



## WASA In House Competition - March Winners

Jana Vodesil Baruffi, Janie Williams and  
Michelle Scott

Theme for " In House Competition Thursday 21st March "Theme Less"

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### **EDUCATE - ENCOURAGE - EXHIBIT**

*WASA acknowledges the Traditional Indigenous Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognizes their continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, and to the Elders - past, present and emerging.*

## WASA COMMITTEE REPORT

Our 128th Annual Exhibition is fast approaching, we have a little over two months.

The committee is thrilled to make a few exciting announcements.

Firstly, we are beyond delighted to share some wonderful news regarding our exhibition.

Thanks to the efforts of Meredith Blais and the committee we have successfully obtained a grant from the City of South Perth. This grant will be instrumental in enhancing our exhibition and providing more opportunities for WASA.

The good news doesn't stop there, we have also secured the opportunity to display our artist's work on Yagan Square Digital Tower once again. To do this, I kindly request that all members, who would like their work displayed, please submit high-resolution photos to [tanya@globevista.com](mailto:tanya@globevista.com) as soon as possible.

While we are on the topic of the "exhibition" our committee has a few requests.

We are looking for a member or members to donate a painting (or two) for our exhibition raffle. It is an integral part of the event and we would be so grateful for the contribution.

We are also looking for a volunteer to be in charge of the audio/visual for the Sponsorship Night and the Opening Night as the President will have her hands full.

We also request a volunteer to prepare and run the PowerPoint for opening night. Don't panic, we will have templates prepared.

If you feel you could help out please contact Tanya , Jane or Pippin.

On a sad note, we would like to inform our members that after a six-month break, Meredith Sonder-Sorensen has made the decision to step down from her role as Treasurer.

Meredith has been a wonderful asset to our committee, bringing enthusiasm and a contagious laugh to our meetings. We will miss her dearly.

With Meredith's departure, the position of Treasurer is now open. If anyone is interested in the role or would be happy to help us while we find a replacement, please contact Jane.

Last but not least, we would like to take the opportunity to thank our members, sponsors, and the broader community for your continued dedication and support. Let's make this year's exhibition our best one yet.

Kind Regards

TANYA IZZARD

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## WASA - SPONSORS

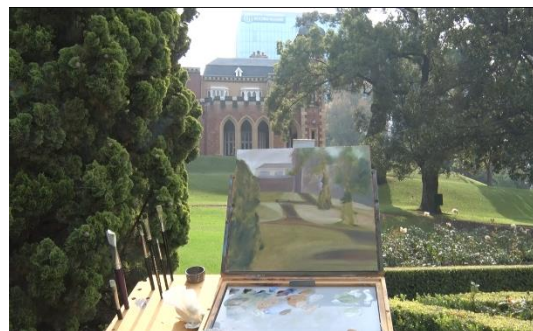
We want to acknowledge and thank our sponsors for their generosity and support.

<https://www.waart.org.au/sponsors/>

If you would like to sponsor the West Australian Society of Art Inc

Contact Tanya Izzard [tanya@globevista.com](mailto:tanya@globevista.com)

We would love to hear from you.



# GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th April 2024.

WASA plein air artists are invited to participate in the Government House Open Day again this year to paint in the gardens at Government House. There are protocols for participating, and members must submit their names and contact details before the event. If you would like to take part, please forward your name and contact details by Monday 1st April Email: [pippin.margaria@gmail.com](mailto:pippin.margaria@gmail.com)

Please also indicate which day/s you will be attending. Artists are met by a Government House representative at the gate.



## WASA EXHIBITION 2024

***Registration Information, Terms & Conditions, etc. and Volunteer***

***Roster forms are now on the WASA***

***website:*** <https://www.waart.org.au>

**Advertising brochures, members can submit artwork for inclusion.**

**Advertising via Yagan Square Tower, members can submit artwork.**

### **Key Dates:**

**Tuesday, 30th April,** Closing date for entries.

**Thursday 16th May** - Bump-in, judging and Sponsors' Night.

**Friday, 17th May** - Exhibition opens to the public and evening Awards Night.

**Saturday 18th May** - Exhibition open to the public.

**Sunday, May 19th** - The exhibition will be open to the public until 2.00 pm.

Volunteers who will not be available for the exhibition can help in the lead-up to the exhibition. Please contact Pippin Margaria [pippin.margaria@gmail.com](mailto:pippin.margaria@gmail.com)

## DEMONSTRATION

21st MARCH 2024

ANNE MARIE BLOOR



### **Anne Marie Bloor - Artist's Statement**

My name is Anne-Marie Bloor, and I am a self-taught wildlife artist from Perth, Western Australia. I love to paint, and when I am painting, I am in my happy place. I paint animals and birds. Something to do with when the eyes are in, you can see them come alive. I love to make the fur or feathers look real and three dimensional. After getting sick a few years ago, I thought about what makes me the happiest and what I am passionate about. My aim is to become a full-time artist and gain recognition for my art. I paint in Acrylic and use very small brushes to achieve fine detail. It can take several layers of paint to make



the fur or feathers look real. I am constantly researching and learning every day. That is the beauty of being an artist—it's a constant journey of growth. I love seeing other artists grow and build their art businesses. It definitely inspires me and keeps me on track.

