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## SESSION TIMES

### Open Monday to Friday!

If closed for any reason please call one of the contacts listed above. New hours to be advised.

## W.A.S INC.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**20 July 2024** - Life Drawing with Wendy Stephens: 10am - 12pm (please book with Wendy 0402 288 207)

**Tues, 13 August 2024: 5:30pm**

Next Committee Meeting

**29 August 2024: 6-8 pm**

Bunnings Family Night

**Volunteers Required**

**31 Oct - 5 Nov 2024** -

Diamond Jubilee Exhibition

### Housekeeping:

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

## EXHIBITION

**SAVE THE DATE! JAZZ YOUR BLUES AWAY, DIAMOND JUBILEE EXHIBITION: 31 OCTOBER - 5 NOVEMBER 2024**

It's our DIAMOND JUBILEE year. That might not be entirely true, we could be 62 but we're older and we deserve a party!

We are actively seeking sponsorship for the exhibition so if you are a part of a business and interested in sponsoring a prize please contact the secretary: [secretary@wangartists.org.au](mailto:secretary@wangartists.org.au)

**LIFE DRAWING:** Annette Lawson's Life Drawing Class was held on Sunday 23rd of June. The studio was closed to non-participants. A great afternoon was had by all including three community members. The life model, Constance Hunter controlled the session starting with a quick series of two minute poses finishing with a much longer pose of two half hour sessions. She was very professional and experienced at her job. One of the community members who joined us, is a life model himself, so we have his contact details for the future. He was thankful that we have started to run life drawing classes as he travels to Melbourne quite regularly for Life Drawing..

The evening session was enhanced by the use of photographic lighting making for some dramatic Rembrandt lighting scenarios. Robyn was in her element organising her old studio lights and reminiscing about learning to paint with light.



Thank you Annette for organising such a successful event!

Wendy Stephens' life drawing group is beginning on **Saturday July 20 from 10am-12pm**. Bookings are essential and need to be made directly with Wendy Stephens. We will put a list on the table for members to register your interest. This will be an ongoing group officially the third Saturday every month.

**BLOOMING MARVELLOUS:** By now you would have received the information for the Jacqueline Coates Workshops if not we have left flyers at the studio.

If you wish to participate in the members day on the Tuesday, you will need to book online **before midnight 14 July** or the workshop will be at full price. If you don't have access to book online please contact Robyn 0412 291 066 and she will assist you. The workshop is more dollars than members are used to but everything is included, paint, canvas, brushes and lunch!

Additionally she is offering the Society a free colour mixing class on the Monday and an Artists talk on the Monday evening. You must RSVP with Jacqueline to attend these events at [JOTREZONA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JOTREZONA@GMAIL.COM)

**BUNNINGS:** Are organising another family night. Last time we attended it was a great success with many people talking to us about our Society. We will need volunteers for this event to be held on the 29 August 2024. We need to be at Bunnings ready to set up our space at 5pm.

**BEGINNER ART CLASSES:** Life drawing and beginner classes are the two most requested items from the general public. As we are trying to actively recruit and grow our little society these events will become more regular.

We have been in contact with a retired art teacher. We have asked her to put together a proposal for beginner art classes.

**IT'S A FRAME JOB!** We are still waiting for Louise Carlisle to return from overseas so we can book the framing workshop. This workshop which would cover mat board cutting, colour matching and advice as each medium has its own special requirements for framing.

## ART EVENTS

### ART GALLERY ON OVENS

**27 June - 8 July** - Pots and Boxes: a joint exhibition by featured artists David Hall and Susie Buykx

**11-22 July** - Cut n Paste by Georgina Willis

**25 July - 5 Aug** - Ron Ahl and Jana Brook exhibition in Sculpture and Watercolour

**8 Aug - 19 Aug** - Views from Afar: An exhibition by one of our members Ninetta Santoro

### WANGARATTA ART GALLERY

**29 June - 11 Aug** - Gallery 1: The Good by Anna Louise Richardson

**31 May - 27 August 2024** - Bloom by Helen Heywood, WPACC Foyer Gallery

### BRIGHT ART GALLERY & CULTURAL CENTRE:

**29 June - 14 July:** Winter Exhibition

### BENALLA ART GALLERY

**14 June 2024-20245:(Ledger Gallery)**  
Nocturne: Benalla Art Gallery Collection

**17 May - 28 July 2024**

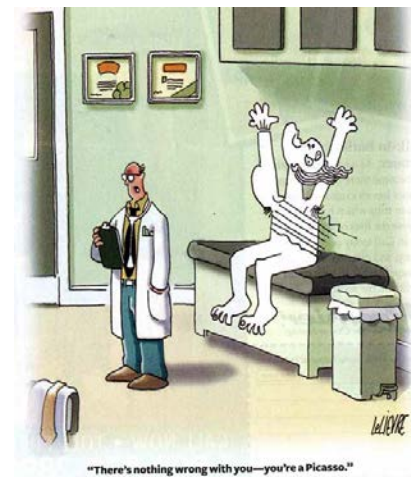
- Claire Beausein: Smells Like Rain and Ruth Johnstone
- Lesley Duxbury: Embrace the Eucalypt
- Hans Heysen and Mathew James MacNally: Light Shines, Shadows Fall

