



Wollondilly Arts Group Inc. Newsletter December 2015

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EXHIBITION REPORT:

Hi All,

After our successful 9 day Exhibition 'Meet the Makers' we can report that the total of works on display was 106 items, including: paintings (oil, acrylic, water-colour, mixed media), drawings, sculpture, photographs, lino-cuts, woodwork, digitally and artistically enhanced photographs, encaustic, textiles, alcohol ink on tiles and cards. 27 works were sold.

Els Dirickx's 'Cockatoos Crossing' was acquired by Wollondilly Shire Council who have indicated that this will be an ongoing practice. One particular purchaser, Anna O. Keppel, was so taken by the quality and diversity of the works that she purchased 7 items. She was very keen to know about the 'story' behind each work.

The Peoples Choice Award winner was Ingrida Spole, close runner up was Kate Stengl.

Forty five items received votes, the top 7 were, Ingrida Spole (Outback), Kate Stengl (Blue Lake), Marjorie Kay (My Secret Garden), Ben Lyon (Large Band-saw Box) and Julie Phillips (Trees at Sunset) tied, with Marie Ewing-Terry's (Back to the Future).

The raffle was won by Chris Barlow from Werombi. It was the first time she has won anything.

A big thank you to everyone involved, the makers who made all the wonderful artworks, the hangers and taker downers, the minders, makers during the exhibition, the interior decorators who made the gallery space look so good and foodies and anyone else that has been (unintentionally) left out.

Ingrida Spole

Seasons Greetings to All



Merry Christmas to all our members, friends and supporters and hope that we will all have a fantastic 2016,

cheers
Janet



Wollondilly Arts Group Inc. President Pam Berrell talking to Mayor Simon Landow

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Hi All,

The year has been interesting with a few ups and a few downs but we have made it to the end and we are all happy. Our theme for the year was metamorphosis which we approached through mini workshops and several people persisted and enjoyed experimenting with the theme. Some members preferred to carry on with their own work and several volunteered to mentor those who wanted assistance to improve their drawing skills. This proactive approach to our creative get togethers was a relaxed approach that proved popular.

We had a change of committee at our annual meeting and I feel we have all worked well together with the aim to maintain a cohesive happy working group. We sadly lost a few people to moving away from the area - Nola went the furthest and headed for Western Australia - and a few had poor health but we have kept in touch and it was great to see many at the recent Christmas Party.

Our art space has been a challenge this year - we are so grateful and thankful to the scouts for letting

us use their hall which is large and has space for storage. However, we would love our own space and Council is aware of this and willing to help us.

During the year Council offered us Noonameena at Tahmoo. We had many debates, measurements and discussions about the proposed site and the consensus was that the limited size was an issue and we did not accept the kind offer.

Art-wise we have been active and although we have lost our gallery space several people have sold work over the year. We have presented our work at two different 'Universe Pop Up Gallery' displays during the Picton Markets and are featuring in another one in February. We also had a display at the Picton Show and several members entered the show individually. Members won several awards. WAG are planning to go in the Picton Show again next year.

Our annual exhibition in November was a success - it presented well and the quality of work was excellent coupled with a nice range of craft work. Several paintings were sold, along with woodwork and some ceramics plus handmade cards. WAG enjoyed mounting the exhibition and the public visiting and appreciating our work. In March next year we have been invited to be part of the Thirlmere Steam Festival and will be on the lookout for any opportunity that as a local group we can set up and exhibit our work.

Coupled with our annual exhibition, the other highlight of our year was the 'illuminARTE Festival' in Picton which was a credit to Wollondilly Shire Council - what a fantastic festival it turned out to be.

Wollondilly Arts Group hosted the 'illuminARTE Festival' Art Exhibition in the 2 shire hall art spaces with exhibitors invited from near and far. WAG also had the responsibility for inviting Artisans for the creative stalls and setting up their spaces in the Shire Hall.

WAG have been asked to do it again in 2016 for the 'illuminARTE Festival' with the theme "**Growing Together: People and Place**" and will be attending meetings at Council to consolidate our role and plans

Thank you to the WAG committee for combining to support the organization of our group and to the WAG members for being part of our local group. May I say Happy Christmas & New Year to members and friends and look forward to a creative 2016.

Pam Berrell
WAG President

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What is On: WAG Creative Get Togethers, Displays, Exhibitions etc:

**Wollondilly Arts Group to exhibit at
Picton Creative Traders Markets**

**'The Universe Pop-up Gallery',
on Sunday, 7th February 2016.**

Members can enter works for \$2 per entry.

Number of works depends on how many works are entered.
More details will be sent to members soon.

WAG Creative Get Together

Theme to be announced

13th February 2016 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

at the Scout Hall Mason St Thirlmere. Afternoon Tea

provided. \$3 members \$5 non-members. Contact:

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advise if you are coming. New Members welcome.

Previous Get Togethers, Exhibitions

WAG Creative Get Together

Introduction to Copper Foiling

14th November. 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Introduction to Copper Foiling with Ingrida Spole. It was a lovely day and many thanks to all who brought some afternoon tea goodies. Some prospective new members Lynn and Gordon joined us. Don't forget that we are now back to afternoon times for Get Togethers, now that Spring and Summer are here. Hope to see you next time.

WAG 10 - Meet the Makers Exhibition

**Saturday 21st November 2015 till Sunday 29th
November 2015, daily from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.**

Location: Shire Hall Art Spaces, Menagle St Picton

next to the Council Chambers. Many of the new works on show at this event were sold, We enjoyed demonstrating our skills to the community. Many hands were on deck to assist with hanging on the 20th of November and manning the exhibition. Thank you all, especially our visitors & patrons.



The Exhibition was funded by the Wollondilly Shire
Council Community Grants Scheme

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