



Wollondilly Arts Group Inc

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2019

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OUR PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Members & Friends. A brief summary of our comings and goings over the past few months.

As you read this newsletter, Winter is well and truly upon us, time to warm-up with creative activity over the coming months. We now hold our monthly **Creative Get Togethers** at TARRA Gardens (see map PAGE 3) as a temporary arrangement. The relaxed environment and air conditioned comfort should entice more people to attend. WAG is very thankful that TAARA Gardens has accommodated us and we enjoy the hospitality, sharing of space and facilities – for a permanent art space with storage facilities we look to the anticipated Cultural Precinct to encompass and nurture its own.

Many thanks to Wollondilly Shire Council for the Community Grants to fund our 2 projects: en Plein Air workshop & Hand Built Ceramics workshop plus 1 event: The WAG Annual Members Exhibition. We hope to see more works created at coming events with our theme this year being 'My Backyard'.

Best Wishes

Pam Berrell (President)

Illuminate Festival 2019 Art Exhibition & Artisan Market.

The 18th May Illuminate Exhibition was planned in conjunction with Wollondilly Council for the fifth year, the exhibition and Artisan Market held in the Shire Hall Picton attracted people from around the state. WAG members as well as invited artists from surrounding shires exhibited their work. We thank **BORAL Concrete Maldon** who contributed \$250 for Overall Winner, \$150 for The People's Choice Award and \$100 for the Judges Encouragement Award.

Congratulations to all who participated and to those who gave up their valued time to organise the event. Thanks to the WAG



Southern Tablelands Arts Executive Director Susan Conroy with Wollondilly Mayor Matthew Deeth announcing Awards at The Illuminate Art Exhibition

committee and members for making the day a tremendous success.



The Best in Show winner was **Shirley Kendall's** 'Burrangorang Valley'



Doreen Lyon's 'Little Wattle Bird' won the Judges Encouragement Award.



Ingrida Spole's 'Harbour Glow' won The Peoples Choice Award.

Affordable Art Workshops

Our series of affordable workshops was funded by Wollondilly Shire Council's Community Grant Scheme, comprising mixed media, ECO printing and drawing workshops,



March: 23rd 'New Ways with Mixed Media' with **Sue Southwood** – 10 people took part, Sue presented an excellent six page pre-workshop menu of techniques and combinations and participants were able to sample a few of these exercises on the day.



June 1st. saw **Doreen Lyon** instructing 7 participants at her **'ECO Printing Workshop'**. Using plants and flowers from their garden and environment, together

with rusty iron and alum to create beautiful prints on watercolour paper. Participants had a bundle of unique prints to take home. Hopefully more workshops to follow from Doreen.



June 22nd and 13 eager participants attended **'Drawing Can Be Everything'** with **Janet Dalton** at Taara Gardens Retirement Village Hall in Thirlmere. The Workshop covered many aspects of drawing, which is essential, whatever art form you pursue. Methods included: Mark making, tonal control, proportion, basic perspective, Golden Mean, drawing what you see, using negative shapes, sizing up. By all reports, a very successful workshop.

Our Monthly Creative Get Togethers

These are the organised meetings of our group, held on the second Saturday of the month with the intent of providing a variety of media and techniques to meet the artistic needs of our group as they arise. Our 2019 theme is 'My Backyard'. We are currently holding our Creative Get Togethers in the Air Conditioned comfort of the Village Hall at Taara Gardens (see map) from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Future Directions

A Workspace - As WAG has gathered new members and extended our profile in the Wollondilly Council area, it has become apparent that we require a more user-friendly facility (natural light, storage, parking, kitchen facilities, WH&S access, etc).

We have sourced a temporary solution – TAARA Village Hall at Thirlmere. It is hoped this will meet many of our criteria and will also provide access to our Creative Get Togethers to the residents which

The Artisan Market, at The Illuminate Art Exhibition in May...



10 works were sold at illuminate the art exhibition and 11 works at the WAG Artisan market stall.

Artists: Shirley Kendall, Gabby Dignam, Doreen Lyon, Barbara Durham, Marly Jones, Pam Berrell, and Ingrida Spole.

we anticipate will prove a good symbiosis.

