



# WA SOCIETY OF ART NEWSLETTER

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## From the President

WASA has entered a new Financial Year 2020/21, starting with a very well represented AGM on 16th July and with an extremely encouraging and positive demo by artist and fellow WASA member Leon Holmes. His keenness and enthusiasm for Plein Air painting and its community values was an inspiration to all of us.

The key message from Leon's demo and other public events today is that we can all help to make life better. In just small ways, we can have a massive and positive impact on our community of artists and friends in WASA. We are our own small community. It doesn't take much. Just a little time and effort from us all.

Recently Queen Elizabeth II knighted Captain Tom Moore, recognising the 100-year-old for lifting Britain's spirits during the gloom of the corona virus pandemic by raising AUD \$59 million for National Health Service workers. All he did was to walk 100 laps of his garden in his walking frame on his birthday. Just a small selfless gesture with incredible results. His simple act has inspired a nation.

In WASA, now, you can offer your help in whatever way you wish to - exploiting a treasure trove of talent that already exists in the WASA membership. Simply - To make a difference.

We have considerable challenges ahead for the Society this year. But, your committee will be looking ahead and putting in place small focussed projects to improve and grow our precious society. So, now is the time to step up and offer your help and assistance in any small way you feel you can.

For the diary - WASA has a **Plein Air Competition on 19th November 2020** and Christmas will be celebrated with a **Picnic in the Park (Date TBN) The Plein Air Down Under Outdoor Painting Festival in Mandurah on 26-28 September 2020**. It will be a terrific event for all artists combined with workshops by Leon Holmes and Brendon Derby before the outdoors painting starts.

Our next meeting on **20th August 2020** will see **Leanne Pearson** as our demonstrator. Another inspirational artist worth watching who is an inspiration in her quest for excellence, amidst the challenges of life. Future demonstrators are Stephanie Reisch and Brendon Derby. We are also planning a members-only art workshop with a top artist in Perth. Look out for details of this soon.

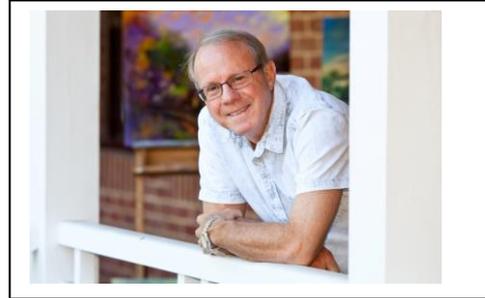
We will feature work from our artists in each newsletter and look to establish an online sales catalogue for us all, via our website.

If you wish to put your hand up for any vacant positions on the Committee, or in assisting with these suggested future projects, please contact your committee.

Join me in making the future of WASA a great success.

Sir Tom walked around his garden and raised \$59million! What can you do for WASA?

Best Wishes Roger



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**Thursday 20 August 2020 - PUT THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY**

**NEW MEMBERS:** A warm welcome to Doris Strahan, Gisela Birch and Sue Flynn.

**WINNERS OF ART CATEGORIES at last meeting**

White: As a new Committee Member, Sue Liddicoat is being featured on the WASA website as Member of the Month.

1. Sue Liddicoat



2. Colyn Henwood



3. Celestine Dyson



Blue:



1. Betty McLean



2. Laddawan Wong

Gold:



1. Jenny Davis



2. Kieryn Kilminster

Platinum:



1. Val Brooks



2. Roger Reading

**Raffle:** A Huge thank you to Oxlades for donating a great raffle prize at the last meeting. The lucky winner was Heather Liebennau.

## DEMONSTRATORS:

We have some amazing Demonstrators booked for upcoming meetings during 2020:

20 Aug Leanne Pearson

17 Sep Stephanie Reisch

15 Oct Brendon Derby

19 Nov is the Plein Air Competition evening so no demo that night



Leanne Pearson

*Leanne Pearson is a highly renowned portraiture artist. She has a passion for design, colour and light – key elements in her exceptional artwork. She loves rhythm and movement and through her brushstrokes she skilfully conveys this.*

*Leanne has been commissioned continually to paint family portraits. Her commissioned oil portraits and paintings hang in a large number of prominent homes throughout Australia.*

## TREASURER'S NEWS:

A reminder that the Committee have decided to delay annual fee payment until September. The annual fee for the 9-month period 1 October 2020 to 30 June 2021 will be a pro rata amount of \$37. The annual fee needs to be paid before 30 September 2020. Please ensure that your contact details are up-to-date – please let us know if anything has changed over the past year.

