



**President's Report**

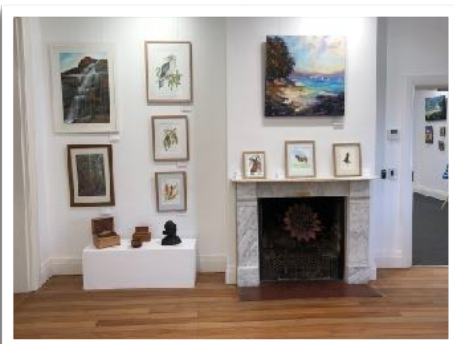
Is it really Spring? Could be Summer or Winter all at the same time! Shades of 2019 – 20 already. After two good seasons of growth we are back to brown grass and dry creek beds. Such is life in Wollondilly!

**Illuminate 2023:**

Spring into September – it was all about the Council's illuminate Festival of Light with WAG curating the Festivals Art Exhibition and co-ordinating the Artisan Market. WAG subsequently received a 'Certificate of Appreciation' presented by Wollondilly Mayor, Matt Gould.



*Illuminate appreciation and award winners from Left to Right::WAGs Rob & Janet Dalton;The Best in Show \$1,000 Winner, Kim Faber from Yanderra for her excellent oil on canvas titled 'Lorenzo the Lusitano'; Best Shop Display, Cherry Siu-Ho from Pixie & Stone; Mayor Matt Gould; People's Choice N°:37; Runner Up \$250, Ingrida Spole from Buxton for her striking Acrylic 'Darling River, Wilcannia', People's Choice N°:79;The People's Choice Award of \$500 went to Gabrielle Dignam also from Buxton for her Resin on Board creation titled 'Valley Lotus'. People's Choice N°: 25.*



2023 Illuminate Art Exhibition, WMC Art Spaces

The Art Exhibition was well attended over the three days 15th to 17th Sept. 35 Artists submitted 90 artworks. Judging was performed by Wollondilly Shire Councillor Suzy Brandstater and Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) President, Susan Brindle. The overall display of artworks was supervised by WAG Secretary, Janet Dalton with the assistance of STA Executive Director Rose Marin, WAG members Allan and Lynne Johns, Kathleen Irwin, WAG Vice President, Sue Southwood, myself

and Picton local Ben Ho. Also thanks goes to Councils Rob Moran for all his assistance and support. Congratulations to all the prize winners – Another Best Ever Exhibition!

expressed their enjoyment at being part of the Festival. My thanks to all stall holders and especially to Ben Ho and Ben Lyon who assisted when needed.

**Art in The Garden:**

WAG were invited to participate in the two day weekend event by Rotary and Wollondilly



2023 Illuminate Artisan Market WSC Hall

The Artisan Market was held on Saturday 16th Sept., from 12 noon until 9:00pm. The number of Artisans presenting their creations was down due to illness & sudden Family commitments but those who attended had a great time and



Art in a windy Garden– Rob, Yvonne & Janet

Garden Club in the gorgeous gardens of the Antonio Family of Thirlmere. Unfortunately the Artists were located at the bottom

of the garden away from the throng who watched the wonderful Picton Harmony singers, we were also away from Anna's beautiful Greek cakes & coffee. This was a trial event based on one garden over two days. where previously WAG have participated in a one day 6 garden event. Thanks to all who participated, Marjorie Kay; Yvonne Barry and grand daughter Erica; Janet Dalton; Jean Mills; Narelle Noppert and her son Tim; The Rotary Team; Anna & Michael Antonio and nature, whose wind gusts kept us busy all afternoon protecting our marquees from disaster. We all had a great day shooting the breeze!

**Volunteering equals Wellbeing!**

If you are 18 years, or over 60 and have an interest in, or want to participate in the Arts, WAG may be the conduit that supplies the impetus for you to progress with your creative enterprise or at least point you in the right direction. One of WAG's foundation goals as a Not-For-Profit group, is to promote Art and the Artists of Wollondilly Shire.

One way of achieving this goal is our **Creative Get Togethers**. We meet on the second Saturday of the month (except January), at the Historic Buxton School of Arts



*Creative Get Together at Buxton School of Arts*

Community Hall & Gardens. All are welcome to attend and participate, share ideas and meet new people. Our numbers are gradually growing since the peak of the pandemic.

As the weather is warming, the progress and development of Buxton Community Gardens makes it a pleasant area to be in. The Buxton Community Association (BCA) have done a tremendous amount of work in recent times, improving the hall and especially the gardens. If you are interested in volunteering in the garden or hiring the hall for an event, contact Veronica Hunt: [buxtoncommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:buxtoncommunityassociation@gmail.com)

WAG will be running a stall or two at BCAs 'Carols in the Park' Saturday 2nd December at Telopea Park, Buxton. The Markets commence Noon 'til 4 pm, Performances, 4 pm 'til 6 pm, Carols & Santa from 6 pm onward. If Financial Members wish to participate in the market, please contact me directly or if you wish to run your own stall, contact Veronica at:

[buxtoncamarkets@gmail.com](mailto:buxtoncamarkets@gmail.com)

On behalf of the Committee and Members of WAG, I wish to pass on our Sincere Condolences to both WAG Committee member, Yvonne Barry and Wollondilly Shire Councillor, Suzy Brandstater who both recently lost their life partners to cancer. Rest in Peace John Barry and Don Jones.

*Stay Safe!*

Regards  
Rob Dalton

**WHAT'S ON**

**CREATIVE GET TOGETHERS, WORKSHOPS, MEETINGS etc**

**WAG CREATIVE GET TOGETHERS**

On the second Saturday of the month (except January) at the Historic Buxton School of Arts Community Hall & Gardens.

1:00pm – 4:00pm

24 West Parade, Buxton  
Members \$3, Non Members \$5  
(parking available opposite the hall near the rail line)

**CAROLS IN THE PARK  
DECEMBER 2nd.,**

at TELOPEA PARK ,BUXTON  
NOON 'til 4:00pm

A Selection of WAG Financial Member Artisans show their wares.

**WAG Executive Committee**

President.....Rob Dalton  
Vice President.....Sue Southwood  
Treasurer .....Rob Dalton  
Secretary .....Janet Dalton  
Public Officer .....Janet Dalton  
Web/Newsletter .....Rob Dalton  
Minutes Secretary ..Sue Southwood  
Ordinary Committee Members:  
Yvonne Barry; Marjorie Kay;  
Jean Mills; Kerry Niven.

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Wollondilly Arts Group welcomes your feedback.

Go to:

[www.wollondillyartsgroup.com.au](http://www.wollondillyartsgroup.com.au)  
and the WAG 'what's on' page.



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wollondillyartsgroup>

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**"Art is the only way to run away without leaving home."**

Twyla Tharp