



WOLLONDILLY ARTS GROUP

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**2023 Annual General Meeting
on Monday 31st July 2023 at 10.00am
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.

Presidents Report

Good morning members and guests. Thank you all for attending WAGs 19th AGM. The groups financial year ran from April 1st 2022 ending March 31st 2023.

As stated at our previous AGM, it has been four 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 their time.

Thanks to all Committee member who served from the previous AGM – for your time and efforts in promoting the ARTS in our Region. I would like to thank my fellow Committee members: Sue Southwood, Janet Dalton, Marjorie Kay, Yvonne Barry.

Grants 2022 – 2023

In the 2022–23 financial year one Community Grant was applied for from the Wollondilly Shire Council of \$1,000 by ex committee member Ann Bunga toward the cost of a Mosaic workshop at Buxton Hall with Sonia O’Shea.

The CASP grant Country Arts Support Project Title ‘Curating an Exhibition - from Idea to Success - has been cancelled. The remaining funds will be used for a more appropriate workshop the future in consultation with Southern Tablelands Arts.

Affiliations 2022 – 2023

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

The illuminate Art Exhibition and Artisan Market last May 2022 was a great success according to comments I received from Stall holders and Council. Council advised Illuminate has been

moved from May to September permanently. The Committee advised Council that a \$10 hanging fee will apply for each artist successfully entering the Art Exhibition in the 2023 Art Exhibition. These proceeds will go toward volunteers travel expenses and incidentals.

Monthly Creative Get Togethers

Creative Get Togethers (CGTs) at the Buxton School of Arts Community Hall are attracting more members to the second Saturday of the month meeting. We are gradually seeing attendances and numbers grow,

The Future

Social media is lifting our profile as our Facebook page approaches 300 membership. It would be great to convert a percentage of our Facebook members to Financial members. The intention is have more variety in the workshops we run and the CGTs.

Again, COVID is still putting a brake on Volunteering. I have attended several meetings with Wollondilly community groups organised by Wollondilly Resilience Network (WReN) it was noted at our last AGM that all our local groups were suffering from a lack of members – hence Volunteers.

It was proposed that a 'Volunteer Expo' (since held in April this calendar year at Tahmoor Community Gardens) plus gathering an asset list that other groups could draw upon. WReN applied for a Community grant to assist with this enterprise which was not successful.

My thanks go to contributing Committee Members, as well as participating and the Groups New Members who helped us throughout the year.

Yours Sincerely,

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