## DVD's

We have a new range of DVD's, plus all your old favorites available for hire. At present I am doing an annual stock take of DVD's to update our catalogue, it would be appreciated if you could return any outstanding DVD's at the next meeting,

And... yes you can renew the hire of the DVD if you have not yet had an opportunity to watch it.

Terms and Conditions:

- Gold Coin Donation
- Monthly Hire
- Limit of 2 DVD's per person per month
- Please report any lost or damage

## **WEBSITE - The West Australian Society of Arts (Inc)**

<https://wart.org.au>

*We are truly fortunate to have a new and informative webpage for WASA members to browse. The website will evolve monthly with new, informative, and interesting pages, it will be updated regularly with new artwork, this will enable you to feel more connected to members of our Society.*

*The latest new section is **Member of the Month** - this will be a member who has won a place in the In-House Competition at our monthly meeting.*

*We have included an area for **Monthly Demonstrators**, this is so you will know who has been organized to demonstrate at our monthly meetings over the next few months.*

*WASA currently has 12 **Platinum Members** - you can see and study these talented and see their artwork.*

*Shortly, we will be adding **Workshops and Activities**, with a list of workshops and members' activities that you may wish to participate in.*

*As with anything new there are a few hiccups and presently we have member names coming through on the google page, this will be adjusted shortly.*

## **FACEBOOK- HELP!**

We urgently need to find out who set up WASA Facebook page on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, as Administrator. The page is very out-of-date and changes need to be made. If you have any idea who it is, please contact Lucy Papalia or Jane Holtfreter (contact details on back page).

## **NEWSLETTER:**

**Position Vacant-** An editor is **URGENTLY** needed for the monthly newsletter. Please let Carol Murphy know if you are interested. In the meantime, please keep news items and artworks coming to [wasocartinc@outlook.com](mailto:wasocartinc@outlook.com).

## ***The joys of plein-air painting.***

*Perth, of course, has a near-perfect climate for painting outdoors.*

*You don't use an easel or other special equipment, at least for watercolor or drawing; just a camp stool or chair.*

*There is a new venue every Thursday morning if you look up Perth Plein Air Painters on Facebook; consider joining if you like company.*

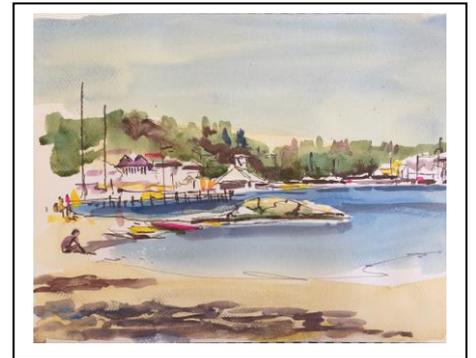
*The challenge of painting outdoors is to capture the mood or atmosphere of the scene, not necessarily to reproduce it accurately. These spontaneous, light-touch provisional sketches often work better than the more formal, worked-up piece.*

*If nothing else, you'll go to some lovely spots in and around Perth and meet your fellow-artists as well as many interested members of the public (and dogs!)*



