter page](#) or downloaded from the [download page](#). You also can subscribe to our [WAG what is on page](#) so you will never miss out on the latest news!

If you have a local art, craft or music group please submit your news and we will add your event/news to our what's on page.

Email Janet [dcre8ive@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dcre8ive@bigpond.net.au)

## Welcome to new members

A warm welcome to our new members who joined our group since April

Cliff Bond - portraits  
Carol Brown - jewellery  
Pamela Bakerich - photo cards  
Rodney Freeman - carved Emu eggs  
Julie Writer - acrylics, watercolour

with Pam, Rodney and Julie also being represented in our Gallery. Please come and visit us @ the Gallery.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2010/2011

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Wollondilly Arts Group is supported by  
Southern Tableland Arts (STARTS)



## **'Inaugural Wollondilly Cultural Advisory**

**Group' (WCAG) meeting** held on the 24th June @ the Gallery of the Council Building was attended by WAG members Janet Dalton, Yvonne Vale & Roswitha Giersch.

Apart from WAG other community groups were represented: The Oaks Heritage Centre, Picton Theatre, Camden Community Band, Picton String, Classics at Picton, Picton Harmony, Wollondilly Fellowship of Australian Writers, Douglas Park Catholic Hall Committee, Wollondilly PS Performing Arts Festival Committee.

The meeting discussed how WCAG came about, the role of the group, how it can benefit both Council and Community and who can be involved.

The Advisory Group would be open to all community members interested in cultural activities.

How you can help, have your say or a role in the cultural activities:

1. Please follow the link to Councils website and read about the Wollondilly Cultural Advisory Group, the meeting and the minutes.  
<http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/community/80295/109034.html>
2. Contact Bob Lester for an 'Expression of Interests' form if you wish to become a member of the Advisory Group or to be included in the mailing list.  
Bob Lester CPO-Community Development P 4677 8261 email [bob.lester@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bob.lester@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)
3. Follow the link and complete the short survey that has been developed to collect information on cultural groups, spaces, and artists within Wollondilly.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wollondillyculturalgroupsandspaces>

Please come to the next meeting:

Thurs 22 July 2010, 1.00pm in Council's Gallery

**Would you like to contribute towards the newsletter or website? Any arty stories, poems, exhibitions, workshops, announcements, book reviews.....**

**Please forward them to**

Janet Dalton: [janetdalton@ozemail.com.au](mailto:janetdalton@ozemail.com.au).

Deadline for NL contributions: 1st Aug 2010

## **WAG - Creative Get Together (CGT)**

At our **Creative Get Together with Ester** on the 26th June we enjoyed a pleasant afternoon painting using watercolour pencils as our medium. Ester had prepared some watercolour paper with designs for us to complete and reference material for colours. We used small brushes dipped in water to lift the colour from the pencil and painted the design that way. This is a wonderful technique and can be used when painting outside without the need to carry pallets and tubes of paint. We were all very happy with the results of our efforts and that we had learnt a great new way to paint watercolours! Many thanks to Ester for sharing her expertise.

### **Creative Get Together 10th July with Janet.**

Last Saturday we did drawings of a still life featuring containers of various kinds and were discussing the drawing of ellipses. Always a challenge! Also, as most of us are interested in watercolours Janet took in some notes about techniques and samples of work that she had been doing. She said that she had bought her Mont Marte A4 water colour book x 30 sheets at House Warehouse in Tahmoor. This paper, available in A5, A4 and A3, is good for practicing and is in stock at Home Quarters in Camden (4655 1334) . This paper would be useful for Lindy's Experimental Drawing workshop coming up on the 14th August.

### **Next Creative Get Togethers in July/August:**

#### **A Turn for the Better**

#### **- How to put Woods to good use!**

**Sat 24th July 1pm - 3pm with Ron Davies**

Come and join Ron Davies, an experienced wood turner, who will be talking about turning wood into usable pieces. As a founding member of the Wollondilly Regenerators and Propagators (WRAP) and through his volunteer work as a bush regenerator he has access to many timbers considered as a woody weeds in one area but useful as a timber suitable for wood turning. He will bring samples and will talk about the many weeds and woods that he uses in his woodturning. If you're keen on learning about woodturning, would like to find out more about the many usable timbers or like to share your working with wood skills with us please come along.

#### **Experimental Drawing – Pen & Ink Wash**

**Sat 14th Aug 1pm - 3pm with Lindy Finlay**

Enjoy an afternoon of experimenting with ink as a drawing medium using different implements e.g. nib (dip) pen, brushes, sticks, feathers etc. Learn techniques where you can free-up your drawing by using a variety of interesting lines and textures. Ink wash is a great way to create tone and atmosphere in a drawing and this technique will also be explored through drawing a still life.