**5 Jul - 18 Aug 2024** - Mimi Leung: Growing Up With You

**1 June - 31 Aug:** The Enchanted Garden by Brigid Hanrahan

### YARRAWONGA MULWALA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION INC.

Gallery is open 10-4pm Wed - Sun and most public holidays



"There's nothing wrong with you—you're a Picasso."

**WORKSHOPS:** We have a full program of workshops being organised for next year. The grant committee has been working very hard so the workshops will be cheaper and more accessible for members and other interested people.

**MEMBERS NO LONGER LOCKED OUT:** Current list of members with keys: Michael Dodd, Helen Gibson, Marina Foad, John Baker, Robyn White, Margo Zautsen, Russell Hunt, Annette Lawson, Mary Ellis and Thea Day. With everyday covered there should be no issue with any members accessing the studio.

**OPENING HOURS:** In an endeavour to be more professional, RCOW have asked us to provide opening hours. Communication has been difficult within some groups and you're probably thinking it's not important or doesn't affect you. If we don't hear from you it may mean the Committee will make a decision to find members willing to cover the days you attend the studio. It may mean that your key is recalled and redistributed to another member. Please email the Secretary ([secretary@wangartists.org.au](mailto:secretary@wangartists.org.au)) the days and hours you're at the studio and notify him of any absence so your days are covered.

Community has enquired about weekend access and has been informally discussed amongst Committee members. If this is of interest to you please let the Secretary know so it can formally be put on the agenda. ([secretary@wangartists.org.au](mailto:secretary@wangartists.org.au))

**WANGARATTA SHOW SOCIETY:** Wangaratta Show Society has invited us to participate with entries in their upcoming show on Friday 10 - Saturday 11 October 2024. Please use this link for information. We will try and get entry forms for members and leave them at the front desk.

<https://wangarattashow.org.au/index.php/pavilion-exhibits/>

**FACEBOOK:** A private Facebook Group has been established that sits along side our official WAS Inc. Facebook business page. This private group is for members who wish to show other members progress on their art or to chat with other members in a private setting like a virtual Studio. This maybe because they do not wish to have their art or conversations out in the public domain. This was a membership body request and quite common in a lot of community Facebook pages.

**NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:** The planned activities for this year at WAS Inc. may deviate from our typical activities, including subletting our studio space. The committee believes we have already provided clear information about this matter in our recent newsletters.

Earlier this year, we discussed with Andrea from the Recreation section of RCOW regarding WAS Inc. activities, fundraising endeavours, and our contributions to the Wangaratta Community. This involved considering the option of allowing another art group or individuals such as Sandy Hatherall or Jacqueline Coates to utilise our space in exchange for a contribution.

This proposal was put forth by the Council and was subsequently approved by Compliance to ensure adherence to our leasing conditions. The committee decided to proceed with this initiative.

With regard to the longstanding Section 33 matter that has affected the Society since 2015, RCOW has received a complaint from 'very concerned rate payers'. I wish to emphasise the following: we have not violated Section 33 or its associated regulations. We obtained legal counsel, and the exhibition was sanctioned by the Council's Compliance Department.

In all frankness, we fail to comprehend why unknown persons still persist in escalating this issue. It is evident that only some consistently endeavour to monitor and interpret the Act incorrectly.

While the Act governing Not for Profits holds significance, the relentless stream of unfounded interpretations from 'very concerned rate payers' is unwarranted.

There have been disagreements about how the Society is administered by a small minority, over several committees. As such, we recommend the 'very concerned rate payers' involved to establish an alternative art society, as there is no Not for Profit art society or gallery in Victoria that operates in the manner suggested by these 'very concerned rate payers'. We would be now eager to learn of their achievements through local media.

The committee aspires to place its focus on painting, creating art, craft and facilitating enjoyable activities for our members and community.

So as not to burden the widely distributed newsletter with WAS inc. business, a comprehensive communication addressing every issue mentioned by the 'very concerned rate payers' will be distributed to all members in the forthcoming week.