



ALBURY - WODONGA  
ARTISTS SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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## JUNE 2023

Regular sessions		
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Life Drawing 1 – 4pm	Contact: Olga Juskiw 0447 770 735 <a href="mailto:travelplan46@gmail.com">travelplan46@gmail.com</a>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Acrylic/Mixed Media group 10 - 4pm	Contact: Jill Scanlon 0412 477 804 <a href="mailto:kevin.scanlon@bigpond.com">kevin.scanlon@bigpond.com</a>
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Portraits session 1 – 4pm	Contact: J Hoban 0401 919 813 <a href="mailto:janellehoban40@gmail.com">janellehoban40@gmail.com</a>
Wednesdays. Tues, Thurs, Fri, Most Sat am. Sunday.	“Social group”. Paint / Chat. All members are welcome. Daily access for members.	Informal.
Meetings		
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	General Meeting 12:30pm	Secretary: K Bruce 0497 108 076 <a href="mailto:kathleenbruce@bigpond.com">kathleenbruce@bigpond.com</a>
Other Events		
<b>Workshop:</b> <b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	AWAS Pastel workshop with tutor Steve McCall	Contact: Judy Balfour.0439 953 903 <a href="mailto:jybalfour@outlook.com">jybalfour@outlook.com</a>
AWAS Studio Exhibition	Studio exhibition shared with workshop exhibition. Some paintings will be removed and stored.	Jill Scanlon 0412 477 804
<b>Wodonga Plant Farm Exhibition changeover June 13th</b>	New Exhibition: “Feet and/or Footwear”	Contact: Tanya Healy 0407 238 923 <a href="mailto:tanyakerr188@gmail.com">tanyakerr188@gmail.com</a>

### AWAS memberships are due at the beginning of the financial year, July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Over the past year we have welcomed quite a few new members, which is great! It means that more people are either taking art as a new interest or perhaps rekindling an interest they have had for years. To join an art group such as AWAS after doing an art course is a great way to keep alive the passion for painting.

Art groups provide friendship, encouragement, a sharing of skills in different styles and art media and an opportunity to get involved in art activities in our community.

**Now is a really good time to suggest AWAS membership to those friends you have taken to Wodonga Plant Farm Café to view your artworks!**

***Thank you to all those members who have been encouraging new members to join AWAS, it really is important that we continue with a strong membership base- it helps pay the rent!***

Membership Benefits include:

- Opportunities to join with other artists in our regular monthly life Drawing and Portrait sessions with a model, as well as other group art experiences.
- Opportunities to exhibit your paintings at AWAS exhibitions at the studio and at Wodonga Plant Farm Gallery Café.
- Priority registration at our weekend workshops with nationally recognised master art tutors (Usually 3 organised each year).
- Access to the studio any time- use of art library, easels, tables, kitchen.
- A monthly newsletter and information about art events in our region emailed to members.
- Discounts at various local businesses who support the arts.

### **AWAS MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024**

After some discussion at the April General meeting and at the recent AWAS Committee meeting, it was decided the time was right to return to our normal membership subscription rates of **\$100 per annum**.

As we were not able to offer workshops and access to the studio for some of the time during the pandemic, the subs were reduced. We are now keen to “get back to normal” and hope to see lots more members making use of our wonderful studio space and pooling ideas for workshops and other arty activities.

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**For all payments to AWAS including renewal of memberships and workshop registration:**

**Hume Bank BSB: 640-000 Account No: 111256122**

**Cheques to:**

The Treasurer,

Albury Wodonga Artists Society, PO Box 1170, Wodonga. Vic. 3689.

**AWAS Treasurer: Tony Smit Ph: 0438 402 499 Email: [ajs48@bigpond.com](mailto:ajs48@bigpond.com)**

### **The AWAS 2023 AGM: SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Set aside this July Sunday afternoon for a chance to get together with other members for the formal election of the new committee and a catch up with everyone.

Suggestions are invited: will we organise a special exhibition and opening? Will we have afternoon tea, or cheese and wine? The weather is sure to be cold so outdoors is a no go. The studio is nice and cosy on those cold days.

### **WANTED: A COORDINATOR FOR OUR SATURDAY PORTRAIT SESSIONS!**

After a long time organising models for our monthly Portrait sessions (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month) Janelle has decided “no more”. Thanks so much Janelle. You always seemed to find great models, varied ages, colouring and characters.

If you can help out with this, please contact Janelle, or phone the Secretary 0479 108 076.

## STUDIO EXHIBITIONS:

As the current studio exhibition will be shared with works done in the one-day pastel workshop on June 16<sup>th</sup>, some paintings will be taken down. Anyone wanting to take paintings home please do so on (or just before) Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June so Jill can organise the exhibition space.

Sign your works out in the register book which is located on the studio collection table in the centre room.

*A Peaceful landscape on canvas by Judy Balfour currently in our studio exhibition.*



## PASTEL WORKSHOP WITH STEVE McCALL.

1 day

The pastel workshop with Steve McCall will be held on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30 – 4.00.** There are 12 people enrolled for this class – thank you for your support.

## WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP WITH TERRY JARVIS

2 days

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

To confirm this workshop we need more registrations now!

The tutor is a well-known and very experienced artist Terry Jarvis. There are 7 participants listed and we would really appreciate a few more in this class. Full information and an enrolment form were in the previous newsletters. If you intend coming, please contact the coordinator, Judy Balfour or the Treasurer, Tony Smit.

*In the planning ....*

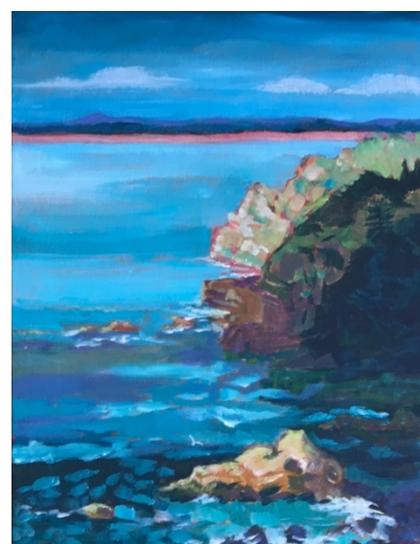
*I'm making enquiries regarding a coloured pencil workshop which has been mentioned by a few members. Please let me now if you are interested.*

*We like to encourage members to try something new or just come and enjoy a fun day of painting. If you would like to come, please contact me.*

**Judy Balfour (Workshop Coordinator) 0439 953 903**

[jbalfour@outlook.com](mailto:jbalfour@outlook.com)

*Some paintings in our current exhibition. Artists: Astrid Bruning, Pauline Farries and Kylie Waldon*



## EXHIBITON CHANGEOVER at WODONGA PLANT FARM CAFE

This month our “Landscapes and Seascapes” exhibition will be replaced with artworks inspired by the theme “Feet and /or Footwear”. Sure to have something different this time! Bring to the café your ready to hang artworks not before 2.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Two paintings were sold in the last exhibition. When pricing your work remember there is a 15% commission on all sales.

For enquiries contact Tanya Healy, coordinator for hanging at the Plant Farm Gallery Café.

## PREPARING FOR A MAJOR MEMBERS EXHIBITION 2024

At the April General Meeting timing of a major members exhibition next year was discussed. Spring and Autumn were the obvious preferences. Those who attended the meeting preferred Sept/Oct.

Please come to our General meeting in June to offer your suggestions for our exhibitions and future workshops.

## A NEW FIRST AID KIT FOR THE STUDIO

A new first aid kit has been purchased and is now located on the shelf above the sink in the kitchen. If you need to use items from it, please remember to replenish them later.

**As we draw closer to the 2023 AGM at the end of July**, please consider taking on a role on the committee. All of the current committee are keen to have others take over their roles, or at least be an assistant for a while. Perhaps you could join us this year?

The AWAS Committee meet only once every 2 months (currently Wednesday lunchtimes) and communicate most business by email or text message.

### ***This is the Current Committee and Coordinators***

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Monthly Life Drawing (1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday) 1-4pm	Olga Juskiw	Ph: 0447 770 735 Email: <a href="mailto:travelplan46@gmail.com">travelplan46@gmail.com</a>
Monthly Acrylics & Mixed Media (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat)	Jill Scanlon	Ph: 0412 477 804 Email: <a href="mailto:kevin.scanlon@bigpond.com">kevin.scanlon@bigpond.com</a>
Monthly Portraits (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat) 1-4pm	Janelle Hoban	Ph: 0401 919 813 Email: <a href="mailto:janellehoban40@gmail.com">janellehoban40@gmail.com</a>
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The Gigs Gallery at the Gateway has recently changed it's name to Gateway Gallery.

Quite a few AWAS members also belong to Gateway Gallery, so this exhibition is sure to be of interest.

Don't forget to share your thoughts with us as to when AWAS should hold their special member's exhibition next year.



AWAS members can get a discount at any eckersley's store- just show them your AWAS membership card. The closest store is 130 Baylis Street Wagga Wagga. There are also 3 stores in Canberra. Check out their website: [www.eckersleys.com.au](http://www.eckersleys.com.au)

Some local exhibitions to visit:

**HYPHEN, WODONGA:** Amongst the varied exhibitions there is one I really enjoyed recently *Transmogrification*, an interactive exhibition in the Playspace Gallery! It's on until July 16. Great for little and big kids! If you enjoy the effects of spontaneous diffusion in watercolour and acrylics you will enjoy this.

**MAMA, ALBURY: Home.** A selection of traditional and contemporary works that remind us of home. Fleeting memories, people, happy, sad. Some raise awareness of cultural and social issues. Artworks by Russell Drysdale, Max Dupain, Margaret Olley, Nicole Foreshaw, Olive Cotton, Brook Garru Andrew as well as other notable Australian artists.

**Unrequited Love** Sarah McEwan. About the struggles of being an artist, but her abstract works do make you smile!

MAMA has lunchtime talks about artworks on display every Wednesday 12.00pm to 12.30pm.