

Wollondilly Arts Group Inc

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2022 Annual General Meeting on Thursday 23rd June 2022
at 2.00pm in the Buxton School of Arts Community Hall

AGM Committee Report

On behalf of the WAG Committee, Rob Dalton, Sue Southwood, Janet Dalton,
Marjorie Kay, Yvonne Barry and Anne Bunga.

Presidents Report

Good afternoon members and guests. Thank you all for attending what I believe is WAGs 18th AGM. The groups financial year runs from April 1st ending March 31st.

As stated at our previous AGM, it has been several difficult years with Drought, Bushfire recovery, COVID-19 lockdowns, also floods and other challenges that our previous and present committee plus our members had to overcome in both personal and volunteering time.

Many thanks to the Executive and Ordinary Committee members who served from the previous AGM – and the current Committee for your time and efforts in promoting the ARTS in our Region. Special thanks to Roswitha Giersch for her help with the financial reporting and the just completed ‘Best Ever’ illuminate Festival Art Exhibition and Artisan Market. Success is measured by the results of great team work, I would like to thank my fellow Committee members: Sue Southwood, Janet Dalton, Marjorie Kay, Yvonne Barry and our newest committee member Anne Bunga. Also a special thanks to Edla Arzey, Peter Dalton and Ben Ho plus all the Artists and Artisans who attended and volunteered their valuable time to make this event such a success.

Grants 2021 – 2022

In the 2022 financial year one **Community Grant** was applied for from **Wollondilly Shire Council** of \$500 toward the cost of a new computer which allows WAG to stay current with ever changing technology.

The remaining grant from the 2019-2020 financial year from the **WSC Community Grant Scheme** has now been completed: ‘An Introduction to Ceramics’ with Timm O’Regan Ceramic Artist.

CASP grant Country Arts Support Project Title ‘**Curating an Exhibition - from Idea to Success** - deadline was extended but we were unable to complete the Curating at The illuminate Festival of Light Art Exhibition in 2021 which was cancelled. The remaining funds will hopefully be used for a different workshop in the 2022-2023 Financial Year. We have an acquittal extension until June 30th 2022.

Affiliations 2021 – 2022

Wollondilly Tourism Association Inc. (WTAI): Financial membership renewed

Southern Tablelands Arts: We are members and are supported by this body

Regional Arts NSW: They provide affordable Volunteers Insurance through Finsura.

Exhibitions Unable to be held due to Covid and Shire Hall renovations

Monthly Creative Get Togethers

We commenced Creative Get Togethers again in February 2022 here at the Buxton School of Arts Community Hall on the second Saturday of the month. We are gradually seeing attendances grow with diverse skills in Ceramics, Mosaics, Spinning, Wood Carving etc., – refreshing to see.

The Future

COVID Has put a brake on volunteering. At a meeting with Wollondilly community groups organised by Wollondilly Resilience Network (WReN) it was noted that all our groups were suffering from a lack of members and hence Volunteers. It was proposed that we explore meeting again soon with hopes of holding a ‘Volunteer Expo’ plus gathering an asset list that other groups could draw upon. WReN have applied for a grant to assist with this enterprise. We all need youth participation, this may be a start in dragging our youth away from Social Media addiction.

Some Good News! – Buxton Community Association have informed me that they will be making space available under this hall to allow us to safely store our assets, our thanks to Veronica and the Association Committee.

COVID is still with us and is killing 40 a day Australia wide on average. Please stay safe.

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