



## From the Presidents Desk

### October Committee Report

#### President's Report

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Thank you to everyone who attended our recent AGM and to those who nominated to be on the committee. Shirley Lindsay and Lynne Herry are both taking a well deserved break from committee duties. Their contribution over several years is valued by the society. Lynne will continue to oversee our web page. We welcome the return of Jim Williams to the committee, along with Richard Cooke, Robyn Ireland and Michelle Morgan. The full list of all committee members is included in the newsletter.

Annual membership fees are now due and have increased by \$5 to \$65. It was necessary to increase the fees to cover increased utility bills and general maintenance to the gallery. Please pay your fees as soon as possible. If you haven't used the eftpos facility before this would be a good opportunity to see how easy it is to operate.

There is still some confusion over entry fees for the exhibitions at Merri View Gallery. Entry fees **only apply if there are prizes for a particular exhibition.** So generally you would pay an entry fee for the Summer Show, the Easter Arts Festival Exhibition and the Annual Awards, not the other change overs. **Entry fees do apply for Flagstaff Hill and SWHC.**

Our new exhibition has been hung and looks terrific. There is a wonderful array of different styles and media on display. Jenny Vick is our feature artist, displaying mostly

seascapes, beautifully captured of our surrounding beaches.

Ten members enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of socialising, eating, learning and participating in the recent short workshop on brushes and how to use them led by Jenny Adams. Thank you for organizing Jenny. We were lucky we were able to run with this workshop after the initial date was cancelled due to covid lockdown.

The uncertainty of covid restrictions and lockdowns has affected planned art shows in the local community. The 2021 Terang Art Show has now been cancelled, as has Hamilton and Portland. The Birregurra Art Show now plan to open on 19<sup>th</sup> November with entries closing by 1<sup>st</sup> October. The Portland Art Show has been re-scheduled to take place hopefully in April 2022.

As part of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations we will launch an exhibition at MVG in early December. The theme for this exhibition will be "Warrnambool and District". If you don't paint landscapes think creatively; maybe it's a still life of vegies from your vegie plot, or your cat curled up in your garden. Running alongside this exhibition we plan to have a display of paintings from past members. If you own a painting from one of our past members painted during the 60's, 70's or 80's and are happy to loan it for the duration of the exhibition we would love to hear from you.

We will once again host the Easter Arts Festival Art Show in 2022. The exhibition will run for 5 weeks next year, with a panel of judges to

decide on the winning entries. The theme has been set as "Psalm 23" with closing date for entries 20<sup>th</sup> March.

We are in need of a volunteer to take over as roster convenor. If you would like to consider taking on this role please give me a ring to discuss what's involved. We are also seeking expressions of interest from members to volunteer their time with running art classes on Saturday afternoons next year. Please read the notice in the newsletter and respond to Jim if you are keen.

And a little bit of humour to finish off:  
I went to the chemist today and asked the assistant "what kills the Corona Virus?"  
She replied to me "Ammonia Cleaner"  
I said "Oh, I am sorry, I thought you worked here"

Judy Rauert



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## President's Report for the AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021

Welcome to everyone present this afternoon. The Coronavirus Pandemic has continued to impact on the running of the Artists Society these past 12 months. The year has been peppered with lockdowns and restrictions forcing the Gallery to close at times with limitations placed on attendance numbers at our social gatherings.

After being unable to meet for some months we had a good turn up to our AGM held early December. This also heralded the opening of our Summer Show Titled, "Warrnambool Past, Present and Future" which was a great success with many paintings sold.

We were once again involved in the Easter Arts Festival, hosting the Easter Arts Exhibition. We received glowing feedback from the Festival committee on the professionalism of the exhibition which was judged to be one of the highlights of the Festival. Our involvement with this event brought many visitors to the gallery who may otherwise not have attended.

Following on from the Easter Show was our Annual Awards Exhibition. We are very appreciative of our sponsors who each year support us with prizes and funding enabling our members to receive recognition for their artistic achievements. This year we were honoured to be able to offer a new award sponsored by the Healey family as a tribute to our late member Maureen Healey.

