



Wollondilly Arts Group Inc

2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

This year has been a really positive and productive year for WAG despite some challenges that WAG had to overcome during the year. We were off to a bumpy start and finish, with the early resignation of our newly elected President, Lavinia Zammit for personal reasons. Lavinia's enthusiasm and input that initiated the establishment of our Creative Get Together is sadly missed by our group. As a consequence her position was filled by Julie Hodges as Acting President and Lyn Eberhart and Roswitha Giersch were appointed as Liaison Officers. Lyn had to take compassionate leave shortly after for most of the remainder of the year and Julie also took brief compassionate leave due to family reasons. Many thanks to Yvonne Vale, Ordinary Committee Member for her efforts that were cut short due to her family and study commitments. More recently we accepted the resignation of our long standing Treasurer, Maree Zavarise due to other work commitments. Roswitha Giersch kindly stepped in to fulfill the Treasurer's position. Marjorie Kay has since agreed to take over as Treasurer. Ester Kasepuu became an Ordinary Committee Member.

ACHIEVEMENTS

CREATIVE GET TOGETHERS

Our WAG Creative Get Togethers at the Wollondilly Community Nursery have proved popular with members and friends participating in Drawing, Painting in Watercolour and Acrylics and Mixed Media with Tutoring provided by Ester, Julie, Terri, Lindy, Janet and Ron who educated us about the use of Weedy Woods, assisted by Tony. Thanks to Ordinary Committee Member Anna Schutt who provided us with the most divine cakes .

MEMBERSHIP

There has been a constant increase in new membership and enquiries due to our Creative Get Togethers, Gallery presence, website and other activities.

GRANTS

WAG received 3 new separate grants in this financial year, as follows:

VOLUNTEER GRANT

With the remainder of the Volunteer Grant we were able to purchase; extra tables and chairs for workshops as well as 3 large printed Banners to promote WAG events, designed by WAG.

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

1. ANNUAL MEMBERS EXHIBITION - WORKS BY WAG 5

Our 2011 Exhibition was held at Historic Tahmoor House and a great success for our Artists. Attendees from near and far enjoyed the opening night which was a catered event with live music provided by Alex Stengl. Many thanks to Terry and Sheila for the use of the venue and Roswitha for the great catalogue of works.

2. WORKSHOPPING WITH WAG 2

The grant enabled us to offer a series of subsidised painting workshops in oils and acrylic mediums. The workshops were very popular and were soon fully booked out. Award winning artists Ros Psakis, John Corby and Steve Underwood conducted the workshops for us.

COUNTRY ARTS SUPPORT PROGRAM

WORKSHOPPING WITH WAG 2011

In Jan-Feb 2011 another CASP grant was applied for and granted which will enable us to conduct a series of subsidised workshops, entailing; Encaustic Painting and Image transfer with Mo Godbeer and also Polymer Screen Printing with Kathy Geurts.

WAG GALLERY AT THE TERRACE THIRLMERE

Due to the positive feedback by patrons and members following our Works By WAG 4 exhibition in March 2010, which was held at the Terrace in Thirlmere and with the kind permission of the shop owner Kevin Morris we continued opening our Gallery on weekends until the space had a permanent Lessee.

WAG GALLERY AT THE OLD POST OFFICE THIRLMERE

Our Gallery has now moved as the terrace space is leased but due to the generous offer for another premise by our kind benefactor Kevin Morris we are now at The Old Post Office at 19 Oaks St Thirlmere. We open the Gallery on the 3rd Sunday each month, the same day as the Creative Traders Market at Thirlmere.

MALCOLM GOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

WAG are grateful to the estate of the late Malcolm Gow for the donation of the bulk of the books that fill the Malcolm Gow Memorial Library. Members can borrow up to 2 books at a time for 3 weeks. The Library has been catalogued fully by Roswitha Giersch. Books are added by members and WAG from time to time. A book list is available at the Gallery.

QUINTESSENTIAL COFFEE SHOPPE DISPLAY

Plans were finalised for an on-going display of WAG artists works at Quintessential coffee shoppe in Picton. We hope many sales will be forthcoming and that we receive positive feedback from the community and tourist groups.

WAG WEBSITE CREATED

WAG purchased a domain name and now Wollondilly Arts Group has its own website at www.wollondillyartsgroup.com.au. We have a [WAG what is on page](#) to read the latest news. Many thanks to Janet's husband Rob Dalton for creating our site.

WAG COLOUR BROCHURE

A new brochure was designed to tie in with the opening of our website to attract new members and publicise the Gallery and Creative Get Togethers. Thanks again to Janet's husband Rob Dalton for his time working on the design.

WAG NEWSLETTER

A monthly Newsletter has been provided informing members of our activities and those of interest in the Shire and nearby regions.

WAG PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL EVENTS and ACTIVITIES MUSIC AND HARVEST FESTIVAL

A stall was manned by WAG members for a wonderful market day displaying one of our new banners as well as a variety of members works.

THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM

We opened the new 'Old PO Gallery' for the Thirlmere Steam Festival with a diverse display of works and spinning demos by Roswitha, also a stall was manned by Marjorie, Pam, Sue and Ron. There were a few sales and some new members signed up.

ART ESCAPADES WITH TONY

Tony has organised many private outings with WAG members and friends attending - drawing, painting, coffee, cakes and sightseeing with a little gallery crawling for good measure.

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

Julie Hodges, Roswitha Giersch and Janet Dalton represented our group on Friday 6th August at the Wollondilly Councils Volunteers' Morning Tea where WAG was presented with a certificate by the Mayor, Col Mitchell, with thanks for our volunteering efforts.

WAG AFFILIATIONS

WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL CULTURAL ADVISORY GROUP

When Council adopted the Wollondilly Cultural Plan in June 2010 it recommended establishing a Cultural Advisory Group to assist in the implementation of the Cultural Plan and advise Council on cultural development opportunities. WAG is represented at the Cultural Advisory Group by several members. who attend meetings every month or so.

WOLLONDILLY TOURISM ASSOCIATION

WAG is a member of the Wollondilly Tourism Association and attends tourism After 5s to network and promote WAG in the community.

STARTS

WAG are proudly supported by and are member of STARTS (Southern Tablelands Arts) who provide Public Liability Insurance for our activities.

All our thanks go to contributing Executive Committee Members, as well as participating Members who helped us throughout the year.

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Julie Hodges Janet Dalton Roswitha Giersch

on behalf of the WAG executive Committee 2011