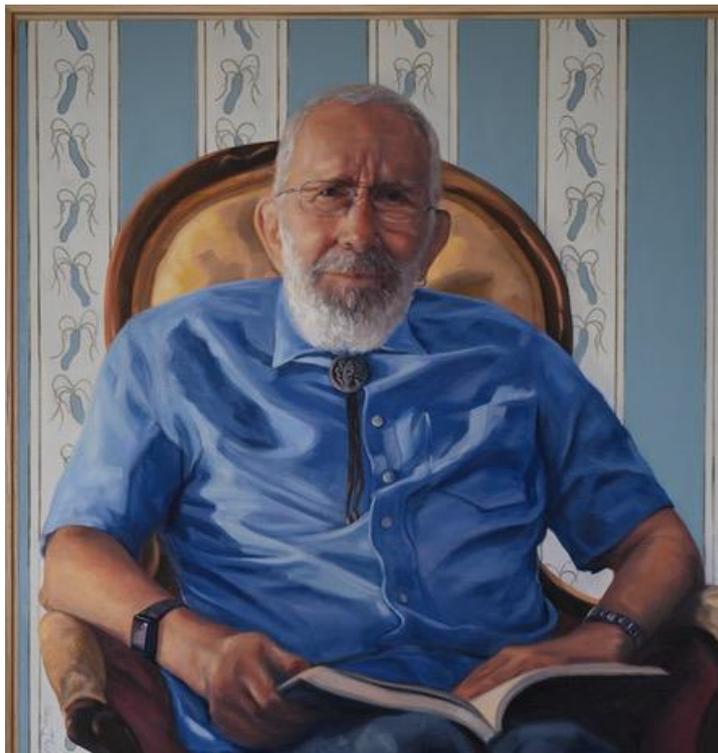
*Happy painting.*

**Paul Drury**

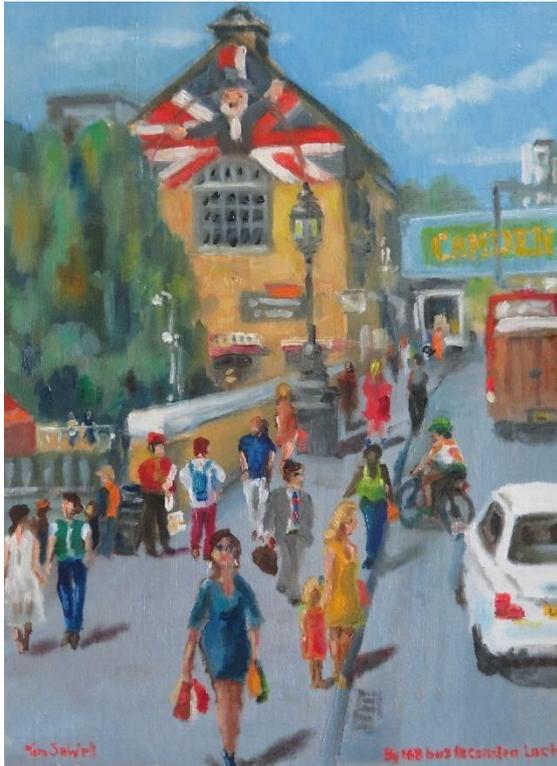


### **MEMBERS' ARTWORKS:**

This magnificent portrait was Jenny Davis's entry for the 2019 Lester Prize. It was accepted into the semi-finals of the inaugural Darling Portrait Prize 2020.



*"I was inspired to paint Nobel Laureate Dr Robin Warren as I believe that scientists should be celebrated. Sadly, society applauds the superficial and banal, and has a distorted view of what constitutes true celebrity. Robin's discovery of the role of Helicobacter pylori in peptic ulcer disease transformed the lives of patients. He is a quiet, humble man and it was a joy to meet this now frail but brilliant Pathologist and watch him come to life as he related the story of his Nobel winning discovery. I incorporated Helicobacter pylori into the portrait by weaving it into the wallpaper."*



*By 168 Bus To Camden Lock –  
Tim Sewell (oil on board)*

*Geordie Bay Sunset – Rayma Reeny  
(pastel)*



Send your comments on these artworks and they will be posted in next Newsletter!

### Other News:

**Jacksons** – if you want a discount at Jacksons, please inform them before you make any purchases, that you are a paid up member of WASA.

### **John Curtin Art Gallery**

Carol Murphy was fortunate to be invited to the Preview of the upcoming **50fifty:2020 Acquisition Initiative Exhibition Preview** at the John Curtin Gallery.

To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Curtin University in 2017, the Gallery launched the acquisition initiative to acquire 50 significant artworks for the Curtin University Collection, over 3 years. 50 artworks have been curated from the collected 200 paintings for this exhibition.



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