



# WOLLONDILLY ARTS GROUP

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May 2010

## President Report

Well, we just had our Annual General Meeting for 2010 and it was quite moving to hear the summary from Ester Kasepuu about what the group has done for the year. In summary the Wollondilly Arts Group has achieved:

- Be part of the NAIDOC celebration
- Took part of Music and Harvest Festival.
- Exhibited at Thirlmere shop and still at present selling art at the store (by the way great Mother's Day gift)
- Re introduced the newsletters
- Created "Creative Get Togethers" (this year 2 per month)
- Applied for grants

What an amazing achievement for a group that hasn't got an address. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ester for the wonderful job she did for the last 2 years. It is very hard to be carrying all those responsibilities. Also a mention goes to Roswitha, Lyn and Maree for the amazing contribution of time they gave to the group. Lots of work in the background, not seen by most members. I still remember the long hours Roswitha and Lyn put together to create those beautiful black screens that are propping-up all those lovely paintings in the Thirlmere store. Also a thank you to the Wollondilly Council for the grant that paid for the screens, as well as the Community Nursery facility.

Our art group is quite unique; it has a variety of different individuals that produce amazing works and all types of art.

Now I would like to introduce the new team for this year. As President is myself Lavinia Zammit. The Vice President is Julie Hodges, as Secretary/Marketing is Janet Dalton, as Treasurer/Public Officer is Maree

Zavarese. With new enthusiasm, energy, ideas and with the support of the previous committee as well as STARTS. I hope you will welcome us and support us for the year.

Before I sign off, if the WAG members can help with the Roster for the Thirlmere store which has certain places not filled yet, it would be really appreciated. Also a roster for the Creative Get Together for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday for the month as I can no longer do them. Please speak to Julie as it is her baby now.

Cheers  
Lavinia Zammit

"It would be a mistake to ascribe creative power to an inborn talent; a creative operation requires an effort. Creativity takes courage." – Painter

Henri Matisse



SOUTHERN  
TABLELANDS  
ARTS

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## **SECTOR NEWS**

### ***Australia Council for the Arts report: Australians are actively participating in the arts.***

Over 16 million Australians are actively participating in the arts, according to new research released this week by the Australia Council for the Arts.

The study reveals that nine out of every ten Australians aged over 15 have made the arts part of their lives in the past year with four in ten actively creating art of some form.

Almost half of those surveyed had participated in the visual arts and crafts either as a creator, audience member or both.

More people participated in visual arts and crafts as creators than any other art form (22%) with nearly one in ten engaged in crafts (such as ceramics, jewellery making, sewing, woodcraft) (9%), photography (9%), or painting (8%).

The study also revealed that Australians hold positive attitudes towards the arts. They widely believe that the arts should be an important part of every Australian's education, make for a richer and more meaningful life, and that there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. The strength of these views increased in the last 10 years, while the belief that the arts are too expensive and attract people who are elitist decreased.

Further information:

[http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/research/arts\\_sector/reports\\_and\\_publications/apr](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/research/arts_sector/reports_and_publications/apr)

## **A CLASS OF OUR OWN**

5 - 11 May. Bowral & District Art Gallery, 1 Short St, Bowral

Students from Denise Sumner's Thursday and Friday painting groups at the BDAS Workshop exhibit their works and progress every second year. Quality, variety and pure technical exploration provides a wonderfully eclectic mix of styles and interpretation of varied subject matter. For those who love acrylic and mixed

media, with a leaning towards the whimsical and abstract, with a few representational images for perfect balance, are sure to be delighted with this exhibition. Meet the Artists: Saturday 8 May 1pm Daily 10-4

## **MUSICA. BOTANICA. EQUUS.**

8 - 27 May. Milk Factory Gallery

Corrine Laird MUSICA. BOTANICA. EQUUS. A collection of recent works by Australian artist Corinne Laird, exploring music, botany and the equine form. The artist utilises a diverse range of mediums including painting, collage and photography. In a culmination of colour, shape and form, Corinne Laird's bold abstractions of nature provide a profound viewing experience.

## **YOUNG ARTISTS' PRIZE**

12 May - 2 Jun. Bowral & District Art Gallery, 1 Short St, Bowral

Entries Close Wed 12 May 10am - 1pm. Sponsored by 'Our Lawyers Our Conveyancers' open to young artists: 12-14, 15-17, 18-21 years [www.bdasgallery.com](http://www.bdasgallery.com) for entry form and details Official Opening & Prize giving: Saturday 15 May 2pm

## **Art Encounters @ Camden Library**

A new series of ART Encounters workshops will be held on Saturday the 8th & 15th May & 5th June (a 3 week course) from 9am till 12 noon @ Camden Library. Bookings are essential from Camden Library & the cost is \$10 (materials included). For further enquiries please phone 4654 7951.