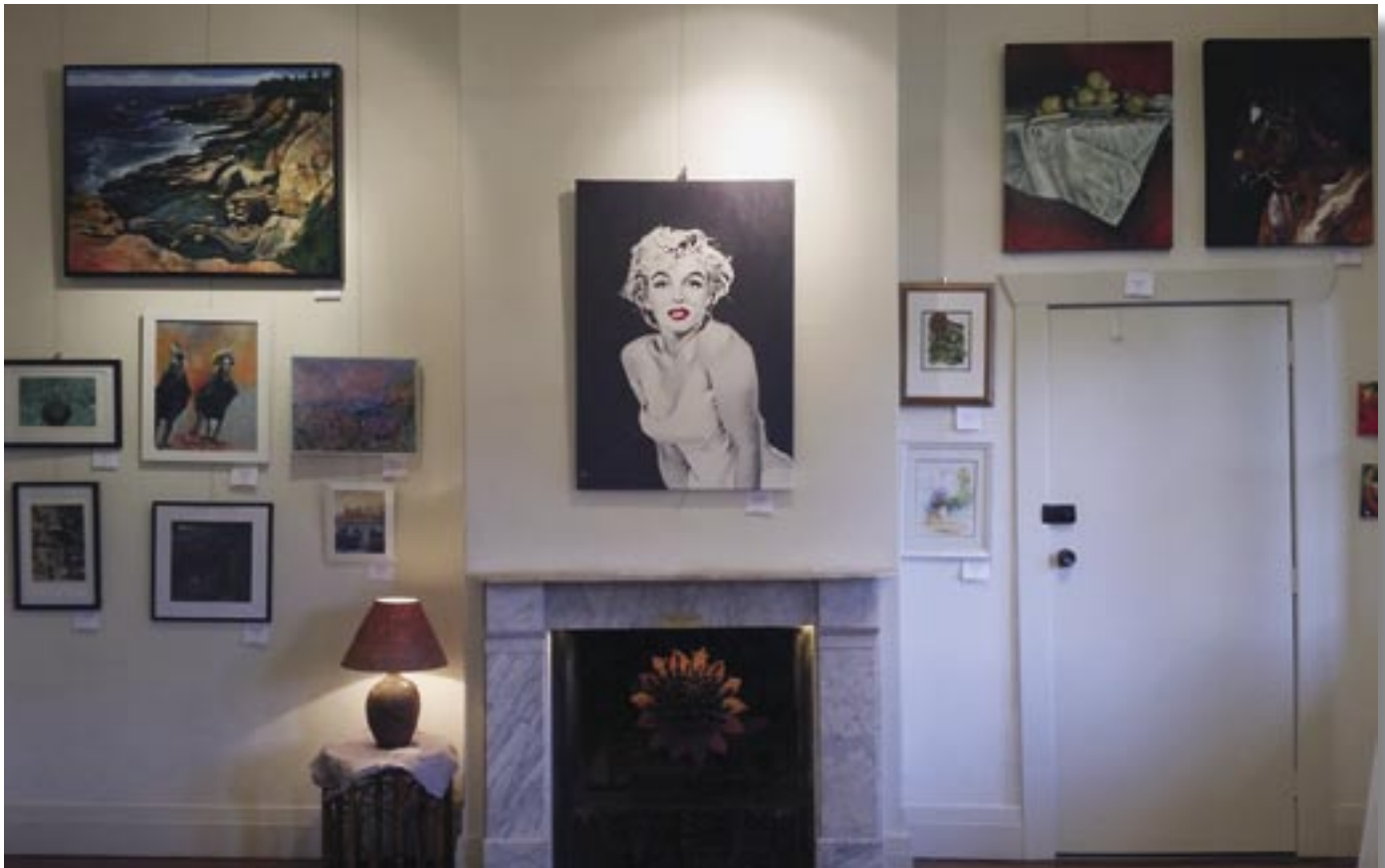
The Western Sydney City Deal State and Federal government have combined to provide funding for eight Western Sydney Councils, including Wollondilly, to apply for funding to create a new Cultural Civic and Community Precinct containing art spaces, community meeting rooms, community services, workshops, etc. For further information refer:

www.citydeals.infrastructure.gov.au

WAG has written an initial Submission and plan to work with the wider creative community of Wollondilly as part of this process. This submission was given to Mayor Matthew Deeth on 8 March. A copy was placed into the post boxes of every Wollondilly Councillor. WAG is committed to working towards raising the profile of the Arts in the Wollondilly area and look forward to being involved in future discussions and planning meetings.

