



Wollondilly Arts Group NEWSLETTER

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OUR PRESIDENTS REPORT

It's been a busy start to the year with our Creative Get Togethers on the second Saturday of the month plus two workshops. WAG set up the exhibition at IlluminARTE and also a display for International Women's Day in March. WAG recently joined the re-formed Wollondilly Tourism Association. WAG Committee Members took part in several meetings, so we have been busy and productive.

I have attended the monthly meetings of the Wollondilly Tourism Association to get a feel of the objectives, see how WAG can participate and weave us into the Wollondilly Arts Trail as proposed by local artist **Lavinia Zammit**.

Lavinia is collecting information on artists in the area and now has a data base, which she can add to as time goes by. At their April meeting at Picton Bowling Club I offered on behalf of WAG to help her, as it is such an interesting addition to What's on in Wollondilly and WAG can take an active part. For instance, a Pop Up Gallery on the day/weekend. At the May meeting, plans were floated for an art display /open garden weekend but it's all in the early stages to date.

IlluminARTE: WAG presented an excellent Art Show and the popular, bustling Artisan Market in the Shire Hall on Saturday 5th May. Janet and Ros successfully managed the paperwork and preparation for both, we are very thankful for their time and work for WAG.



Above: Natalia Rudnicki, Wollondilly Mayor Judith Hannan, Marjorie Kay and Nigel McKeown receiving their awards for WAG Art Exhibition illuminARTE at the Wollondilly Council Chamber.



Above: Natalia Rudnicki's painting 'Fire In The Sky' wins Council's Best in Show.

Right: Nigel McKeown wins The People's Choice award for his painting 'Incoming Kooka'

Below: Marjorie Kay wins the Council's Encouragement award for 'Misty Morning'..



With the help of a hanging crew, approximately 100 artworks took eight hours to hang/display with thanks to **Peter Dalton** for his unstinting assistance up the ladder... and to **Edla Arzay** who was the glue to hold the last couple of hours together



The Saturday afternoon and evening saw many people come through and our Peoples Choice records show 332 people voted. Congratulations went to **Nigel McKeown**, who won the \$150 Peoples Choice Award and to **Natalia Rudnicki** for the Best in Show Prize, winning Natalia \$250, and to

Marjorie Kay who won the \$50 Encouragement Award. Well done and congratulations all! Many thanks to Wollondilly Shire Council for supplying the prizes. WAG thanks members, local artists, artists from surrounding shires & the Artisans for making the Art Show & Artisan Market so lively and attractive. We hope you will join us again next year.

February: Our first workshop this year was an **Encaustic workshop** tutored by **Mo Godbeer** assisted by her husband. We have enjoyed and learnt much from Mo in previous workshops. We again welcomed her as she brought with her new skills/ methods acquired since last tutoring us. We had a full house and worked very hard over two days ... it was intensive, difficult at times, rewarding and the visual effects created were mysteries ready to be discovered. For the enthusiastic and optimistic much wax was bought to take home and investigate ... how much? how often? We hope to take on further wax challenges with Mo as it is both interesting and pleasurable.

May: At the Scout Hall on a very chilly morning, we enjoyed our Life Drawing workshop with Bob Gurney, a prolific, successful artist & committee member of the MacArthur Art Group. Bob was cheerfully ready to take our group of eleven on, Max our model was enthroned on a cosy lounge chair beside a heater. Not a naked Max! but a country chap with wonderful life lines on his face, a sweet smile and in a comfortable clothed position, which he did so well as a first time life model. Our thanks to **Roman Moroz** for approaching likely suspects from the Thirlmere Men's Shed and to Max for taking on the role ... we enjoyed his company as he did ours and Bob was a great tutor. Some very concentrated efforts were revealed and the



Mo Godbeer explaining the Encaustic process to attendees during the informative and creative two day workshop at the CWA hall in Tahmoor..

group enjoyed the experience very much. We hope to do this again as it's a case of hit and miss at first but tutoring reveals many ways of looking plus tricks to help the necessary accuracy.