Throughout the year we held monthly social activities and events for members to engage in. Held generally during the day on different days the aim was to provide activities at a time more suited for members to participate. This was a move away from our evening social meetings which were attracting low attendance numbers.

Amongst others, we spent time sketching at Lake Pertobe and making ceramic Easter Eggs for an Easter display; learning about the culture and art of our local indigenous people at the WAG; listening to Narrawong artists Brett Jarrett and Alison Aplin explain their arts practice in their studio spaces; acquiring knowledge on how to assess our paintings as a judge might, led by Jenny Arms and indulging in a high tea at our gallery.

Unfortunately a number of workshops we had planned for the year were cancelled due to covid lockdowns. We were fortunate that the Palette Knife workshop led by Jenny Adams was able to proceed. This was a wonderful afternoon being nurtured by Jenny with beautifully presented home baked goodies and an emphasis on having fun with this painting technique.

When permitted our art groups (Life drawing, Watercolour and Tuesday Art) have been well attended by members and I thank Ricky Schembri, Shirley Lindsay, Lorraine Deppeler and Chris Ingliss for their continuation of overseeing these groups.

I thank the current committee for giving up their time to attend meetings and make decisions with the purpose of providing a stimulating club for our members to be part of. Lynne Herry and Shirley Lindsay are stepping down from committee, though Lynne will continue in her role as webmaster. Shirley has done a wonderful job as secretary over the past 12 months, particularly when unfamiliar technology can at times be vexing. Thank you to Gwyn, our Treasurer for your continued years of dedication. Your knowledge of anything relating to the Society is unsurpassed and like it or not you are often our first "go to" person. Kim continues to grow the profile of the society through facebook posts. Jenny has put in a lot of groundwork planning many interesting workshops for the coming year.

We have members who are not on committee, but have taken on significant roles to assist with the running of the club. Thanks to Marg Lawlor for producing our monthly newsletter, to Robyn Lake who ensures we can have a cuppa and bickie when on duty and has also been our membership officer; to Val for assisting with changeovers at SWHC; to Patty and her team for changeovers at MVG and to Shirley and her team for changeovers at Flagstaff Hill. Carmel has done a fantastic job ensuring the duty roster is filled each week, thank you Carmel. Special thanks also to Julie Anne Scott for assisting the Treasurer as book keeper. Jim has assisted with general maintenance tasks this year which we are very appreciative of. Others assist from time to time as needed including the nurturing and encouragement of fellow artists- important contributors to ensure members feel welcome and inclusive.

It is pleasing to see that our club continues to attract new members as we celebrate 60 years of being this year.

We are grateful for the gifts each and everyone of you brings to the society and I hope that you will feel rewarded through your involvement as members of the society. Thankyou.

Judy Rauert

## Calendar of Events

What's happening  
at WADAS &  
Change overs of  
external display &  
sales venues

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

**Tuesday Afternoon Painting Group:** Starting 2nd February 1.00-3.00

**Thursday Afternoon group:** 1.00 to 3.00

**Social Meeting at Merri View Gallery:** Keep a look out for these meeting dates as times will change each month.

**South West Health Centre Members Exhibits Changeovers:**

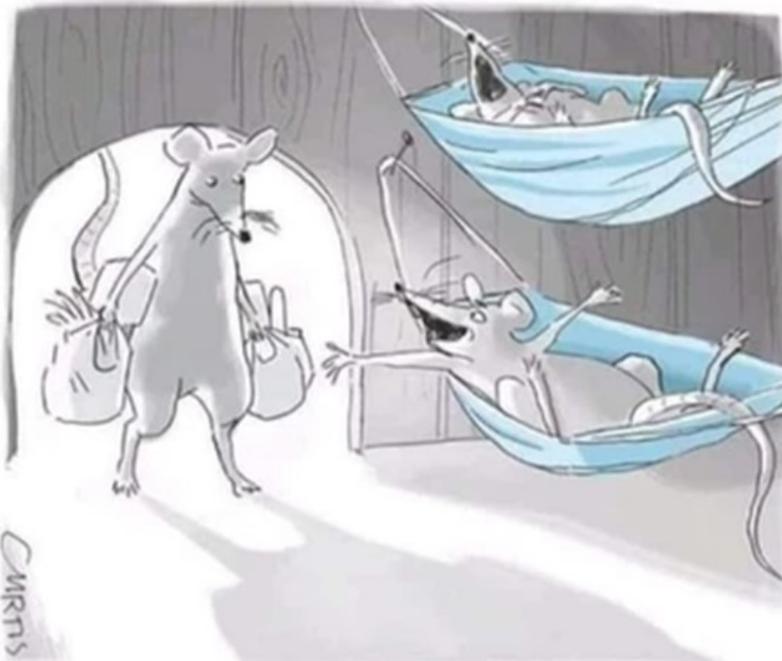
7PM first Wednesday of January, April, July and October