In the intervening months since

Illuminate Art Exhibition – Some Featured Works



we were first acquainted with the idea of a community Cultural and Civic Precinct we have been represented at two meetings at which Elton Consulting, representing the Council, put forward their basic concept of the Precinct. This gave us the opportunity to forward our thoughts and ideas to be included in further planning and consideration of gallery space and workspaces for the broader art/craft community.

In June, a meeting of interested persons was held in the View room at the Shire Library to go over the now prepared plan of the Precinct, which was directed by Steve from Elton Consulting and accompanied by architectural drawings and specifications.

This was very interesting and at this point we wait in anticipation for further developments due to our disappointment at the non appearance of a specific gallery/artspace to accommodate exhibitions from prospective artisans. As two performing arts spaces appeared to be allocated, we await further discussion regarding the Wollondilly art community and their needs – from a broader outlook, the future standing within a potentially amazing precinct for Art practice and exhibitions.

WAG Annual General Meeting was on Saturday 13th April 2019

Taara Gardens Village Hall,
25 Estonian Rd, Thirlmere
1.30pm – 2.30pm

WAG members decided on the office bearers for our group for the coming year and submitted ideas for annual activities.

Office bearers voted for on the day were Pam Berrell President, Natalia Rudnicki Vice President, Treasurer Roswitha Giersch and Ingrida Spole Secretary. Natalia Rudnicki Publicity Editor, Marjo Hallowell Assistant Treasurer, Janet Dalton Public Officer and Rob Dalton Newsletter Editor. Ordinary Committee members:

Edla Arzey; Janet Dalton; Rob Dalton; Marjo Hallowell; Doreen Lyon; Betty Peachey; Julie Phillips; Sue Southwood; Tony Walsh.

“The world always seems brighter when you’ve just made something that wasn’t there before”

Neil Gaiman

WHAT’S ON CREATIVE GET TOGETHERS, WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS etc:

**Wollondilly Arts Group
Creative Get Together**

**Saturday 10th August
Taara Gardens Hall
25 Estonian Rd, Thirlmere
10.00pm – 1.00pm**

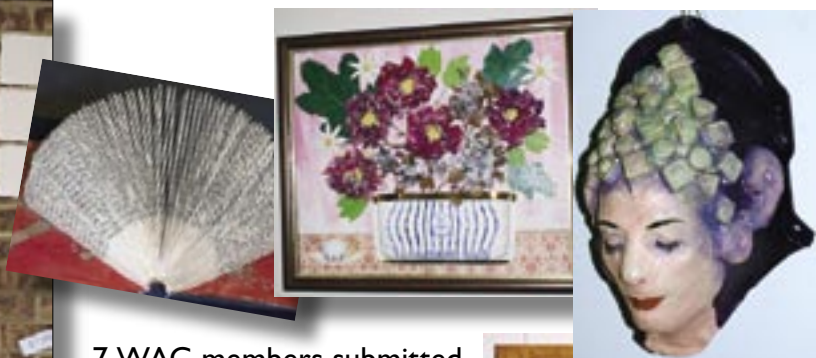
Please join us for creative endeavours, fun and chats. Work on your own project or work towards our end of year Exhibition the theme, ‘My Backyard’. New members most welcome. Morning tea provided. \$3. Members, \$5 non members. Contact Ingrida 0400 440 696 Ingridadala@hotmail.com



WAG Member Wins Council's 'Waste To Art' Exhibition



Sue Southwood with her winning entry '73 Roses for Dad',



7 WAG members submitted works including from clockwise, Sue Southwood x2; Lynne Barsby Johns; Janet Dalton x2; Leanne Perry; Janette Newman; Kerry Miller x2; Great effort from all!



Congratulations to WAG member **Sue Southwood** for winning the \$1,000 prize for her work titled '73 Roses for Dad', using recycled materials made from cotton rag paper made from her fathers bed sheets after his death, embossed with rose imprint on each square, one for each year of his life, joined in decades with gold thread. Sue's many talents include poetry and writing, being included in the Seniors 2019 Writing Competition in first one hundred short stories out of 600+ submitted – Well done Sue!

WAG Executive Committee

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**"Art is not what you see,
 but what you make
 others see."**

Edgar Degas