



# WOLLONDILLY ARTS GROUP

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**2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
on Monday 29th July 2024 at 10.00am  
in the Buxton School of Arts Community Hall**

## **AGM Committee Report**

On behalf of the WAG Committee, Rob Dalton,  
Janet Dalton, Marjorie Kay, Yvonne Barry, Jean Mills & Kerry Niven

### **Presidents Report**

Good morning members and guests. Thank you all for attending WAGs 20th AGM. The groups financial year ran from April 1st 2023 ending March 31st 2024.

As stated at our previous AGM, difficult years still, with Drought, Bushfire recovery, COVID, floods, cost of living and other personal challenges that our committee and our members have had to overcome.

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: Janet Dalton, Marjorie Kay, Yvonne Barry Jean Mills and Kerry Niven.

### **Sue Southwood (RIP),**

We mourn the passing of our friend, Vice President and long time committee member. Sue will be remembered as a talented Creative Artist, Papermaker and Writer. For those who knew her over the years, Sue struggled with a bipolar condition and diabetes, had her good days and bad and is now at peace.

We also mourn the passing of our past members **Anna Schutt** and more recently **Geraldine Hunt**, a great loss to our community and their respective families.

### **Grants 2023 – 2024**

WAG did not apply for any grants this financial year

As stated in last year's report, 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 2023 – 2024**

**Wollondilly Tourism Association Inc. (WTAI)**, the association unfortunately has been dissolved, due to a lack of committee members – replaced by Council's Tourism Connect,  
**Southern Tablelands Arts:** We are members and are supported by this body  
**Regional Arts NSW:** They provide affordable Volunteers Insurance through Finsura.

## **Exhibitions & Events**

**A small WAG Exhibition** was held in conjunction with the Buxton Community Association (BCA) August Market Day. The day and the hall was bitterly cold, attendance minimal.  
**The illuminate Art Exhibition and Artisan Market** last September 2024 was again a success, Council have asked us to curate and organise the events again this coming September.  
**Art in the Garden** was held in October in Thirlmere, unfortunately WAG and other exhibiting artists were situated at the bottom of the garden  
WAG also showed the flag with a gazebo at the **BCA Christmas in the park** event in December at Telopea Park, Buxton.

## **Monthly Creative Get Togethers**

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

## **The Future**

**Coming soon:** a new website, that is more mobile friendly. A proposition to the Committee to become a Charitable organisation to be debated at a separate Committee meeting.

**Social media** is lifting our profile as our Facebook page approaches 400 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, the COVID hangover is putting a brake on Volunteering, it was noted at our last AGM that all our local community groups were suffering from a lack of members – hence Volunteers.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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