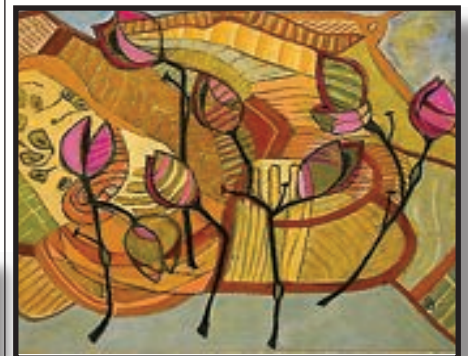
At this point may I thank the Wollondilly Shire Council for the Community Grant to help finance these workshops – it is appreciated not only for the financial help but for the opportunity for local artists to learn and grow in their art making.

Welcome to new members, I hope you enjoy our company and activities over the coming year. This year our theme has started at Thirlmere lakes and now encompasses: The Bush, the Lakes, the Valleys – so we have a wide scope to work within.

Our recent new members are: Lynne Johns, Jenny Campbell, Barbara Durham, Peter Griffin, Carol Hamilton, Wendy Mied, Tony Milroy, Robyn Ross and Sarah Singleton.

Cheers! Pam Berrell

**2018 CAMDEN ART PRIZE
Congratulations Pam Berrell
on winning The Liz Kernohan
AM Memorial Local Artist
Section Camden Art Exhibition.**



WAG members entries included in this section were: Doreen Lyon, Pam Berrell, Ingrida Spole, Els Dirickx and Marie Ewing-Terry.

Pam was both very excited and surprised with her \$1,200 in prize money.

“Being able to exhibit works is very rewarding and stimulating. Winning awards and/or prizes is a thrilling bonus. The support in the ups and downs of these individual journeys is happily shared among us – both the celebrations and the commiserations.”



Bob Gurney's Life Drawing workshop at the Thirlmere Scout Hall with our model Max. Bob's wealth of knowlege was much appreciated by members and friends.



WAG members Roswitha and Janet expose their solar-polymer plates to the sun at our printmaking workshop with local print maker Elizabeth Atkin, held at her White Warratah Workshop/Gallery in Balmoral Village.

WHAT'S ON

CREATIVE GET TOGETHERS, WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITIONS ETC.

CREATIVE GET TOGETHER: Wollondilly Arts Group Creative Get Together

Saturday 14th July 2018

Scout Hall Mason St

Thirlmere 10.00am – 1.00pm

\$3 members \$5 non-members.

Join members & others to create, share ideas and learn from each other. Theme to be 'The Bush, the Lakes, the Valleys'. Or work on your own project or miniatures, for our Members Exhibition.

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EXHIBITIONS:

Campbelltown Arts Centre Exhibitions:

All Open from Saturday

16 June – Sunday 29 July

All Opening: Saturday 16 June at 2pm
1 Art Gallery Rd, Campbelltown, NSW 2560

The Friends Annual exhibition, an eclectic display of artworks by the Friends of Campbelltown Arts Centre. The Friends Annual exhibition is a chance to see some of the best art the region has to offer.

The Focus exhibition features a strong collection of artworks by a talented local artist, highlighting their work and giving a cohesive insight into their practice.

Movement Through Colour

Exhibition: The exhibition's theme considers how light and movement make our world dance with colour. Contemporary textile practice has a tactile, visual and emotional impact. Through this unique and diverse medium, the Macarthur Textile Network artists have responded to this theme.

Textile Open Day Event:

Saturday 7 July Includes artist talks, speaker Kate Oszko editor Textiles Down Under and sale of members'

work. Enjoy light refreshments in the Arts Centre Café overlooking the Japanese Gardens. For further information, please contact Macarthur Textile Network via [email macarthurtextilenetwork@gmail.com](mailto:macarthurtextilenetwork@gmail.com)

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ART a definition:

Art is something that is created with imagination and skill
It expresses important ideas or feelings.