**Merri View Gallery Members Exhibits Changeovers:**

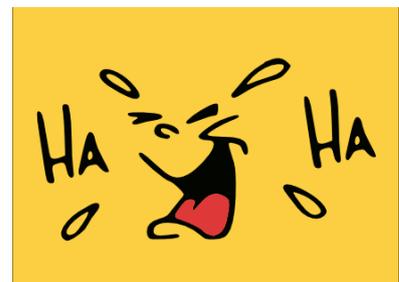
7PM First Wednesday of March, June (Awards) September and December

**Flagstaff Hill Changeover:**

7PM First Wednesday of February, May, August and November



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# Duty Roster

|                       | MVG ROSTER                         | OCTOBER               | 2021                             |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| OCTOBER 2             | Susan Wombwell<br>April Lockwood   | Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Judy Rauert<br>Jenny Vick        |
| Oct. 9                | Colin Davies<br>Pauline Haberfield | Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup> | Di Bowles<br>Dawne Barker        |
| Oct. 16 <sup>th</sup> | Robyn Ireland<br>Michelle Morgan   | Oct. 17 <sup>th</sup> | Britt Gow<br>Britt Gow           |
| Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Shirley Lindsay<br>Alex Davis      | Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> | Marg. Lawlor<br>Param R. Wilkins |
| Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup> | Ricky Shembri<br>Jim Williams      | Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> | Lynne Herry<br>Lynne Herry       |
| NOV. 6 <sup>th</sup>  | R. Cooke<br>Robyn Lake             | NOV. 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Irene Franzoni<br>Jenny Adams    |

## Memberships Due

2021 – 2022

After our AGM was held at MVG on 22<sup>nd</sup> September the Annual fee was set at \$65 our year commences September.

Membership payment is now due, you can deposit into **SWCU**. (either - by internet banking or a visit to your bank branch)

Our account details **Warrnambool & District Artists**. **BSB 803073 Account Number 100031118** and your name as a reference

or post a cheque to **Treasurer - Warrnambool & District Artists Society - P.O. Box 377 – Warrnambool 3280**

or pay at MVG into drop-box

Treasurer Gwyn

On behalf of the committee W.A.D.A.S.

## Feature Artist Jenny Vick

### Artist Statement

Jenny Vick  
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Thanks to WADAS for the opportunity to be a feature artist at the Merri View Gallery.

I have now been painting for almost 10 years. My present medium of choice is oil, sometimes beginning with an acrylic base to block in my scene. I am still experimenting with my colour pallet and level of detail to best incorporate recognisable features and create realist and appealing results. Watching the scene emerge as the work progresses is a fascination of which I'll never tire.

I draw inspiration from the stunning natural landscape that surrounds me. The Grampians to the Great Ocean Road and many places between are a constant and dramatic source of wonder, and much of my current work is based on these two iconic areas.

I admire works by contemporary artists such as Warwick Fuller, also the finely detailed landscapes of Eugene von Guerard and the Australian impressionists, Frederick McCubbin, Arthur Streeton and Tom Roberts, and often find myself investigating their use of colour.

In March this year (2021) I exhibited three paintings in the Peshurst Photography and Art Prize and was awarded the prize for the Best Oil Painting for my "Reward for the Walk" (View from the Pinnacle) and also received a Highly Commended award for my "Venus Baths" painting. I have previously taken part in two group exhibitions arranged through the Outlaw Gallery, Warrnambool.

