

# MINUTES

## Minutes of the WASA General Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 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:** 41
2. **Guests:** None
3. **Apologies:** Gina Galli Roberts, Jane Holly, Heather Liebenau, Jo Lou English, Meredith Blais, David Harrison, Brendon Darby
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Passed Unanimously
5. **Correspondence In and Matters Arising:** Invitation from Governor to attend Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebration.
6. **Correspondence Out:** Letter to Alan Pickering changing the Minutes from Dec.
7. **Membership Update** – 4 New Members since last month. Total **242 members**.
  - a. Rebecca Robinson
  - b. Stewart Flemming
  - c. Andy Dolphin (Country)
  - d. Neil Mariska
8. **Monthly Meetings**
  - a. Covid Action arrivals process. More relaxed but encourage wearing masks.
  - b. Trial awards structure introduction, assistance with implementation, certificates. Jo Duffy briefed the meeting.
  - c. Members requested to hold Q&A until the end.
  - d. Artists of the Month for **May is Mitzi Smith. June is Ernst Schneider**
  - e. Theme of the Month June is Still Life.
9. **Strategic Planning Workshop Ongoing Projects**
  - a. Social Media - Project Leaders Tanya Jo and Pippin.
  - b. Wilgie Plein Air - Project Leaders Pippin, Tanya
  - c. Attract Youth – Project Leader Meredith
  - d. Constitution Due Diligence – Project Leader Roger
  - e. Country – Project Leader Pippin
  - f. Grants – Project Leader Meredith
  - g. Hub or home website – Project Leader Tanya (with Rob assisting)
10. **Displays in Jacksons for WASA Artist of the Month.** Jenny Davies presented the details.
11. **Bragging Rights:** Susan Sheppard Classes, Ernst Schneider Open Studios,
12. **Army Art Opportunity.** 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July. Call out for interest Artists to approach the Army Art Team. Call out for Volunteers to help on the day. Please contact the President if interested.

13. **Finance Report from Treasurer.** Meredith presented latest figures which were very positive. Advised that greater use is being made now of Automatic Monthly Debits. Finances details are separate.

14. **Presidents Report as follows:**

**The WASA Annual Awards Exhibition 126** was an amazingly successful event that surpassed all our expectations. We sold 54 art pieces for total art sales of \$43,658 which was an increase over last year's exhibition results by \$11,600. The Exhibition returned \$29,493 back to all the exhibiting artists.

Additionally, the raffle painting by Leanne Pearson made the Society \$2384 an increase of \$592 over last year. A total of 1147 people were counted into the Exhibition over the 3 days. By any accounts, this was a magnificent result for Art in general and WASA artists in particular.

Overall, the Exhibition ended in Profit of \$5919.07 an increase of \$2143.61 over the Exhibition 125 result. Well done to all those who worked so hard on this exhibition.

**The Wilgie Plein Air Event** was very well attended and a huge success. Weather was very kind and the environment and hosting highly enjoyable by all the accounts from those who went. Thank you, letters will be sent.

**The Constitution Review Team** have concluded their work. The Committee is now about to conclude their final position. Look out for this soon on the social media and emails.

**Mikado Night** was terrific and everyone enjoyed it tremendously. A huge thanks to Jane, Tanya and Gina and of course acknowledgment of the models and the costumes from G&S. Thank you.

**The AGM is on 21<sup>st</sup> July.** There is no pre poll (postal or proxy) 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. More to follow.

15. **Monthly Meetings and Demo's**

- a. **16<sup>th</sup> June WASA General Meeting with theme Still Life.**
- b. **14<sup>th</sup> July WASA Committee Meeting – AGM Preparation**
- c. **21<sup>st</sup> July WASA AGM election of officers and with Constitution Secret Ballot**

16. **Coming Events:**

- a. **8<sup>th</sup> June at 10am Prof Richard Read Talk on Constables Clouds. \$20. Names to Pippin.**
- b. **10<sup>th</sup> June Opening of the 2nd International Watercolour Exhibition 6:30pm at the Moore's Building, Henry Street, Fremantle.**
- c. **47<sup>th</sup> Army Art Charity Fundraising Exhibition is being held at Leeuwin Barracks from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

17. **Meeting Closed: Time 7.50 PM**

**Demonstrator.** Jacob Butler (Shakey) is a young, self-taught artist based in Fremantle. Jacob works in many mediums including acrylics, oils, pastel and aerosol. Jacob's essential tremor that existed from birth got him branded 'Shakey', giving him his unique, free-flowing, intuitive style.

Jacob's art career began on the wharf in 2013, where he experimented using paint and colour for the first time whilst decorating his workmate's hard-hats. The demand for Jacob's artwork grew fast as well as his passion and drive to become a real artist. Since becoming a full-time artist he has been invited to paint live in front of large audiences for private

concerts, gala balls, weddings and large charity events internationally, with his paintings yielding very successful results due to the raw energy put into his work whilst under pressure. Recently recognized within his nomination for a Disability Support Award, due to his successful art workshops catered for those living with disabilities. His story has been

He ran his first successful co-exhibition with his wife Ange Butler in 2017. He is currently working on large scale murals and performing live wedding art in and around Australia. Between commissions he also continues his art works-shops for people with disabilities and is working towards his second exhibition.