



ALBURY - WODONGA  
ARTISTS SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

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## SEPTEMBER 2025

What a busy July and August for AWAS! AGM, Workshops, new exhibitions hung, new members to introduce, as well as some busy days in the studio, not only doing art, but celebrating our new kitchen! Thank you, Wodonga Council.

If you have been missing out on the action, come in to the studio this month, bring along your artwork, and be an active member!

### ***What's on in September:***

Studio sessions	Event	Contact
Cancelled: Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September (Held last weekend of August)	Life Drawing <b>Cancelled this month only</b>	Olga 0447 770 735
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Acrylic/Mixed Media	Jill 0412 477 804
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Portraits- to be announced. (Coordinator needed)	Tony 0438 402 499 or Kathy 0497108 076
Daily studio access for members		
Meetings		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Committee Meeting 1.30pm	Secretary 0497 108 076
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	General Members Meeting 1pm <b>(possible cancellation!)</b>	
Events, workshops, exhibitions		
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	New Studio exhibition. Bring new works in.	Tanya 0407 238 923 and Jill 0412 477 804
	Wodonga Plant Farm exhibition continues.	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	RSVP Sausage Sizzle (Oct 2)	Tanya or Jill

### **Welcome to new members:**

Melissa Butwell, Lynne Brown, Emily Bulman, Meredith James and Kon Parris.

***For all payments to AWAS: 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 Ph: 0438 402 499***

Have you paid your annual membership renewal yet?

## AWAS MEMBER NEWS

### **Less meetings! More Art!**

It's not just the winter chills right now and the sweltering heat in summer that keep artists away from meetings. We join AWAS to do art and exhibit our work and perhaps hope to sell occasionally. Falling numbers attending meetings in the past few years have indicated that we needed to rethink our meeting schedule. So much is now organized online now: so easy to email and message between members.

The committee will still meet almost every month, but monthly **General Members Meetings have been reduced to about 4 per year.**

Some members can never attend midweek meetings, others cannot be away from family on the weekends. We will try to have some social events at varied times during the year.

*Save the date:*

### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

*Behind the studio*

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 12.30pm*

*AWAS provide sausages, bread, sauce, tea and coffee.*

*RSVP Tanya or Jill (See page 1) by 25<sup>th</sup> Sept  
so we know how many sausages!*

*Come and meet new members*

*and reconnect with those we seldom see, because they attend on different days.*

A suggestion was made at the AGM that members paint small canvases suitable for souvenirs. The concept of members doing postcard size images of local scenes for sale is a good idea and members can add them to the card stand, or present them neatly in the window area. Note that at present there is no AWAS commission charged on any artworks, including cards, priced under \$30. AWAS will not however, at this stage, purchase bulk standard size canvases for members to use for this.

### ***Art for Sale in the studio.***

When you arrive at the studio, remember to turn the **Open** sign on the door. Invite people in. With our works for sale on the studio walls, particularly on Farmer's Market Saturday mornings, we want to encourage sales. Make use of our sandwich board (using non-smudge artmedia eg paint, chalk marker) Instructions for making sales are in the sales box (In meeting room, near the tv.)

## LIFE DRAWING

Our regular Monthly Saturday Life Drawing was held early, for just this month, on the last Saturday of August. Usually, it is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, 1-4pm. Contact the coordinator Olga (see list page 1) to book in for the next session and she will email details. Olga is making plans for an AWAS Life Drawing exhibition at Gateway Gallery after the next January Drawing Marathon, held in our studio each January.



## SOME WORKS IN CURRENT AWAS EXHIBITIONS



*Mixed media artworks by Tanya Healy and Kylie Waldon.*

Both usually attend the informal sessions at the studio on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 1-4pm. This is open to members who are using any art media when they can continue their individual art projects together.



### **AWAS commission on painting sales:**

Members need to be aware that AWAS policy is that the price of any artwork brought to the plant farm (or the studio) for sale at an AWAS exhibition must include the AWAS commission of 15%. This applies from the moment it enters the premises (eg the carpark).



*Artworks in the Wodonga Plant Farm exhibition "Abstract-Realism"*





## WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP WITH TERRY JARVIS AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup>



Once again members enjoyed the opportunity to develop their watercolour painting skills at a two-day workshop with visiting tutor, Terry Jarvis. The first day the topic was seascapes, with challenging images of breaking waves, rocks and reflections. A combination of wet-in-wet technique and wet-on-dry was used, sometimes leaving the white of the paper as part of the image. The second day a number of still lifes were set up and participants were challenged to build up observed tones in their subject, mostly by layering on dry, not wet watercolour paper. A display of the works done during the workshop is set up in the middle room of the studio. Come in and check it out! Photos of the display will be in next month's newsletter.



### **Things to do this month**

- Come and paint in **the studio**
- RSVP for the **Sausage Sizzle** lunch Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.
- Bring in an artwork to hang in the **studio** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Prepare artwork for next month at the **Wodonga Plant Farm** "Landscape or Seascape"
- Find a model for a **portrait session** Sat. 20<sup>th</sup>, contact Tony or Kathy to spread the word.
- Visit **Gateway Gallery's** new exhibition "Water Worx" (Tues-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 9am-3pm)
- Enter work in **Thurgoona Community Centre** Art & Sculpture Exhibition by Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. (Ring Jan 0427 702 175 \$10 per entry, Max 3 artworks) Exhibition: 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 9-4pm.