## WELCOME NEW AND REJOINING WASA MEMBERS

Welcome to all our new and rejoining members. We look forward to meeting you personally and getting to know about you and your art. If you would like to write a paragraph about yourself and your art for this newsletter, we would be pleased to include it for us all to enjoy. This month we extend a welcome to the

Joanne Larkin  
Suzana Bozanic  
Jill Turner  
Lana Urbina  
Melissa Lawson  
Anne Marie Bloor

## CONGRATULATIONS JENNIFER HUGHES

**WASA MEMBER OF THE MONTH MARCH 2024**



Jennifer Hughes Surfboard on Commission.



## Jennifer Hughes: Artist Statement

Throughout my life, I have found much happiness through creativity and art. While a diversion to career and family life took over my attention, in recent years I've dived back into artistic pursuits.

Eager to learn and grow, I enjoy setting myself challenges to explore new subjects and mediums. I was particularly excited to try my hand at a seascape on a recycled surfboard, which later inspired a commissioned piece.

Initially gravitating towards watercolours, incredible fine artist and educator, **Jana Vodesil-Baruffi**, introduced me to the joys of oil paints. I was drawn towards the rich, deep colours and exploring how they blend and flow together on the canvas.

My early influences have come from rural landscapes and wildlife, born from my 15 years in outback Broome and travels around Australia.

As a member of the Watercolour Society of WA, I was pleased to be selected as a finalist in the International Watercolour Exhibition in Nadeshiko Japan in 2023. Shortly after I was thrilled to be recognised with the President's Encouragement Award from the WA Society of Art.

After much encouragement from friends and family, I have been fortunate to sell a number of commissioned artworks, as well as pieces in exhibitions across Perth and Karratha. I have always enjoyed the process of creating and discovering my final artwork. Over the past year, I started sharing my progress through Facebook where I have been lucky enough to connect with other great appreciators of the artistic journey.

Facebook: jenniferhughesfineart



## COUNTRY AND REGIONAL NEWS

We look forward to upcoming country and regional events in 2024 as the new year gets under way. Please let us know of any events in your region, for inclusion in the newsletter.

To find more country and regional events  
go to [http://www.eneews@regionalartswa.org.au](mailto:http://www.eneews@regionalartswa.org.au)

