



ALBURY - WODONGA  
ARTISTS SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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## NOVEMBER 2020

The end of the year is fast approaching! Christmas is just a few weeks away, and GOOD NEWS! It looks like we might just get back together soon.

### THE AWAS 2020 AGM

We have to have our **AGM** in November, so we plan to be back in the studio on

**2PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**

Usually we have refreshments and a chat after our AGM. Buffet style sharing of food at group indoor events has not been allowed under the Covid 19 restrictions, so we anticipate that we will not be having our usual celebration in the studio this time. Hopefully good weather will allow us to catch up and enjoy the lovely garden surroundings outside the studio.

As it stands now, requirements for attending include following Covid-19 directions, with optional masks, social distancing and bringing your own refreshments. NSW members will need a permit to return over the border. You can get this by filling in an application at Service NSW, or use the link to Service NSW and have it on your device or a print out to show at the border.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit>



**Nomination forms** for positions on the committee are at the end of this newsletter, and will be available at the studio on the day.

Please consider stepping up to help us in the organisation of our art society. We will need at least 2 new committee members to add different points of view to our meetings (normally once every 2<sup>nd</sup> month) and perhaps bring your special skills to help with such tasks as exhibition organising, finance and membership, chairing or minute taking at meetings, correspondence, newsletters or website maintenance.

*The Swirl at Horseshoe Lagoon (One of Two) by Christina Zey*

## STUDIO NEWS.

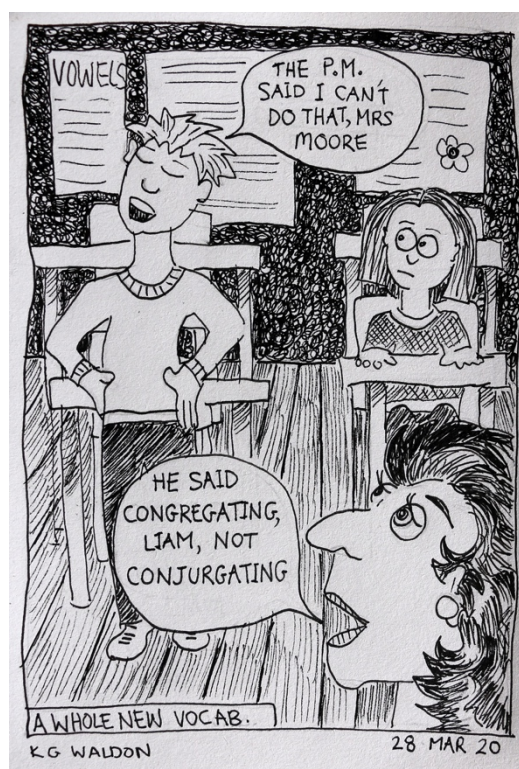
### WELCOME BACK TO THE STUDIO!

Members with keys can access the studio, being mindful to follow guidelines: no more than 16 can be working in the studio, less when tables and easels are constricting access to wash-up facilities.

At this stage no classes or group art sessions can be conducted at the studio.

- All members need to sign in/out times.
- The studio is closed to the public.
- Follow all hygiene signage.
- Follow social distancing requirements.
- Only 1 person in the kitchen at a time.
- Bring all your own food, drink and utensils.
- No shared food.
- Clean all used surfaces with cleaning agents supplied.

**For most of us the AGM on November 22<sup>nd</sup> will be our first time back to the studio. Number limits will apply- some members may be on the verandah!**



## EXHIBITIONS

- **Studio Exhibition of "Drawings go Viral" (Drawing-a-day artwork)** – no date for this as yet. We will put this on hold for now until we know we can safely have lots of help hanging and an opening in which we can truly celebrate in our studio again.
- **Wodonga Plant Farm Café exhibition. The Changeover will occur on Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Theme: Christmas Specials, Under \$150.

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING for DEREGISTERING IN NSW

During October members were notified of a Special General Meeting called to vote on a Constitutional change.

A small subcommittee has been meeting over the past 12 months to examine the details in the two State Model Constitutions and our AWAS Constitution. To be registered in two states was previously advantageous, but it was determined that it unnecessarily complicates our procedures. Those present at the Special General Meeting unanimously voted to follow the subcommittee's proposal and adopt the Victorian Model Constitution only. Using one Model constitution only now simplifies our obligations and savings can be made in registration fees.

The meeting was on on 28<sup>th</sup> October at Donna Johnstone's home in Albury. Thanks Donna for making your home available and making the space Covid friendly for the meeting.



For all payments to AWAS please use this Hume account number: **BSB: 640-000 Account No.: 111256122**

Or send cheque to: The Treasurer, Albury Wodonga Artists Society, PO Box 1170, Wodonga. Victoria 3689.

## AWAS KEEPING ACTIVE: A to-do list...

- **Exhibit:** Plant Farm Café exhibition, Christmas Specials-Under \$150. Changeover December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Plan and paint:** your artworks for the *"Drawings go Viral"* Studio exhibition and the members' exhibition in *"New Horizons"* March next year.
- **Consider:** nominating for the AWAS Committee. Ring up a committee member for a chat.
- **Nominate:** someone who would like to contribute to our organization. Fill in Form & send.

- **Look out for our Christmas get-together date and venue.** As restrictions ease decisions will be made and members will be emailed our plans. Let a committee member know of any suggestions you may have for our Christmas event.
- **Drive to Wangaratta** in the next few days and see **Meg Sprouster's new exhibition.** Note that only people living in country Victoria and the border bubble can attend however.



- Check out online: **Australia's Boutique Wooden Pencil Store – Homepage – Pencilly**  
<https://pencilly.com.au>

Judy Balfour found out about this online store in Melbourne- it only sells pencils, she thinks every pencil available in the world!



- **Check out what's on at MAMA:**

**20:20**, our first ever **museum-wide** exhibition. This monumental project was commissioned just after this pandemic hit, with twenty artists from across Australia engaged to make brand new artwork for MAMA.

The new works in **20:20** share visions of a changed world, a more just society, critiques of environmental policy, and the fight for racial justice. **20:20** witnesses our current calamity and seeks insight, kindness and hope.

Featuring new work by **twenty artists from across Australia** including Aida Azin, Archie Moore, Ashlee Laing, Biljana Jančić, Dale Harding, Lisa Sammut, Luke Parker, Mary Jane Griggs, Matthew Griffin, Newell Harry, Nicole Foreshow, Rita Wenberg, Robert Hirschmann, Shan Turner-Carroll, Shireen Taweel, Susie Losch, Tané Andrews, Tarik Ahlip, Tiyan Baker, and Zoë Marni Robertson.

- **ARTCHAT at MAMA with Susie Losch**  
Thursday 12 November 6.00pm - 7.00pm Join us for a conversation with local artist Susie Losch. Susie's new work, *Waves* is a highlight of our current MAMA exhibition *20:20*.

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## AWAS NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Please note that each nomination must be countersigned by the person being nominated.

I wish to nominate the following persons for the position of:

Position	Nomination	Signature of Nominated Person
President		
Vice-President		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Newsletter Editor (committee Member 1)		
Committee Member 2		
Committee Member 3		

Name of Submitting Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Seconding Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_