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NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first AWAS newsletter of 2025.

What's on in February:

| Studio sessions | | |
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| Saturday February 1 st | Afternoon session cancelled. | Contact Tony: 0438 402 499 |
| Saturday February 8 th | Acrylic/Mixed Media 10 - 4pm | Contact Jill: 0412 477 804 |
| Saturday February 15 th | Life Drawing 1 – 4pm | Contact Olga 0447 770 735 |
| Daily studio access for members, except when Life Drawing and tutored workshops are on. | | Informal. |
| Meetings | | |
| Friday February 14 th | Committee Meeting 1.30pm | Contact Secretary 0497108076 |
| Wednesday February 19 th | General members meeting(formal) 1pm | |
| Events, workshops exhibitions | | |
| Tuesday February 4 th | Studio Exhibition works in. Any theme/media. (Hanging Wednesday 5 th) | Contact Jill: 0412 477 804 |
| Tuesday February 11 th | Wodonga Plant Farm Exhibition changeover 2.30pm Theme: Babies or infants | Contact Tanya 0407 238 923 |

Note: For this month only Life Drawing has swapped from the regular first Saturday to the third Saturday. We anticipate Life drawing will return to the regular first Saturday of the month: Saturday 1st March.

General Meetings in 2025 will continue to be held every second month, on the 3rd Wednesday, at the studio, starting at 1pm.

Committee meetings are usually held monthly, on the Friday before the General meeting, at the studio, starting at 1.30 pm.

WELCOME TO THE FIRST NEWSLETTER FOR AWAS IN 2025

As Summer really set in during December last year the studio was a cool haven, enjoyed by those who attended the weekday informal painting sessions as well as our Christmas get-together, where we made use of the very convenient public BBQ just behind the studio.

Congratulations!



Cathie Waller's winning award in the Little Treasures 2024 2D art show at Gateway Gallery.

Medium: Pan Pastels and pastel pencils

Surface: Pastelmat

Size: 5" x 7"

Judges comment:

Highly refined, beautiful use of pastel. Delicate work really representing the unfolding of the leaves, with a Georgia O'Keefe essence.



She won this award in 2023 too, so 2 years in a row.

Congratulations! To Astrid Bruning!



Exquisite detail, beautifully rendered.

Winner in the 2024 Bright Summer Exhibition
Category: Oils & Acrylics
'Sacred Ground, Mt Pilot Chiltern'



Some members also exhibit at Gateway Gallery!

FEBRUARY: AWAS WODONGA PLANT FARM EXHIBITION

The December exhibition, "Summer Sale" remained over the Christmas/New Year holiday period. The changeover at the Plant Farm is on **Tuesday February 11th 2.30pm**. Please make sure labelling is complete on the back of the work and is ready to hang.

The themes for the Wodonga Plant Farm Café Exhibitions for 2025 are:

- February: Babies or infants- any species! (Chickens! Puppies! Kittens! Tadpoles!.....)
- April: Gold- colour, metal, plants, jewellery.....
- June: Monochrome- Tones of one colour, plus black and white. (Any subject matter)
- August: From Abstract to Realism (this could be still-life)
- October: Landscapes and Seascapes
- December: Summer Sale

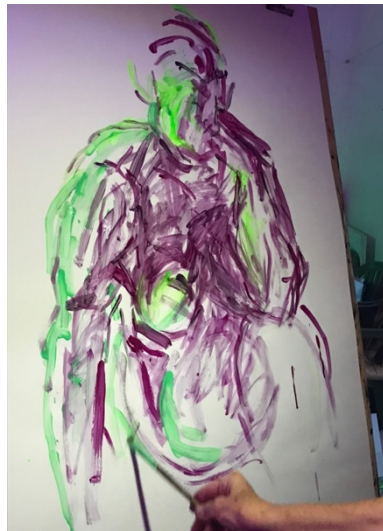
REPORT: JANUARY LIFE DRAWING 4-DAY MARATHON Life Drawing in air-conditioned comfort.

The annual Marathon was held Friday to Monday January 10th-13th.

This 4- day event was very successful. There was a morning and afternoon session each day, with 2 additional night sessions. Participants could book in for single sessions (approx.\$25) or for all sessions.

All participants enjoyed the challenges of life drawing, especially in the night sessions with coloured lighting.

Thank you to Olga Juskiw for her organization of models, the studio and lighting setup, as well as participant bookings and payments.



FEBRUARY: AWAS STUDIO EXHIBITION

After the **January Life Drawing** exhibition, Jill and team will hang a new studio exhibition on February 5th.

Bring works in on the 4th. All artworks need to be for sale, have all the correct information on the labels and be ready to hang.

AWAS TUTORED WORKSHOPS

AWAS PASTEL WORKSHOP: Friday 28th and Saturday 29th March 2025

Our workshop coordinator, Judy Balfour has organized a two-day workshop with tutor Chrissy Murray from Newcastle. She uses both soft pastels and Pan pastels. Chrissy has expert knowledge to impart, and she has a huge following on YouTube, both in Australia and overseas.

For this workshop we will use Pan pastels.

(Keep reading you don't need to buy - materials will be supplied).

Please contact me ASAP to show expression of interest. Early payment (also ASAP) ensures your placement in the class.



Cost of the two-day workshop to members is \$180; \$90 deposit by Friday 31st January; balance by Friday 28th February.

Chrissy will bring Pan pastels, application tools and papers to use.

They can be used on various surfaces – canvas, any paper with a bit of tooth such as watercolour paper (Hot and Cold Press), even on wood.

Chrissy works at Soft Pastels Australia www.softpastels.com.au and she will bring some equipment to sell – if you are interested – no pressure!

Pan pastels can be used for under painting, and we will do some mixed media with this technique e.g. using coloured pencils on top. A few AWAS members have Pan pastels and are willing to share. Our member, Cathie Waller, uses Pan pastels, and you may have seen her work hanging at the studio and the Plant Farm. If you Google Pan pastels and you will find a wealth of information and demonstrations.

If you are interested to participate please contact me ASAP as this workshop is fairly soon – either email jybalfour@outlook.com Mobile (text or phone) – 0439 953 903

So, if you haven't tried Pan pastels, come along and enjoy a fun day experimenting with something different.

Judy Balfour
AWAS Workshop Co-ordinator

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