



Wollondilly Arts Group Inc

NEWSLETTER

December 2016

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Seasons' Greetings and a Merry Christmas to all our members and friends from all at WAG.

FAREWELL TO ESTER KASEPUU

Membership No. 4, Ester joined Wollondilly Arts Group on the 26th of March 2004 together with 15 other fellow artists and artisans at WAG's first membership intake.

Ester is the only continuous member up to recently, when she anticipated a move to another area.

During this time Ester held various positions within the committee including President of WAG for several years and steered the arts group through good and sometimes troublesome times. She also designed the WAG logotype, invitations and other publicity material.

Thanks to Ester we enjoyed our beloved WAG Gallery at various shops in Thirlmere and she negotiated our use of the Thirlmere Scout Hall.

Under Ester's leadership the group was very active in the community. WAG took part at various community events, such as 'Brush with The Bush' at the 'White Waratah Festival', 'Thirlmere Steam Festival', 'NAIDOC Week' & 'International Womens Day'.

Ester successfully applied for various grants such as the 'Volunteer Grant', 'CASP Grant' and the 'Wollondilly Shire Community Grants' that enabled WAG to have workshops, exhibitions and Pop-up Galleries.

Ester continuously lobbied at Council and State level for a 'Place to call home' for Wollondilly Arts Group, a cultural centre for all.

She was always there for WAG and as an accomplished Illustrator and creative Artist, she generously shared her knowledge, conducted workshops and mentored fellow artists and artisans alike.



Ester Kasepuu being farewelled at the WAG Christmas lunch

We are sad to see her go.... on the other hand we wish her all the best for the future and hope she will find 'a place to call home' in her new venture, together with a friendly and welcoming artist community.

Thank you Ester

REPORT ON WAG 11 ANNUAL EXHIBITION



'My Space, My Place'
Our Annual Exhibition was held at the Picton Shire Hall Art Spaces with the Official Opening by Mayor Judith Hannan on Saturday 26th November

The event also featured artisan stalls, musicians and art activities for children.

The People's Choice Award ended in a draw between Anna Schutt and Ingrida Spole

The Raffle was won by lucky Betty Riesinger.

It was not the best year for sales. Ben Lyon sold four boxes, with Doreen Lyon's work titled 'Joe Deacon's Cottage' purchased by Wollondilly Shire Council.

Els Dirickx had a sale and two works by our new members, Natalia Rudnicki and Betty Peachy. A very well done to all.

Despite the lack of visitors and sales our Artisans enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere, the company of fellow artisans and networking opportunities. We would like to thank the Musicians Phyllis Foster, Lynette & Phil Rich, who entertained us with their excellent music.



WAG members are always encouraged to submit their art works to regional award events.

WAG CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A good turn up this year to the annual lunch with special guest Ester Kasepuu presented with a Ben Lyon box, a beautiful booklet by Doreen plus a magnificent farewell card by Els Dirickx.

Each member brought a plate and as usual the fare was appetising and enjoyed by all. A special mention of Anna's cake – just out of this world as usual.

A very big thank you to Ingrida Spole and Jennie Wiles for inviting us into their wonderful home.

WHAT'S ON:
CREATIVE GET TOGETHERS,
Wollondilly Arts Group
Creative Get Together

FEB SAT 11th 2017 1pm to 4pm

At the Scout Hall Mason St Thirlmere. Afternoon Tea provided. \$3 members \$5 non-members. New Members welcome. Contact: Janet to advise if you are coming.

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