More of my work may viewed on Instagram# jennyvick7.



## Lunch with Brush -Jenny Adams

A fun 'Lunch with a Brush' afternoon with presenter Jenny Adams was held on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> giving an opportunity for members to get together while raising some welcome funds for the society.

The Covid regulation number of 10 attendees enjoyed a tasty lunch from a choice of two yummy soup varieties with homemade sour dough bread followed by an afternoon tea of slices and cakes.

Special thanks go to Jenny for organising the day, including supplying the soup and slices, and for giving a fantastic presentation. Thank you also to Christine for the bread and Lorraine, Marg and Gwyn for their contributions as well.

Jenny shared her extensive knowledge of brushes and their uses. She spoke about the different natural hair varieties used for bristles and gave recommendations of which medium they are best suited to. She brought along a huge selection from her own collection and inspired everyone with a wonderful practical demonstration. Paper and paint were then handed around and brushes were put to use carrying out Jenny's techniques, tips, and tricks.

Some of the useful tips that Jenny gave were: -

- Never throw your old brushes away – they can be cut down to make interesting strokes
- Keep your wrists limp
- Swap between sitting and standing
- Don't use a brush as you would a pencil
- Use good quality brushes
- Take good care of your brushes
- Never leave brushes standing in water
- Look for the v's in everything



## ANY VOLUNTEERS?

The Committee is looking at the idea of having small art classes/help sessions on Saturdays from 1 to 3 during the regular opening hours. This would be for people who are interested in art but are unable to attend sessions during the week. I am envisaging setting a simple project in whatever medium and giving guidance over a number of weeks, whatever, 'til it is completed. This would fill a real need in the community and hopefully attract new members. But before we can go ahead with this we need a number of members who are willing to volunteer their time. If this goes ahead it would be after the Christmas break.

If interested please call/text Jim Williams on 0480398412 or via [jimbill1941@gmail.com](mailto:jimbill1941@gmail.com)

Jim Williams for The Committee

## The Golden Ratio and Art from Jim Williams

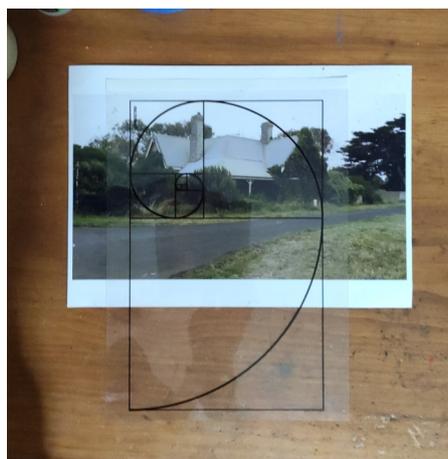
A way to judge the harmony in a planned work of art:

It has long been known that we find the proportions of the Golden Ratio pleasing to the eye. If we construct a rectangle from a series of squares whose sides are from the fibonacci sequence 2,3,8,13,21 and then draw a curve in each whose radius is the same as the length of each side we get the figure depicted below. The relationship of the sides of each rectangle closely approximates the Golden Ratio. (No need to draw this there are plenty on the net!)

This figure was printed onto clear plastic film and overlaid on the photo I took of a derelict house at the eastern end of Illowa Road. You can see the correspondence and as well the chimneys are at intervals of  $\frac{1}{3}$  the width (Rule of Thirds). The A4 transparency gives us four sizes of rectangle to use.

This information can be used both in selecting the position of what we paint and also in doing our initial layout.

If anyone is keen to have one of these I can print one out for them or they can get the inkjet transparency film from their stationers.





## Your Committee Contact Information

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A Full list of the positions held will be included in November's Newsletter.

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## Annual Awards Exhibition

### Judith Watson Award: History:

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 many years.

The trophy was designed & sculpted in 2010 by artist Jan Hetherington (Jan's Fine Glass – Port Fairy)

### Conditions:

The trophy to be presented to the "Overall Winner."

of the prestigious W.A.D.A.S Annual Awards Exhibition.

The winner of the Trophy is entitled to hold for 12 months.\*





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