## **UWS Acquisitive Sculpture Award and Exhibition**

Until 30 May. UWS Campbelltown Campus Narellan Road, Campbelltown

Sculptors around Australia were invited in June 2009 to submit work for inclusion in the fourth UWS Acquisitive Sculpture Award and Exhibition. Ph: 4620 3450



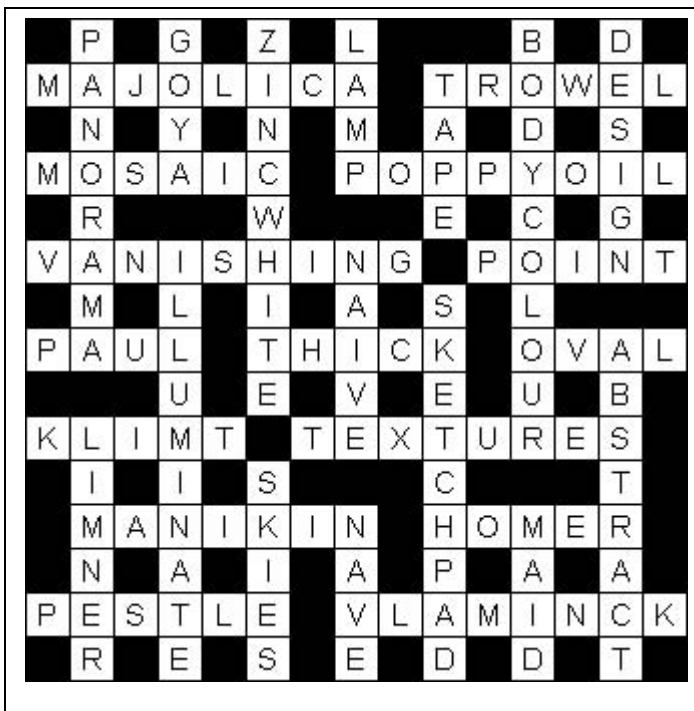
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## Wollondilly Arts Group has a library!

Yes, we have our own library now! This was started by the generosity of the Malcolm Gow estate. There are some very beautiful and interesting art books. Mainly impressionists, renaissance, and exhibitions he attended. They are only available to the WAG members and are held at the Thirlmere Shop. An index has been created for the books. If you would like to view this, please send me an email. Next month I will be writing a tribute article about Malcolm Gow.

## Crossword answer for March



### Markets

#### 1st Saturday of the month

\* Cobbitty Markets, Cobbitty Rd, Cobbitty (not in Jan and Feb) 8am – 1pm  
Phone: 0438 512 728  
[www.cobbittymarkets.com.au](http://www.cobbittymarkets.com.au)  
Art, craft and produce markets. Live entertainment. All proceeds go to local Community Groups and Charities.  
\* Bowral Public School Market – Bendooley Street

\* Bowral Farmers' Market - Moss Vale Showground

#### 1st Sunday of the month

\* Harvest Hunt - Southern Highland Wines, Cnr Oldbury Rd & Illawarra Hwy, Sutton Forest  
\* Bundanoon Markets - Bundanoon Memorial Hall, Railway Pde, Bundanoon  
\* First Sunday Flea Creative Trade Markets - Shire Hall Menangle St Picton  
\* Highlands Market - Moss Vale Showground

#### 2nd Saturday of the month

\* Camden Produce Markets  
Lower John St, Camden 2nd and 4th Sat  
7am – 12pm; Phone: 0403 617 333  
Locally grown fruit, vegies, herbs, country style baking, jams, wool products, olive and lavender products.  
\* Bronzewing Market - Uniting Church, Thirlmere Way, Tahmoor

#### 2nd Sunday of the month:

\* Appin Market - Appin Public School  
\* Berrima School Craft Markets - Berrima Public School, Oxley Street, Berrima  
\* Robertson Markets - School of Arts, Hoddle Street, Robertson

#### 3rd Saturday of the month:

\* Camden Craft and Fine Food Market Onslow Park, Argyle St, Camden 3rd Sat (not in Jan and March) Phone: 0417 230 418  
\* Camden Inn – Remembrance Dr, Old hume hwy  
\* Mittagong Markets - Uniting Church Grounds - Cnr Alice & Albert St Mittagong

#### 3rd Sunday of the month:

\* Thirlmere Markets – Thirlmere Station  
\* Wollondilly Swapmeet and Family Market Day - Oakdale Workers Club 1605 Burragarang Rd Oakdale  
\* Bundanoon Markets

#### 4th Saturday of the month

\* Camden Produce Markets  
Lower John St, Camden - 2nd & 4th Sat  
7am – 12pm Phone: 0403 617 333

#### Last Saturday of the month

Harrington Park Craft Markets  
Harrington Plaza, 23 Fairwater Dr, Harrington Park; Last Saturday of the month; 10am - 3pm  
Phone: 4648 4788