### WASA COMMITTEE

**PRESIDENT** - Tanya Izzard -

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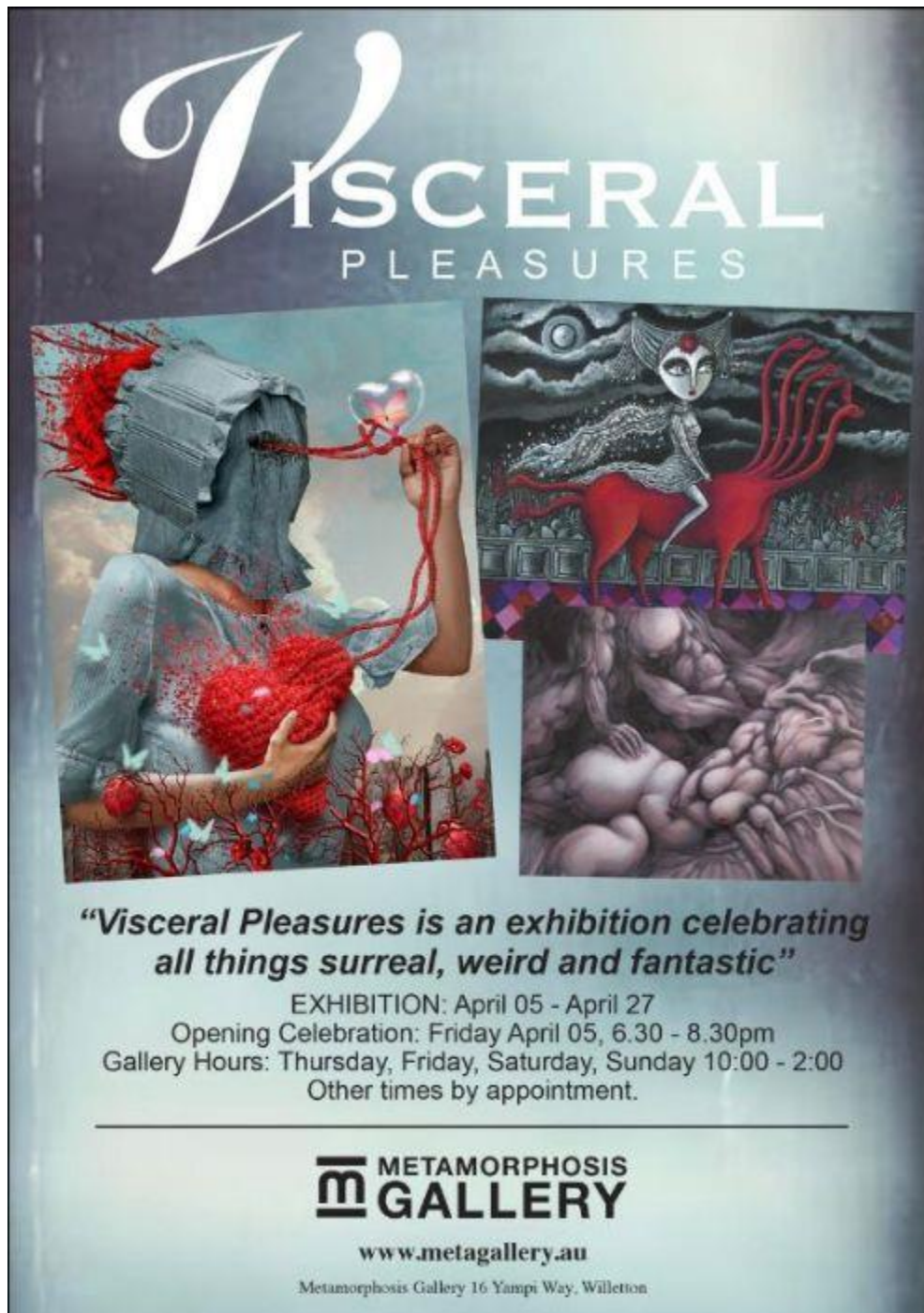
**TREASURER** - Gina Galli-Roberts - (interim) Email: [galliroberts@bigpond.com](mailto:galliroberts@bigpond.com)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** - Pippin Margaria - (Newsletter)



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## OTHER EXHIBITIONS, COMPETITIONS & EVENTS



The poster features a dark, atmospheric background with a light blue gradient at the top. The title 'VISCERAL PLEASURES' is prominently displayed in a large, white, serif font. Below the title are three distinct artistic illustrations: on the left, a figure with a grey, box-like head and a red, textured body; in the center, a figure with a white face and red, tentacle-like appendages; and on the right, a muscular, pinkish-red figure. The overall aesthetic is surreal and macabre.

***“Visceral Pleasures is an exhibition celebrating all things surreal, weird and fantastic”***

EXHIBITION: April 05 - April 27  
Opening Celebration: Friday April 05, 6.30 - 8.30pm  
Gallery Hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10:00 - 2:00  
Other times by appointment.

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**M METAMORPHOSIS GALLERY**  
[www.metagallery.au](http://www.metagallery.au)  
Metamorphosis Gallery 16 Yampi Way, Willetton



Follow the  
**Halls Head Art Trail**

Visit three prize-winning local artists at their studios in Halls Head.  
Ask questions, find out about their creative process and materials, and have  
the opportunity to purchase original paintings directly from the artists.



Wendy Line creates beautifully detailed oil paintings of Perth, Mandurah and the South-West.

*10 Fulmar Place, Halls Head  
On West side of golf course  
Mob 0424 077 073  
Open 11-3pm April 13, 14, 20, 21  
& by appointment weekdays.*



Tiffany Forster's vibrant pastels feature local landscapes, birds, and large-scale florals.

*11 Stellaria Avenue, Halls Head.  
Seascapes  
Mob 0428 611 286  
Open 11-4pm April 13, 14, 19, 20,  
21 & by appointment weekdays.*



Val Brooks is an award-winning artist working in pastel and oil to produce studio & plein air artwork.

*13 Jennerae Bend, Halls Head.  
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Mob 0421 123 394  
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*Part of the "Peel Open Studios 2024" program  
presented by the City of Mandurah.  
Look for flags & signs outside studios on open days.*



# The Lester Prize

# 2024

**NOW OPEN**

Entries Close  
7 June 2024  
T&Cs apply  
[lesterprize.com](http://lesterprize.com)

# Call For Entries

