

MINUTES

Minutes of the WASA General Meeting 16th June 2022, 7.30pm

Acknowledgement

We show our respects and acknowledge the traditional custodians and owners of this land, of elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place.

Members to Sign In please. Take a name tag and drop them off at the end.

1. **Members Present:** 44
2. **Guests:** Clare Skitt, Brian Higson
3. **Apologies:** Gina Galli Roberts, Jane Holtfreter, Val Brooks and Karin Grimstead
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Held over because of the late posting on website.
5. **Correspondence In and Matters Arising:** Visit to Government House and presentation of the painting by Cass Gartner to the Governor. Cass briefed the meeting on this.
6. **Correspondence Out:** Letter Beverley Organisers of Wilgie Sketching Plein Air.
7. **Membership Update** – One new Member since last month. Amanda Adams. Total 242 members.
8. **Monthly Meetings Reminder to all Members**
 - a. Covid Action arrivals process. Encourage members to wear masks.
 - b. Artists of the Month for June is Ernst Schneider
 - c. Review of the Monthly Judging Process – Jo Duffy briefed the meeting on her wish for members to provide feedback using the Pink Forms provided tonight.
9. **Strategic Planning Workshop Projects** - Update Reports were given to members.
 - a. Social Media - Project Leaders Tanya (newsletter Pippin)
 - b. Wilgie Plein Air - Project Leaders Pippin, Tanya
 - c. Hub or home website – Project Leader Tanya (with Rob)
10. **Bragging Rights:**
 - a. Susan Sheppard outlined her Gallery Opportunity with Melville City Council in Mount Pleasant, 63 Khishorn Road.
 - b. Ernst Schneider on the success of his open studios
11. **May Gibbs Opportunity** – Tanya briefed the meeting on this new initiative with Historical Society of South Perth. A meeting will be held to discuss collaboration.
12. **Treasurers Finance Report** Meredith discussed current finances.
13. **Membership Update for Renewals** - Meredith and Suzanne briefed the members.
14. **Jacksons Report** - Jenny Davies outlined current state
15. **Presidents Report**

The Constitution Review. The Committee is now about to issue the final document. Look out for this soon on the social media and emails.

The AGM is on 21st July. There is no pre poll voting in this current constitution so members are encouraged please to attend that meeting to elect the new committee and vote for the Revised Constitution.

In your deliberations, please remember that WASA is no ordinary art society. It has an enviable heritage and reputation. It is unique, diverse, multi-cultural and multi-art. It has a

remarkable reputation that must be sustained to remain relevant to our contemporary society. It is an amalgam of professional, amateur, emerging, learning, youth and experienced artists of different ages and abilities. It has both City and Regional Members. It includes a vibrant Plein Air following. It works alongside other societies on collaboration. It is a truly inclusive WA art society. Today it has a growing membership 241 members.

So why should you put yourself forward and volunteer? What can you do to add value? There are 4 key roles that must be filled. They are; President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

There are a range of other important roles that cover the essential functions. We require coordinators for the Newsletter, Media including Website Content, Instagram and Facebook; Memberships; Exhibitions; and Demonstrations.

Finally, there are Project Officers needed for the ongoing projects commenced last year that include: Wilgie Plein Air; Attracting Youth; Country Membership; Grants; and, seeking a Permanent Home.

There are amazing opportunities on offer too that other societies do not have such as the offer of a commission last month from Government House for an artist to paint a painting for the Queen' Platinum Jubilee. Cass Gartner's watercolour painting was an exquisite example of this opportunity.

Please consider your contribution to WASA very carefully and offer your services, skills and time if you can do so, please, in whatever capacity suits you best. The society will be better for the diversity and experience you offer and welcome your contribution for the next 12 month to Encourage, Educate and Exhibit.

Monthly Meetings and Demo's

- a. **14th July WASA Committee Meeting**
- b. **21st July WASA AGM with Constitution Secret Ballot**

16. Events:

- a. **8th June at 10am Richard Read Talk on Constables Clouds was cancelled. A new date will be considered.**
- b. **Painting Theme for the AGM Night is Landscapes**
- c. **47th Army Art Charity Fundraising Exhibition is being held at Leeuwin Barracks from 22nd to 24th July 2022.**

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- a. Quality Press Calendar. Invitation to submit artworks in specific dimensions. Dave Harrison.
- b. Feedback required for the Monthly Competition on pink slips to Jo Duffy
- c. AGM – Reminder to attend. Emails to follow with Draft Revised documents..

17. Meeting Closed at 8.00 PM

Monthly Award Winners were:

Members Choice - Leanna Taylor

Encouragement Award - Jennifer Hughes

Non-Professional - Kirsten Hocking
Professional – Jo Duffy

Demonstrator - Narelle Higson.

Perth Based scribbler cloud gazer. Displayed in all the top galleries donated to charities and runs a busy family life.