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Session Times

Open Monday to Friday and weekends via request!
If closed for any reason please call one of the contacts listed above. New hours to be advised.

W.A.S inc.

Upcoming events

Annual General Meeting

Saturday Feb 8 2025: 10am for 10:30am:

Fiona Bilbrough: 15-16 March 2025

\$180 for members, \$220 for Non-Members

Stephie Clark: 24-25 May 2025

Soft Pastel Flowers

Jennifer Paul: 6 - 7th September

-Soft Pastel Portrait

Easter Exhibition

Annual General Meeting

Saturday, Feb 8th 2025

10 am for 10:30 am start

The Annual General Meeting is being held under Schedule 4 - Model Rules for an Incorporated Association (2023), Part 4 - General Meetings of the Association, Section 30 - Annual General Meetings, Subsection 5 - The Annual General Meeting may also conduct any other business of which notice has been given under these rules.

The secretary is currently preparing the agenda for the AGM. If you have any items you wish to add, they need to be in writing and given to the Secretary seven days before the meeting, which is the 1st of February. The secretary's email is listed under the contact section of this newsletter.

If you can not attend the AGM a proxy form will be available at the studio once the agenda has been finalised.

Morning Tea

You're cordially invited to a morning tea preceding our AGM. This gathering offers an excellent opportunity to:

- Meet and connect with fellow members
- Gather information about committee positions
- Discuss upcoming workshops

Join us for refreshments and conversation as we prepare for the AGM.

We look forward to seeing you there!"



Important Notice!

In light of anticipated changes to our membership fee structure, the treasurer has issued an important notice regarding payments. Due to rising operational costs at the Studio, we expect an increase in membership fees this year. As such, we kindly request that members refrain from making any early payments before the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM). Any fees paid prior to the AGM will not be accepted and will be promptly refunded. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Art Events

Art Gallery on Ovens

23/01/2025 - 22/01/2025

Menagerie: Carolyn Sheather

Opening drinks 25 Jan 12-2 pm

6/02/2025 - 10/02/2025

On Beauty: Cathy Pianta

Opening drinks and welcome 7

Feb 4-6pm

13/02/2025 - 17/02/2025

The Birds and Trees: Karen Brown

Wangaratta Art Gallery

16 Nov 2023 - 16 Feb 2025:

Counterparts: Expanded Textile

Practices by Hannah Gartside and Britt Salt

6 Dec 2024- 12 March 2024

Awe: Jan Osmotherly

Bright Art Gallery & Cultural Centre:

29 March - 11 May 2025

Autumn Exhibition 2025

Opening Night Friday 28th March 2025

Entries close: 14 February 2025

Delivery of work: 14,15, & 16 March 2025

Benalla Art Gallery

14 Jun 2024 - 2025: Nocturne Benalla

Art Gallery Collection

8 Nov 2024 - 26 Jan 2025

Juan Ford: A Survey

13 Dec 2025 - 16 Feb 2025

Ron Robertson-Swann: Illusion and Gravity

Yarrowonga Mulwala Artists Association inc.

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

Housekeeping

Oil Painters: Please do not tip turps down the sink! Instead, bring them in a sealable container and take them home!

Painters, please clean the sink after washing your brushes!

All Members: If you are the last to leave, turn off and unplug all electrics, including the heaters or air conditioner, lock both doors, and turn the lights off.

Please take your rubbish home!

All feedback, good or bad should be directed to the

From the President:

A Note of Thanks, an Invitation to Engage and Openness

We recently received notice from Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) about an oversight in our publications that was reported to CAV by one of our members. Our association's registration number was missing in some of our other communications, including our newsletter, which was missing one numeral.

The letter reminded us of our obligations under the 2012 Act, highlighting sections that require the registration number to be displayed in all notices, advertisements, official publications, and business documents.

In response, a letter was sent to CAV requesting further details about the complaint and a Freedom of Information request to receive a copy of the complaint.

Our association is now working on incorporating the correct registration number into our logo to ensure it appears in all necessary documents.

It's important to note that CAV acknowledged in their communication that mistakes and unintentional oversights can occur. Our association is taking steps to rectify the issue and working on incorporating the business number within our logo for consistent use across all materials.

During our last general meeting, our president inquired if any committee member had contacted Consumer Affairs regarding this issue. Since no one on the current committee had done so, we realised it must have been one of our attentive members who brought this to their attention.

To that vigilant member, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your commitment to ensuring our little art society's compliance is truly commendable. Such attention to detail helps maintain our society's integrity and legal standing.

However, one can't help but wonder why someone would go directly to CAV without first mentioning the issue to the president or any committee member. After all, we pride ourselves on our warm, approachable demeanour and our ability to handle constructive feedback with kindness and efficiency. But who are we to question such a diligent problem-solving approach?

This incident highlights the valuable role each member plays in our organization's success. It is not just the committee that keeps our society running smoothly; it's the active participation and watchful eyes of all our members.

In light of this, we warmly invite all members, especially those who show such care for our organization's well-being, to consider taking a more active role in the Art Society. We encourage you to nominate yourself for a committee position at our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Your insights, vigilance, and dedication could be invaluable assets to our committee. Whether you're the member who contacted Consumer Affairs or someone passionate about our society's mission, we would be delighted to see your nomination.

Remember, a strong committee leads to a thriving Art Society. Your participation could truly make a difference in shaping our future activities, workshops, and exhibitions.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM and welcoming some new faces to our committee.



NOMINATION FORM FOR WAS INC. COMMITTEE 2025

	Nominee's Name	Nominee's Signature	Nominated By	Nominated By Signature
President				
Vice President				
Secretary				
Treasurer				
Committee 1				
Committee 2				
Committee 3				
Committee 4				
Committee 5				