Please ring Janet for materials to bring ph 4681 8579 or visit our website [WAG what is on page](#)

## WAG Gallery in Thirlmere

### Communication Books

The existing book that has been used for communication at the Gallery will be replaced by 3 new books to simplify and encourage communication between members and committee and also to help with the organisation of the gallery and to streamline documentation.

Book 1: a bound book to incorporate duties, instructions together with a section for ideas/suggestions, order requests and day book/diary. Any notes for new orders and ideas to be highlighted. The diary will incorporate statistics re: visits to the gallery, 3 columns to show visiting members, non-members and whether they come from the local area or beyond.

Book 2: a loose leaf book to incorporate plastic sleeves containing entries of artworks with one page dedicated to each artist. This will be maintained in alphabetical order. All sold work to be highlighted.

Book 3: a library book showing all reference and art books owned by WAG. Any borrowings to be recorded in this book with number, title and author of book, name and contact of borrower and date of borrowing.

At your next Gallery duty please look out for these new books as they will be implemented over the coming weeks.

### Renewal of works

Please email Janet if you do so.

### Minding of the Gallery

To encourage greater participation in the roster for the Gallery there might be the option to mind the Gallery on half day basis (if number of volunteers allow this). This is especially helpful for new members who will do the shift together with a more experienced member as an introduction to the duties on shift....

Please contact Lyn ph 4683 1448 or email to [andylyn3@tpg.com.au](mailto:andylyn3@tpg.com.au)  
Gallery open on weekends 10am - 4pm

## News from our WAG Library - the Malcolm Gow Memorial Library

The new borrowing system for the books in the Library is up and running so that members can borrow the books and we can keep track of the books at any time. Please refer to the Library book for information on how to borrow a book from our library. Members can borrow up to 2 books at a time for 3 weeks (to be reviewed). Return of books on weekends only or by arrangements with Roswitha. A book list is available at the Gallery or email Roswitha.

New Library books:  
various Australia Council publications on arts marketing and some booklets on portraiture (photographic).

Library contact: Roswitha 4681 0535 or email [roswitha01@gmail.com](mailto:roswitha01@gmail.com)

**Do you have any spare art or craft books that you would like to see utilised by artists and crafts people?**

WAG is grateful for your book donations - please contact Roswitha on 4681 0535 or email [roswitha01@gmail.com](mailto:roswitha01@gmail.com)



### Jewellery Workshops in Polymer Clay & Precious Metal Clay Silver with Kathy Geurts

Wollondilly Community Nursery, Wonga Road, Picton  
**Polymer Clay Pendant or Brooch**

Date: TBA , 10am - 4pm  
Cost: \$ 120

### Precious Metal Clay Silver Pendant or Earrings

Saturday, 4th Sept, 2010, 10am - 4.30pm  
Cost: \$ 175

Course outlines - contact:  
Tutor Kathy Geurts, Studio Amara in Berrima  
Ph: 4877 1026  
email: [kathy@versacreative.com.au](mailto:kathy@versacreative.com.au)  
[www.studioamara.com.au](http://www.studioamara.com.au)

## Calendar

### 'Wollondilly Cultural Advisory Group meeting' - Thurs 22nd July 2010, 1pm

Council's Gallery Room, 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton

Contact Bob Lester if you would like to attend.

Ph 4677 8261

Email [bob.lester@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bob.lester@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

### 'Macarthur Textile Expo 2011 - Open meeting 17 July 2010, 2-4pm - Camden Civic Centre

After the success of the Macarthur Textile Expo in May the organising committee is holding an 'open meeting' to gauge support in the community to hold another event in 2011.

If there is strong support to hold an event in 2011, what form should it take? more workshops? more trading stalls? etc, etc.

If you are passionate about textiles, please come along to the 'open meeting'

Richard Petkovic (Camden Council)

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#### 'Creative Get Together' Dates in July/Aug 2010

Saturday, 1pm - 3pm

24th July	Talking timber with Ron
14th Aug	CGT with Lindy
28th Aug	CGT with Ester
11th Sept	CGT with Julie

Cost: \$3.00 for members  
\$5.00 for non-members  
gold coin donation for refreshments.

Venue: Wollondilly Community Nursery  
Wonga Rd Picton.

RSVP Janet if you are coming -  
phone 4681 8579 - [dcre8ive@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dcre8ive@bigpond.net.au)



## What's on in the region

### EXHIBITIONS

#### WORKS BY WAG

a continuous exhibition of works created  
by members of the Wollondilly Arts Group.

