



Successful Easter Exhibition

We are thrilled to announce the tremendous success of our recent Easter art exhibition, showcasing the wonderful talent of our members and attracting a great number of visitors. The event was skillfully organised and executed, resulting in excellent outcomes that we are truly proud of.

A big round of applause goes out to all volunteers, especially, Marina Foad and Robyn White for their dedication and hard work in ensuring the success of the exhibition. All the volunteers efforts and commitment have truly made a significant difference, and we are so grateful for your contributions.

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Session Times

Open Monday to Friday!
If closed for any reason
please call one of the
contacts listed above.

W.A.S inc.

Upcoming events

Tues, 7 May 2024: 5:30pm

Next Committee Meeting

Sun 28 April 2024

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

There are painters who transform the sun into a yellow spot, but there are others who, thanks to their art and intelligence, transform that yellow spot into a sun.

Pablo Picasso

Following the grant guidelines set forth by Wangaratta Council (RCOW) we conducted a thorough review of the questionnaires received from our visitors. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with commendations on the quality of the artworks and the overall experience. We also received a couple of constructive suggestions for future improvements, which we will certainly take into consideration.

Our marketing strategies, including advertisements and articles in the Chronicle, proved to be highly effective in attracting visitors to the exhibition. Additionally, our vibrant and eye-catching signs helped elevate our visibility and draw more attention to our showcase.

We are delighted to report that we had a total of nine sales of exhibits and an additional eight other sales, reflecting a very satisfying outcome. This positive response from our visitors further underscores the value and appeal of our talented artists' work.

Building on this success, we have decided to reach out to RCOW to request a list of upcoming events in the park. Given the positive response from visitors attending the multicultural day, this presents another opportunity for us to promote our art society and engage with a broader audience.

Lastly, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Louise from Carlisle Art in Benalla and Bob and Dianne Morrison for their generous support and contributions to our exhibition. Your belief in our mission and dedication to the arts community is deeply appreciated, and we are truly grateful for your ongoing support.

As we reflect on the achievements of our Easter art show we would like to thank, David Fuller for opening our show, RCOW Recreation and all our exhibiting members, supporters, and visitors for making this exhibition a resounding triumph. Together, we can continue to inspire creativity and appreciation for the arts.



Congratulations to Robyn White for winning the 'Most Popular Painting' as voted by the public, for her painting of 'Ah the Serenity'. Robyn wins a \$50 gift voucher from Carlisle Arts

Art Events

Art Gallery on Ovens

18-29 April 2024

A Lifetime of Lions - An Exhibition by
Kate Jenvy

2-6, 9-13, 16-20 May - Sian Lim & Joan
Mullarvey

See Art Gallery on Ovens for more
details.

Wangaratta Art Gallery

02 March - 21 April 2024 (Gallery one)

In grief - Maissa Alameddine and Emily
MacIntosh

1 Mar - 29 May 2024 (Foyer Gallery)

Hints of the Valley - Joan Mullarvey

Bright Art Gallery & Cultural Centre:

Mar 28-May 12 2024

Autumn Art Exhibition: Open 10-4 Daily

29 June - 14 July:

Winter Exhibition

Benalla Art Gallery

02/06/2023-2024 (Ledger Gallery)

The Bennett Bequest

**01 March - 5 May 2024 (Bennett
Gallery)**

Scotty So: +50

**23 Feb - 28 April 2024 (Simpson
Gallery)**

Laresa Koslof: New Futures

Housekeeping:

Reminder for people to clean up after
yourself when you've finished
painting for the day, to please turn off
the heating or air conditioning if used,
turn off the lights and make sure both
doors are locked.

Please be aware that the Studio is
currently being treated for white ants.
Two bait stations have been placed
inside. One on the back wall and one
on the seating. They are filled with
bait that will hopefully discourage
them from eating the building. This
will be a six month process.

Bunnings Good Friday Appeal Promotion

We participated in the Bunnings Good Friday Appeal promotion, where we set up a stall alongside other community groups. Our engagement at Bunnings has not only raised awareness for our art society but has also resulted in a rewarding outcome. As a gesture of appreciation, Bunnings generously presented us with a \$100 voucher as a token of thanks for our time and dedication.

Margo and Helen were outstanding efforts in engaging with the children at the event. Their creativity and commitment to entertaining the kids with a fun colouring exercise truly enhanced our presence at the stall and fostered a positive community connection.

We have allocated a portion of the voucher towards the purchase of chains and locks for our new signs. This investment will enable us to securely display our signs for the duration of future exhibitions. The remaining balance of the voucher funds will be allocated towards acquiring wheels for our "A" frames, aiding in their manoeuvrability.

Volunteers needed for upcoming Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

WAS Inc. will be fundraising with a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on **Sunday 28th April, 2024**. If you are able to assist with your time, even if for a couple of hours, it will be most appreciated. Many hands make light work! Please contact the Secretary, John Baker M: 0418 574 510 if you are able to assist with this fundraiser

Fake Facebook Page

It has come to our attention that there is a deceptive Facebook page circulating under the name 'Wangaratta Artists Society' (without the 'inc.!) that is shamelessly showcasing views of Sydney and other individuals' art exhibitions. Let us make it loud and clear that this imposter page does not represent or have any affiliation with our genuine Wangaratta Artists Society inc. page. We denounce this misleading attempt to misappropriate our identity and mislead the art community. We urge all our supporters and followers to remain vigilant and report this fake page as it continues to spread false information. We stand united against such deceitful actions and remain dedicated to upholding the integrity of our true artistic endeavours.

This is the link to OUR page which has a green and black logo picture and a painting of Annette Lawson's as the cover photograph.

<https://www.facebook.com/wangartists>

Workshops:

1. **Annette lawson:** has volunteered to run life drawing class. Still in discussion but will be held over a weekend.
2. **Fiona Bilbough:** She would teach oils, still life using the tonal technique and minimal palette. Date to be advised.

Did you hear about the two artists that had an argument?
They decided to call it a draw!

Photos from Easter Exhibition Opening 2024

