

ART EXPRESS

The Newsletter of the Warrnambool & District Artists Society Inc. AOO11787Z

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We invite your submissions - photographs, short articles, comments etc.

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Note: editorial or other comment is not necessarily the view of WADAS or its members.

IMPORTANT: Entries for the ANNUAL AWARDS due JUNE 6th

**NEW TIME: THE NEXT MEETING will be held on TUESDAY, June 6th,
at 1:30 PM at the Merri View Gallery**

May WADAS Committee Report:

Vice President's report

Yes, folks, it's a Vice President's report on this occasion - I'm sure everyone wishes Shirley Lindsay's husband John a speedy recovery.

Your Committee has been discussing several issues recently...

- **Merri View Gallery renovations:** the concrete slab at the front door of Merri View Gallery has cracked and is subsiding. This has been concealed by the use of a mat, but will need to be fixed. This may, in the longer term, also result in the erection of a porch - it would be nice to have a little more shelter. Sometimes, when you're in the kitchen at MVG, those cupboards make you think you're in a timewarp and it's 1957; it's time for new ones. We're exploring, as part of this project, installing a small hot water heater.

Roster issues: Di Bowles has done a terrific job as MVG Roster Coordinator; we hope her replacement in this role can do so as well. This task is a vital one for the Society, and represents a great opportunity to get to know our membership; if you're a member who doesn't currently exhibit work with the Society, but would like to help out, *this is your opportunity*. The current roster is settled through to the end of August, so this eases the transition for a new Coordinator. Please contact any Committee member. If you're listed on the roster but cannot make it on a particular day, it's your responsibility to phone others to find a substitute.

Annual Awards Show: The judge and award presenter for this year's event will be Ren Gregoric of The Warrnambool Art Gallery. Letters seeking sponsorship from the broader community have been sent out, but we're always pleased by member sponsorships, too. Your name may not go up in lights, but could well appear on our nifty new sponsors board! I always look forward to the Annual Awards; it's a joy, in particular, to hang works by new members. Don't be deterred from entering if you haven't displayed work before; it's not unknown for a new member to take out a major prize. We aim for a star-studded opening on 30th June, with stretch limos round the block, wall to wall celebrities, and national media coverage, but would also be very happy if members

brought along some guests to this happy event. Remember, funds raised at the opening boost the efforts of the Water For East Timor group, a very worthy cause. Note: There's been a tiny change to the deadline for entries, from **7th** June to **6th** June. Delivery of artworks, on the afternoon of 25th June, remains unchanged. Pencil in your social diary an afternoon tea to celebrate the Annual Awards on Sunday 16th July - bring a plate, and while you munch, enjoy Jo Collie's music.

- By the time you read this, William Ritchie's workshop (20-21 May) will have taken place. Judy Rauert reports that William has said he's really excited about conducting this workshop - his home town is Warrnambool. Isn't this great? I was also pleased that Murray Jennings attracted a big group for his Saturday tutor session, and hopes to run another. Good on you, Murray!

I'm proud to be a member of WADAS; we have a very efficient system of administration. *Everyone's a volunteer.* I think this every time I complete one of those nifty little envelopes for payment of hanging fees, or receive one of those (very welcome!) advice slips of a painting sale.

- **DON'T FORGET THIS! In response to member comments made in our recent survey, our June social meeting will be held in the daytime.** It will take place on Tuesday, 6th June, at 1.30, and will feature Neil Benfell, a former school principal with a lively interest in and knowledge of art history, as guest speaker. **REMEMBER THIS!**

Happy artwork,
Tim Walker

Upcoming events for your calendar:

Life Drawing: Mondays 7-9 PM \$15 for model

Watercolour Painting Group: Tuesday mornings 9:30 to 12:30 \$2 for morning tea.

Contact: Carmel on 03 5562 1806 **Tuesday Afternoon Painting Group:** 1 to 3:30 PM Contact Ricky on 03 5565 8662

Next Social Meeting

TUESDAY JUNE 6TH AT 1.30PM



GUEST SPEAKER - A look at Art History

FORMER King's College principal Neil Benfell and his wife Beth have been recognised for their 30 years of service with the college's library named in their honour. 2012

PLEASE BRING YOUR ANNUAL AWARDS ENTRIES ALONG TO THIS DAYTIME MEETING

DELIVERY DAY FOR YOUR PAINTINGS IS 25TH JUNE BETWEEN 11am to 2pm

The July Challenge

This month we are asking for a drawing/painting with a nautical or seaside theme. Boats always make a good subject because of their inherent symmetry. And then there's the beach which of its nature provides smooth running lines. Go to it! And don't forget there is a prize!



