



Wollondilly Arts Group Inc

NEWSLETTER

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OUR PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is so good to congratulate WAG artists and organisers on the success of our Art Show at IlluminARTE this year – so many people have made very positive comments and visually it was attractive and eclectic, displaying the talent of our WAG group as well as the entries from the invited artists.

Well done Betty Peachy in winning the Best in Show for 'Mr. Majestic'



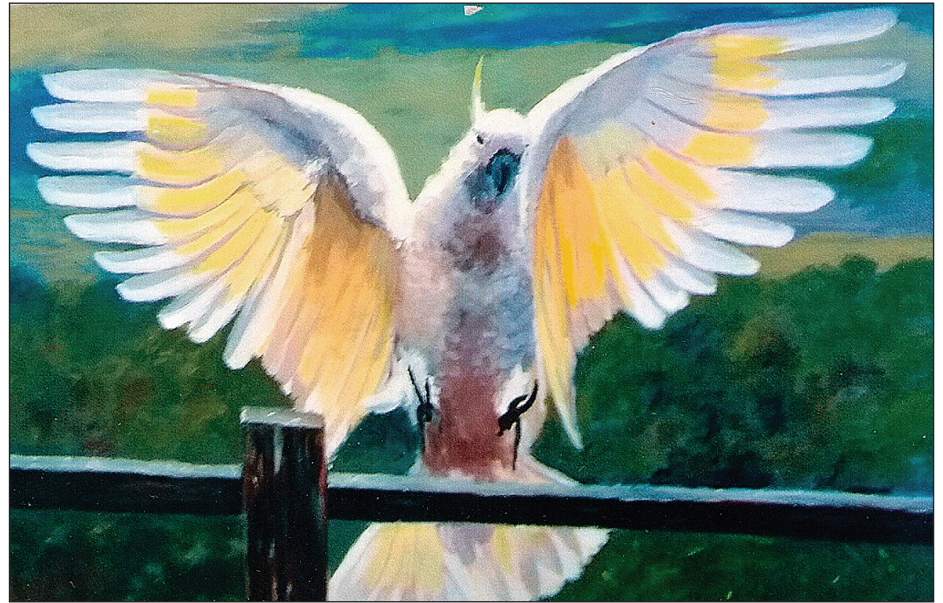
Sheila Roberts' Tumut River wins The Peoples Choice Art Prize at IlluminARTE 2017.

and to Sheila Roberts', 'Tumut River' for winning the Peoples Choice prize. Also an Encouragement Award to Oscar Dyson for 'Godzilla'.



Oscar Dyson receives his award from Wollondilly Shire Mayor Judith Hannan.

As it turned out we had almost 400 people vote which made for many lively conversations with each other and with us on duty at the time. This was a good thing as viewers looked more closely and considered what they were looking at so to my mind this was very satisfying. Thanks to



Illuminate 'Best in Show' Art Award Winner: Mr. Majestic by Betty Peachy

Wollondilly Council for donating the prize money.

The other part of our portfolio was to put together the Artisan Market in the Shire Hall which was organised by Roswitha Giersch and Sue Southwood. Stalls providing homemade crafts from the area were well set up and also well attended. The organising team did such a great job – all in all we had a wonderful day.

There were, as is inevitable, a few wrinkles to iron out and we look forward to getting these sorted and consider our future choices in discussions with Council.

Regarding our meeting/workspace. We continue to use and gratefully thank the Tahmoor Scout group for the use of their Thirlmere hall. We have put out a few feelers for a more personal and permanent space where WAG can store our equipment and have a sense of ownership but alas, there has been no signing off as yet!

WAG will continue to pursue this, as a creative arts space in Wollondilly Shire is long overdue. It would align very comfortably with existing facilities in surrounding

Shires. With so many diverse arts and crafts happening in Wollondilly Shire it would be most rewarding to have a central space for cultural activities, displays, storage and workshops – attracting talented and knowledgeable people to share their skills with ours.



Artisan Market Stalls

In preparation for our end of year WAG 12 exhibition, we are taking on miniatures – from what I have heard once you do one, it takes hold and becomes a very engrossing and enjoyable challenge. I have heard several people have done quite a few and look forward to doing more, so our 'Miniature Wall' will be amazing to look at and enjoy.

We continue to have a good attendance at our 'Creative Get Togethers' and enjoy the tasks, chat and challenges. If you haven't been for a while please join us.

Cheers!
Pam Berrell
President

**WHAT'S ON:
CREATIVE GET
TOGETHERS, DISPLAYS,
EXHIBITIONS ETC:**

**Wollondilly Arts Group
Creative Get Together**

Saturday, 8th July 10.00 am to 1.00 pm Join members & friends to create, share ideas and learn from each other. Theme to be Reflections. Or work on your own project or miniatures, for our Members Exhibition. At the Scout Hall Mason St Thirlmere. Morning Tea provided. \$3 members \$5 non-members. Contact: Janet to advise if you are coming. Phone: 46818579 email: janetdalton@ozemail.com.au -

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME.
EXHIBITION**

"this fragile land..."

**BDAS Gallery,
1 Short Street, Bowral**

**Thursday 13th to Tuesday 25th
July, 2017 - 10-4 daily**

**Local Thirlmere Lakes
environmentalists David and
Geraldine Hunt will be officially
opening the exhibition on
Saturday, 15th July at 2pm.**



Work by Ben Lyon

The wording for the exhibition title is taken from a poem written by Sue Southwood. Joining Sue in this exhibition, are Wollondilly Arts Group members Doreen and Ben Lyon, Pam Berrell and Ingrida Spole. Each artist has his/her own strengths and process to deliver this diverse and interesting display, each is passionate about the underpinning



Gum Tree by Ingrida Spole.

theme. One focus of the exhibition is on the way our land is being depleted of its natural resources and the effects of this depletion.

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Poetry by Sue Southwood
this fragile land...

*I stand by the road as darkness falls
Drinking in air that tastes like wine
The sun sets on this arid land
Glimmering in a thousand shades.*

*There is softness in the breeze
Almost a caress, coolness after the heat
Night follows day so quickly
Stars appear to light the way.*

*In this moment between dusk and dark
I realise I am alone in this vast place
Will I push on to the next town
Or stay and enjoy this peace.*

Somehow I am not afraid

Feel a sense of belonging

*Feel an urge to protect this fragile land
Keep it free and lovely.*

*For years this thin soil upon which I stand
Has been moved about by Nature's force
Shifting changing
Yet staying the same.*

*A curse to those who want to tame it
Turn it to their own ends
No matter how noble this may be
This glorious land will win.*

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