



**President's Report**

**Vale Sue Southwood.**

WAG mourn the loss of our long serving Committee member and Vice President. A talented, creative and gifted Artist, Papermaker and Writer – a volunteer in her community, a giver – not a taker!



*Sue in Bowral hospital with Cleo T-shirt (photo and T-shirt courtesy Jean Mills).*

Sue suffered from Bipolar Disorder, a jumbling of messages to the brain which made her difficult to be with sometimes – some could handle it, others not so well. Sue had her good days and bad ones – reminds me of the poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow:

*There was a little girl,  
Who had a little curl,  
Right in the middle of her forehead.  
When she was good,  
She was very very good,  
But when she was bad she was horrid.  
Well, some may say horrid.  
I would replace 'horrid' with the  
word 'Bipolar'.*



*Sue, pictured resting after helping assemble our WAG Art Exhibition at Buxton Community Hall.*



*Sue in Bowral hospital (photo courtesy Jean Mills).*

Sue began drifting into dementia early 2023, we were having to call her to remind her of event days and she started to forget simple tasks, it was so sad to experience this – it was all too quick.

Sue was losing balance and had a fall after a family Mother's day lunch at Mittagong RSL and was admitted to Bowral hospital.

Sue's condition deteriorated, apart from forgetting her Bipolar

medication, Sue was also forgetting to take her diabetes medication, not eating and drinking fluids with assistance. Sue could not remember names, however, according to Jean Mills who made regular visits, enjoyed the photo Jean gave her of Cleo\*, Sue's cat. In early June Sue was admitted to Anthem Aged Care in Bowral where she passed away peacefully aged 74 years.

On behalf of WAG, I would like to express my condolences to Sue's family along with our gratitude to WAG Committee Member and President of the local Writer's Guild, Jean Mills for her care and visits to Sue. Also to Elizabeth Atkin for writing and delivering a superb eulogy at Sue's funeral service.

Sue will be missed!

*\*Cleo (see photo in banner) now resides at our house in Couridjah, she has two servants, sleeps around 20 hours a day and is enjoying her new digs. I have renamed her 'Clawdia Pita', she is a very lucky old white cat.*

**Vale Anna Schutt.**

In April we lost long term WAG member and artist Anna Schutt.

It was always a delight to see Anna's smile at WAGs Monthly Creative Get Togethers – along with the knowledge that for afternoon tea, a cake was certain to appear. When cherries were in season, there would be a rush on for the best cherry cake you will ever experience.



Anna passed away on the 1st., April this year aged 84, after suffering complications from dementia. Anna – missed by all who knew her, especially me, I loved her smile and of course her cakes.

**Volunteering – Wellbeing!**

If you are 18 years, or over and have an interest in, or want to participate in Arts & Crafts, 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. 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)

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

**2024 Illuminate Festival of Light Art Exhibition and Artisan Market**

Wollondilly Shire Hall  
Menangle Street Picton  
Art Exhibition opens Friday 20th  
September to Sunday 22nd  
Artisan Market Saturday 21st  
September, 12 Noon to 9:00pm

**Conditions of Entry and Entry Details will be available on the WAG website in August**

**WAG Celebrates 20 years of Incorporation.**

Wollondilly Arts Group Inc., was established to meet a demand by Artists of Wollondilly Shire who wished to to share their talent and friendship within our community. WAG became an incorporated Not-For-Profit entity 6th November 2004.

Details of our celebration will be broadcast soon.

**WAG Executive Committee**

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

**Visit Our Web Site!**

Wollondilly Arts Group welcomes your feedback.  
Go to:  
[www.wollondillyartsgroup.com.au](http://www.wollondillyartsgroup.com.au)  
and the WAG 'what's on' page.



Or visit us on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wollondillyartsgroup>

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**“No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If they did, they would cease to be an artist.”**

**– Oscar Wilde.**