



Wollondilly Arts Group Inc NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018/19

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OUR PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Members & Friends. A brief summary of our comings and goings over the past few months and to bring to a close our WAG year with thanks to our members, friends and the art community.



Picton Show:

The Show was held over the weekend of 13/14th October now all refreshed and rejuvenated after a two year break caused by the damage suffered in the Picton flood. WAG was happy to take part and displayed an exhibition

of paintings as well as a table of small works, prints, cards and other small items. **Ben**

Lyon entered the Wood Section and was awarded first place & second place and declared Champion in the 'Any Wood Article' section. **Doreen Lyon**

entered the Art Section and awarded first place and second place in Mixed Media.

Marie Ewing-Terry gained first place in 'Acrylic any Subject' and finally **Roswitha Giersch**, a keen spinner and weaver, won four first places and two second places.

Well done WAG members.



Garden and Art Trail:

As a member of Wollondilly Tourist Association Inc WAG successfully teamed up with Rotary and the Wollondilly Garden Club to present an excellent Art Trail day. Much appreciated by all who visited according to the many positive comments. The gardens were revived after recent rain and looked lovely – approximately 250 people visited and Rotary was very happy. The six gardens which hosted us were:

Mary Campbell's garden in Picton; **Morrice** garden in Upper Picton; **Mallam** garden in Picton; **Zammit** garden; **Antonio** garden and the **Anderson** garden in Thirlmere.

Exhibiting members of WAG appreciated the hospitality of the host gardens and the appreciation of visitors – a lot of talking and exchange of ideas which was stimulating and fun. A long and busy day but what a great environment in which to show your work.

Thanks very much to all who participated. Between us we exhibited: sculpture, wood,



digital media, ceramics, acrylic, watercolour, charcoal, textiles, paper art, photography and hand made books.

Our thanks to the host gardens, to Rotary and especially **Geoff Cannon and his team** as well as WAG Members for setting up and collecting all the gear and gazebos before and after on the day.

Chroma Atelier Workshop: While visiting Campbelltown Arts Centre during September, I met Kerrie Walsh from Chroma Atelier and commented on her unusual 'Pouring Method' art practice and asked if she could do a workshop with us at the October CGT. 14 students keenly followed the instructions and took home one or more art pieces – a very enjoyable new technique to add to our repertoire.

WAG13: The Bush, The Lakes, The Valleys



WAG members, Mayor Judith Hannan & Cr Noel Lowry at the opening
Photo Courtesy of The District Reporter

Our year culminated with the Annual Members Exhibition WAG13, presented at the Shire Hall Gallery Art Spaces on Nov 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th.



Many thanks to **Mayor Judith Hannan** who opened the Exhibition on the 24th. **Cr Noel Lowry** was also in attendance as was **Lee Abrahams** of The District Reporter.

Mayor Judith Hannan spoke of her concern of the possible fate of the ancient aboriginal art to be found along the course of the Warragamba Dam. Under State Government discussion is the possibility of heightening the dam wall and in so doing, the art of the long ago past will be destroyed.

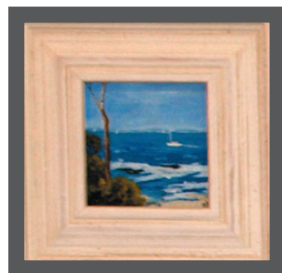
We also thank the 24 artists who entered 173 pieces, including, Artworks, Miniatures, Ceramics, Woodwork and Textiles. Congratulations to those who sold works.



Tony Milroy Mindioomba Creek - Waiting for Rain.

The Peoples Choice Award was won by **Tony Milroy** and Miniatures Award shared by **Ingrida Spole** and **Betty Peachey**. The raffle was won by **Maddalena Saunder**.

March 2019 Workshop: A planned mixed media workshop in March will be tutored by



Betty Peachey SOUTH COAST NSW 1.



Betty Peachey SOUTH COAST NSW 2.



Ingrida Spole EMU.

Sue Southwood. Sue's presentation notes show a well planned, fun and exciting program. Included are the following: Paste grain paper; Embossed paper; Gesso/impasto medium; Glue painting; Surface treatments; Image transfer work – as much will be covered as time permits.

International Women's Day (IWD): To be held in March 2019 at Picton – WAG will be part of the day of celebration and discussion. We have been part of IWD for the past two years and included are women art makers of Wollondilly – both WAG exhibitions have been an integral part of the day.

Centenary of the Armistice: WAG members **Doreen and Ben Lyon** are devotees of The Oaks Heritage Centre and were part of the team who presented a Commemoration of the Centenary of the Armistice of the Great War on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. The presentation included a textile display and musical performance – a fitting memorial of the event of 100 years ago.

Every second Saturday of the month except January, we will continue to meet at Thirlmere Scout Hall, as local artists working together, participating in community and cultural events. We again appreciate the Scouts giving us a space to work in, although having our own space is our aim. We look forward to our Christmas Party get together & will meet again in February, wishing for a successful and happy year.

Finally I wish to extend our sincere comforting thoughts to those who have suffered loss, illness or misadventure this year and hope we can catch up next year. Best wishes and Christmas cheer Have a Happy New Year
Pam Berrell

WHAT'S ON

CREATIVE GET TOGETHERS, WORKSHOPS, ETC.

CREATIVE GET TOGETHER: **Member's Christmas Party – Creative Get Together**

Saturday 8th December 2018
Scout Hall Mason St Thirlmere
1.00pm till 4.00pm
Come and have a social afternoon

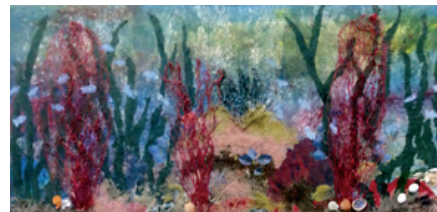
with other Members. Please bring a plate to share and your partner or friend is welcome. Hope to see you there. RSVP to Janet for numbers 46818579 or email: janetdalton@ozemail.com.au.

CREATIVE GET TOGETHER:

Wollondilly Arts Group **Creative Get Together** **Saturday 9th February 2019** **Scout Hall Mason St Thirlmere** **1.00pm – 4.00pm**

Looking for creative inspiration? Join WAG members & others at our first meeting for 2019, to make art, share ideas and learn from each other. \$3 members \$5 non-members. Afternoon tea provided. Theme to be decided. New members are always welcome. \$3 members \$5 non-members. Contact: Janet, phone: 46818579 email: janetdalton@ozemail.com.au

WORKSHOP



New Ways with Mixed Media
by Sue Southwood.
Saturday 23rd March 10.00am to 4.00pm To be confirmed.
This workshop will be exploratory in nature where participants will have the opportunity to use materials and methods of mark-making they may not have thought of before. A portfolio of small samples of the different techniques you choose to make can be collected along with hand-written directions for their making, will provide you with a large amount of interesting material to select when combining techniques in your next large artwork. It is meant to be a fun day so come with your old clothes on, safe closed shoes, an apron, a pen and paper, gloves, and any other protective gear you may need. Cost to be decided. Contact Roswitha Giersch 4681 0535 email: roswitha01@gmail.com

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Painting is easy
when you don't know how,
but very difficult
when you do.

Edgar Degas