What's Happening at WADAS in 2017

First Wednesday of every month: Social Meeting at Merri View Gallery 7:30 PM except January and July when there are afternoon tea meetings at the end of the Members Exhibitions. **Keep an eye out for special daytime meetings.**

South West Health Centre Members Exhibits Changeovers: 7PM first Wednesday of March, June, September and December.

Merri View Gallery Members Exhibits Changeovers: 7PM First Wednesday of March, June and September.

Flagstaff Hill and Cheeseworld Changeovers: 7PM First Wednesday of February, May, August and November.

Annual Awards Show: June-July School Holidays: 23rd June - 9th July 2017

December: Christmas Breakup and

January: Start of Summer Show. Dates to be announced.

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HOT TIP: Getting sick of those press down and twist bottle caps? Problem solved: Just lever off the white plastic overcap with a flat screw driver and beneath you'll find an ordinary screw on and off top! Sorry this doesn't work for the squeeze and twist caps but we are working on a solution.

HOT TIP: Left your brush out and it's gone hard? Not a worry. Simply soak it in Citroclean* or a similar strong orange oil product until soft. Then wash out with soap or better, an orange oil based grit cleaner like Glitz*. Always make sure to work the soap into the base of the hairs.

*** Not all orange oil based cleaners are the same. Get one that has a high percentage of orange oil not just perfumed with it.**

June Roster Reminder

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| Sat 3 | Robin Lake | Heather Cameron |
| Sun 4 | Anna Cameron | Margaret Chapman |
| Sat 10 | Jo Collie | Jan Curwen |
| Sun 11 | Irene Franzoni | Barbara Guille |
| Sat 17 | Lesley Hamilton | Maureen Healey |
| Sun 18 | Lynne Herry | Murray Jennings |
| Sat 24 | Sandi Keogh | Marg Lawlor |
| Sun 25 | Shirley Lindsay | Deborah McIntosh |
| ANNUAL AWARDS: Fri 30th is the Opening There will be a voluntary roster for the awards so please put Your name down for at least <u>two</u> sessions. Roster sheet will be in the office closer to the date. | | |

Please Return Key

Remember to check toilets and do the vacuuming,
general tidying and straightening.

Emergencies: Dianne on 0438350317 or 0355623576 or bowles.dianne@yahoo.com.au

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***Rules for Annual Awards Show**

1. Only financial members may exhibit.
2. The committee to decide on the number of paintings exhibited by one member. Pairs to be accepted as one and one hanging fee.
3. No copies allowed. Paintings from personal photos accepted.
4. All paintings to be members own work.
5. Paintings in this exhibition are not to have been exhibited during the past twelve months in the city of Warrnambool.
6. Paintings to be no older than two years. New works preferred.
7. Paintings must be for sale.
8. Name of picture, artist and price to be on back of all works.

9. All pictures to be neatly framed with screw eyes or triangle hangers (preferred) one third down the frame and the wire or nylon cord fitted ready to hang. Point of wire to be about one centimetre below top of frame.
10. Any picture violating the rules will be removed from the exhibition by agreement of three committee members and the hanging fee will be forfeited.
11. Pictures left at exhibition to be unwrapped and the wrappings removed from the venue.
12. Insurance of exhibits is the responsibility of the member.
13. Purchasers of paintings that are unable to pick up paintings at the end of the exhibition can take them on the day of purchase.
14. The committee may alter any rule to suit special circumstances for the duration of the exhibition.

The Judith Watson Award

This trophy was kindly donated by a benefactor in honour of the late Judith Watson, in memory of her involvement with the society that she so passionately supported as a member and committee person for so many years. The trophy was designed and sculpted in 2010 by Jan Hetherington (Jan's Fine Glass, Penshurst).

**Thanks to our member donors:
Maureen Healey, Lynne Herry, Murray Jennings,
Vi Marshall, Beris Porter, Wilma Preston,
Judy Rauert and Gwyn Taylor**

**And please remember these local businesses that support us:
(See your printout sheet from the #227 newsletter for details)**

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