WAG Gallery Thirlmere  
'The Terrace', Oak St,

Gallery hours:  
Weekends 10am to 4pm or by appointment

More information: Lyn ph 4683 1448

#### RECOLLECTIONS

3rd July-27th July 2010

The Milk Factory Gallery, Station Street, Bowral  
'Recollections' an exhibition of recent and not so recent prints by the Southern Highlands Printmakers. In 1993 the Southern Highlands Printmakers (SHP) formed as a group aiming to foster printmaking within the region and to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas. The Southern Highlands location is central to Wollongong, Canberra and Sydney which allows the artists access to urban experiences, enhancing and expanding their view as regional artists.

#### 'Isolation' by John Kuczwal

27 June- 22 August , 10am—5pm  
an exhibition of lustre fired ceramics

Sturt Gallery, Mittagong

Lustre firing is high stakes ceramics that involves some of the riskiest techniques in the business that can literally return pure gold in the form of incredible metallic glazes when everything goes to plan. Commonly called "Arabian" or "Persian" lustre (its origins can be traced to the Islamic world of the first Millenium), reduced pigment lustre as a medium carries no guarantee of success in its making. Despite our technical advances in kiln technology, raw materials analysis and the use of microprocessors to monitor and measure, pigment lustre continues to defy commercial production. John began to solo fire wood-fired lustre and to explore the technique of reduced pigment lustre in 1990 after over 30 years spent working in the legal sector.

Contact Details:

Sturt Gallery  
Crn Range Rd & Waverley Parade, Mittagong  
02 4860 2083

## What's on in the region continued...

### Bowral & District Art Gallery

#### **BOWRAL and BEYOND**

**29 July - 3 August, 10am - 4pm**

An exhibition featuring paintings by Joan Brown, Miel Kroon & Veronica Mackie, sculpture & jewellery by Ross Fairley and Virginia Ransom.

**Official Opening by Ben Quilty**, Wednesday 28 July, 6.30 for 7pm in aid of Southern Highlands Lantern Club, a voluntary organisation dedicated to raise funds for the Royal Institute for Deaf & Blind Children. Opening night entry \$25, including drinks & canapes.

#### ENQUIRIES:

RSVP: 22 July, Jane Deen 48692886, Dorethy Hawke 48711635, Miel Kroon 48625280

#### **MT EYMARD PRIZE**

**Sat 7 & Sun 8 August, 2010, 10am - 4pm**

Art Prize for over 55 year olds

**Official opening:** Friday 6 August at 3pm

#### **INSPIRATION & MORE**

**12 - 17 August, 10am - 4pm**

An Exhibition of work by G Macpherson, A Lingard, D Jones, P Sanger and C Adams.

**Official Opening:** Meet the artists, Sat 14 August, 2pm

#### **DIVERSITY - A PASSION FOR THE PAST**

**18 - 31 August, 10am - 4pm**

An Exhibition by Southern Highlands Textile & Fibre Group.

**Official Opening & Fashion Parade:**

Sat 21 August at 1pm.

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### Blacktown Arts Centre

#### **RESIDE**

**18th June - 28th August**

Blacktown Arts Centre, Blacktown

An exhibition of photographic explorations by emerging Aboriginal artists that reflect an inherent connection to people and place. "RESIDE" explores how shared concepts of experience and aspiration impact on the conditions in which we survive today. Featuring new work by Darren Bell, Rosalind Gibson and Shay Tobin. Curated by Nicole Foreshew.

This exhibition is part of the *Black(s)town* initiative, a project dedicated to the long-term development and recognition of local Aboriginal cultures, communities and arts practices.

Artists' Talks: 11am Saturday 17th July

Join Curator Nicole Foreshew and local artist Jake Soewardie with "RESIDE" artists as they discuss their photographic works.

Opening hours:

Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 5pm

(closed public holidays)

#### **2010 BLACKTOWN CITY ART EXHIBITION**

**- Entries open for Blacktowns annual art prize**

The annual *Blacktown City Art Exhibition* features four sections - painting, watercolour, works on paper and sculpture - and also includes an environmentally themed children and young artist's section.

Each year artists are invited to submit artworks for selection and judging, with total prize money and acquisitive funds of up to \$24,000 on offer.

Entry forms due: Tuesday 17th August, 4.30pm

The 2010 Blacktown City Art Exhibition entry form can also be downloaded from

[www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artscentre.blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

Blacktown Arts Centre

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### **Bowral & District Art Society Workshops**

**Hurry!**

**Term 3 classes and workshops starting now!**

Drawing, Art in the afternoon, Watercolour, Art for fun, Oils & Acrylics, Painting, Drawing, Pastels, Mosaics, various print making classes and workshops

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Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9 am -12 noon

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