



President's Report

Hope you are having a relaxing time this Summer and enjoyed the holiday break. Working on your creative projects or you may be wanting inspiration? Come along to WAGs Monthly Creative Get Togethers at Buxton Hall (details over page) and talk to our members about your creative wants or needs. If we can't help you, we usually know someone who can. All are welcome to attend, participate, share ideas and meet like minded and friendly people.

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're interested in volunteering in the community garden or hiring the hall for an event, [contact Veronica Hunt](#).

WAG at 'Carols in the Park' Market Day:

WAG participated at BCAs 'Carols in the Park' Saturday 2nd December at Telopea Park, Buxton. The Markets commenced at Noon and ran 'til 4 pm, with performances from 4 pm 'til 6 pm, Carols & Santa from 6 pm onward. Our presence at the market was to promote WAG and the Arts in Wollondilly. Thanks to WAG members Janet Dalton and Kathleen Erwin who supplied a range of artworks to display. Also, thanks to everyone who showed an interest and visited our marquee.



WAGs marquee at the 'Carols in the Park' Market, Buxton. (Photo courtesy Michael Banasik).

WAGs December Christmas Get Together:

Great to catch up with our members and friends, thanks to all who attended on such a very hot December day. Everyone bought a plate and hopefully enjoyed the afternoon apart from the heat!

Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) Mobile Office:

WAGs First 2024 Monthly STA Meeting at the Wollondilly Shire Councils administration meeting room:

February 6th, WAG met with Rose Marin and Daniela Diaz from Southern Tablelands Arts (STA), for a couple of fruitful hours. Present for WAG were Committee Members Janet Dalton; Marjorie Kay; Jean Mills and myself. Membership to STA is free to all Creatives from the Shire. WAG is a long standing member. Up for discussion were future workshops for 2024, revamping of the WAG website and opportunities open for Wollondilly Artists such as the STA Box Gallery.



STAs Rose Marin with the Box Gallery Display at Wollondilly Council Administration foyer in Picton.

Presenting The STA BOX GALLERY:

At the meeting, Rose presented to us STAs Box Gallery initiative. You can view the STA Box Gallery display in the Wollondilly Council Foyer, Menangle Street Picton. BOX Gallery exhibitions are available to STA Members on application. STA & WAG Members can apply for an exhibition in one or more BOX

Galleries throughout the STA regions. The display box really suits three dimensional artworks, however two dimensional works could be featured with some thought on how the works are displayed. For more information go to this [STA link](#).

The rise of the Smartphone:

Since the introduction of the iPhone in 2008, the way we communicate with each other and the world has dramatically changed. Shopping, banking, social media, email, photography, audio and video – all can be achieved with the modern smartphone using 4 & 5G broadband and WIFI technology.

Mobile smartphones now dominate internet usage over desktop with all demographics preferring to connect to the internet via mobile broadband. Desktop computers still rule in businesses where larger screens and RAM are required for detailed applications such as design, architecture and cad-cam etc.

A disadvantage of smartphones is screen size, which has forced web designers to rationalise their design of web sites to a modular construction to improve readability on mobile devices.

With the above in mind, WAG will be revising our original 2010 desktop website to conform with the modular needs required to view on current mobile devices. Hopefully this will be reviewed by the Committee and be ready for broadcast by the end of March.

Volunteering - Wellbeing!

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

To achieve this goal we hold creative get togethers, workshops and exhibitions including illuminate.

If you are interested in the Arts and Crafts or have a creative skill which you would like to share with others, please feel welcome to join us at one of our monthly Creative Get Togethers detailed below. Entry is now FREE for your first visit!

No Politics, No Egos, All Welcome!
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,
Financial Members \$3,
Non Members \$5 (Free first visit).
Tea, Coffee etc., provided.
(parking available opposite the hall near the rail line)

WAG Executive Committee

President.....Rob Dalton
Vice President.....Sue Southwood
TreasurerRob Dalton
SecretaryJanet Dalton
Public OfficerJanet Dalton
Web/NewsletterRob Dalton
Minutes Secretary ..Sue Southwood
Ordinary Committee Members:
Yvonne Barry; Marjorie Kay;
Jean Mills; Kerry Niven.

WAG Celebrates 20 years of establishment.

Wollondilly Arts Group was established in 2004 to meet a demand by Artists of Wollondilly Shire who wished to form a group of creative people, to share their talent and friendship within our community. WAG then became an incorporated Not-For-Profit entity 31st March 2006.

Details of our celebration will be broadcast soon.

Visit Our Web Site!

Wollondilly Arts Group welcomes your feedback.

Go to:

www.wollondillyartsgroup.com.au and the WAG 'what's on' page.



Or visit us on Facebook

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

We are supported by Southern Tablelands Arts and Wollondilly Shire Council



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“Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable.”

Banksy.