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Dear ASPIR member and welcome everyone,

I hope you all had a chance to enjoy the ASPIR Cup Weekend Exhibition. A big thank you to Gay Mosby and the team of helpers for organising and running the Exhibition. You can read more about the Exhibition and the Awards in the section over the page.

This bulletin is my last as President of ASPIR. It has been an honour to work with such a great committee, members, and volunteers over the past five years. In that time, I have focused on building strong relationships – within ASPIR, with the Bass Coast Shire Council, with other arts groups, and with the community including our sponsors.

I am proud of what we have achieved in those five years including:

- ✓ \$23,491 in grant funding (2021 – 2024)
- ✓ Growing our membership to more than 200 members
- ✓ Advocating for and securing a home for ASPIR at the Creative Arts Station in Cowes
- ✓ Delivering a new name and website for ASPIR www.aspir.org.au
- ✓ Strengthening relationships with our sponsorship – receiving about \$10,000 per year

I could not have done it without the support of the Committee and all the work and energy from everyone who has volunteered their time, energy, and passion. I am sure that will carry ASPIR forward in the coming years.

If you are keen to see the great work continue, I encourage you to nominate to be on the committee – many hands make light work. No experience required. And if you can't be on the committee you can contribute by volunteering for specific projects for example the exhibitions, or attending the ASPIR workshops. The more involved you are the more we can achieve.

I look forward to continuing my association with ASPIR as a member and artist. I hope to see you at the 30th birthday party where we can raise a glass to ASPIR and its predecessor ASPI.

Warm wishes

Miranda
President
ASPIR

ASPIR turns 30 – let's celebrate!

Come and help us celebrate our 30th birthday and check out our new home – the Creative Arts Station. This get together will be a great way to meet other members of ASPIR and swap stories.

When: Sunday 17 November

Time: from 2pm

Where: Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Road, Cowes

Bring: your own chair and drinks and recollections of ASPIR

We will provide food. We look forward to seeing you there.

AGM Sunday 24 November

The AGM is on the 24 November at 2pm at the Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Road.

The AGM is an important opportunity for members to contribute to the future direction of ASPIR.

We will be looking for a new president and welcome nominations for all the roles or as a member of the committee.

And if being a committee member is not for you, you can also volunteer to take on specific projects or tasks.

You will have received nomination forms and the formal notice of the AGM.

ASPIR Workshops, Members' Sessions and Exhibitions

With such a full bulletin we are just highlighting one upcoming event in this bulletin. Check out the website www.aspir.org.au for details of other events, workshops, and sessions.

Textile Art Group

This is a lively group of people bringing together their skills and interests in an extensive range of arts and crafts. Working on group projects there is a lot of fun and a chance to learn. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in. No previous experience required. Next session Saturday 23 November at the Creative Arts Station.



They are also planning a major event! On **18 January 2025** there will be demonstrations, a display, and sales in the ASPIR space at the Creative Arts Station, Cowes. We hope to see many of you there. It is a chance to see artisans at work and perhaps pick up a technique or two!

Contact Deb Wearne on 0402 802 465 for more details or to see how you can get involved.

(Left) Textile mural by the Textile Art Group and local community. It was great to see this work on display during the ASPIR Cup Weekend Exhibition.

This work is now part of the of Bass Coast Shire permanent collection and will be exhibited at various times during the year to celebrate history, community, and textile art.

A successful Cup Weekend Exhibition

What an impressive range of works we had in the ASPIR Cup Weekend Exhibition and Young Artist Award and a great celebration of community and the arts. We were especially pleased to be in the beautiful Berninnet and part of the 1-year anniversary celebrations of this great community asset.

We had 239 entries from 81 members. We sold 45 works and hundreds of raffle tickets.

A big thank you to our sponsors:

- Bendigo Community Banks of Cowes, San Remo, and Grantville
- Phillip Island Nature Parks
- Phillip Island RSL
- Phillip Island Winery
- Westernport Hotel
- Brinnie – T Design
- Flowers of Phillip Island
- Alex Scott & Staff Real Estate













Best in Show – Heather Towns
Natives & Crystal



Best Painting – Joe La Pira
Free to Fly

The ASPIR Cup Weekend Exhibition and Young Artist Award Results

	<p>Best in Show: Heather Towns, <i>Natives & Crystal</i>, \$1000, Bendigo Community Bank (presented by Director John Matthews)</p>	 <p>Best Digital Artwork or Photography: Jillian Mitchell, <i>On Golden Waters</i>, \$400, Brinnie-T Design & Flowers of Phillip Island (presented by Jo Viney of Brinnie-T Design)</p>
	<p>Nature, Environment & Wildlife Award: Deborah Hill, <i>Facing the Light</i>, \$500 Phillip Island Nature Park (presented by Kim Dunstan)</p>	 <p>Digital Artwork or Photography Highly Commended: Malcolm White, <i>Cowes Summer</i>, \$100, Bendigo Community Bank (presented by Sylvia Watson)</p>
	<p>Best Painting: Joe La Pira, <i>Free to Fly</i>, \$500, Phillip Island RSL (presented by Sarah Marshall)</p>	 <p>Best Other Medium: Chris Farrell, <i>Habitat</i> \$400 Alex Scott & Staff</p>
	<p>Painting Highly Commended: Kevin Burke, <i>Stormy Sunset</i>, \$100, Bendigo Community Bank (presented by Sylvia Watson)</p>	 <p>Other Medium Highly Commended: Lori Head, <i>Blue Gaze</i>, \$100, Bendigo Community Bank (presented by Sylvia Watson)</p>
	<p>Best 3D: Leigh Wicking, <i>New Growth</i>, \$400, Phillip Island Winery & Westernport Hotel (presented by Misha Say)</p>	 <p>3D Highly Commended: Margaret Knight, <i>Hanging in the Balance</i> \$100 Bendigo Community Bank (presented by Sylvia Watson)</p>

Young Artist Award. This is an initiative of ASPIR to encourage young people in their creativity by showing their work to a wide audience. Five local Primary Schools are participating in the Young Artist Award. These awards all sponsored by the Bendigo Community Bank and presented by Vanessa Verzaci, Company Secretary.



First: Sam Bowtell, *Berry's Beach*, \$100, Sam is a student at Newhaven Primary School



Second: Frankie Leary, *Untitled*, \$60, Frankie is a student at Newhaven College



Third: Edie Rowbottom, *The Chase*, \$40, Edie is a student at Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School

People's Choice Award This award of \$250 worth of art supplies is sponsored by Senior Art Supplies. People who visited the exhibition were able to vote for their favourite work.



Winner: Jenny Jackson, *Surf*

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