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Dear ASPIR member and welcome everyone,

It is great to see the start of Spring and some warmer weather. Change is in the air.

With ASPIR settling into the Creative Arts Station and a growing membership base I have decided to retire from the Committee and role of President. I am really proud of what we have achieved together over the past five years and of course the 25 years before that. I hope that in stepping off the committee and creating space, it will enable new and younger members to take on leadership roles and for ASPIR to continue to deliver great opportunities for arts and artists in the community.

If you are interested in being part of the committee, I am happy to talk with you about what it involves. Get in touch via aspirarts@gmail.com or text me on 0400 927 076 and we can have a chat.

In this bulletin you can find out about the upcoming Cup Weekend Exhibition, the new website and Facebook page, and the 30-year celebrations.

I hope to see you at one or more of these events.

Regards

Miranda
President
ASPIR

Cup Weekend Exhibition

The ASPIR Cup Weekend Exhibition and Young Artist Award are just around the corner. The Exhibition will run from 1st to 5th November. Entry forms need to be received by Wednesday 23 October. We always get great participation from members and we are looking forward to seeing your works.

All ASPIR members, their family and friends are invited to the Exhibition Awards Presentation on Friday 1st November, from 6pm. Held at Berninneit, Thompson Avenue, Cowes, the exhibition and awards presentation will be a fabulous event with the added bonus of celebrating the 1-year anniversary of the opening of Berninneit.

Thanks to the Bendigo Community Banks of Cowes, San Remo and Grantville who are the major sponsors of the Awards. A full list of sponsors will be on the entry forms and publicity.

Call for volunteers

We are keen to have you involved in the exhibition, even if you are not displaying any works. We would love to have volunteers to help manage the desk, welcome visitors, or assist with receiving and returning works. Contact Gay on 0425 728 323 or email aspirarts@gmail.com to get on the roster.

And we will also celebrate the first birthday of Berninneit

Berninneit will celebrate its first birthday on 1st November and ASPIR and the Cup Weekend Exhibition is part of the celebration.

Following the Exhibition Awards Presentation, *Offshore Theatre* will give an exclusive preview of a brilliant piece of theatre "My Sister Jill". Tickets for this exclusive preview event are available at a subsidised rate of \$15. Ticketholders will receive a complimentary drink at the bar and celebratory nibbles. Get your tickets from <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1286862>

New Website and Facebook Page

Our new website is live! www.aspir.org.au reflects our new name, our new home, and continued community connections. Check it out and you can see works by members, find out about workshops, exhibitions, and access previous bulletins.

A special thank you to Jen Olsen (www.plainly.nz/) who donated a lot of hours on top of the engagement funded by a Bass Coast Shire community grant to get the website up and running.

We have also established a new Facebook page and will be retiring the old one soon. Jump across to <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566898762297> or search for Arts Society Phillip Island Region. 'Like' and 'Follow' the page to get notified when we add events and information. We have changed the profile picture on the old Facebook page (to a photo of Cape Woolamai) so you won't get them mixed up.

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.

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.

Keep an eye out for nomination forms and the formal notice of the AGM.

ASPIR Workshops, Members' Sessions and Exhibitions

Workshops

ASPIR is delighted to engage Gold & Silversmith and Jewellery Designer, Bronwyn Pratt, to conduct our next Workshop, 'Bead it Up', on Saturday 19th October. Hope you can come. It is not too late to register with Shirley. Email on secmal@fastmail.fm or text or ring her on 0410 584 025 Discounted fee of \$50 for members and all others \$80. Shirley will give you a 'what to bring' list.

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 sessions Saturday October 26th and November 9th and 23rd at the Creative Arts Station. Contact Shirley 0410 584 025. The TAG team have recently done some conservation work on the wonderful textile mural prepared for the Phillip Island Sesquicentenary. This will be featured at the Cup Weekend Exhibition.

Ibis Writers

Ibis writers shared a lively session at their October meeting, also welcomed a newcomer.

Creative writers are welcome to join Ibis, which meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1pm at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum in Newhaven. However in November, we will meet on the second Tuesday which is 12 November because of Cup Day. Some enjoy lunch at the museum's Nui Dat Café beforehand. Ring Jane on 0498064248 for more information.

Life Drawing

Next session: Monday 4th November or Monday 11th because of Cup Day. Check with Jacki.

Suitable for all levels of skill, these are untutored sessions with a model.

Meeting from 9.30 to 12.30 on the first Monday each month you need to bring your own materials. There is a fee per person to cover the cost of the model payable on the day. Paper is also available to purchase at 10c a sheet. Note if wishing to attend please contact Jacki 0405 721 303. These sessions will continue at the Rotary Community room for a little longer.

Appraise and Connect

To be held at our new rooms at the Creative Arts Station, this is an opportunity for ASPIR members to meet for lively discussions, ideas and inspiration, and encouragement for works in progress. The third Wednesday of each month from 2-4pm is scheduled for this activity. Next sessions are October 16 and November 20.

Portraits

This group now meets at the Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Road Cowes. The entrance is at the back door next to the roller doors. Bring your own materials and enjoy drawing or painting a portrait from life. To cover the cost of the sitter there is a fee per person payable on the day. This group meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, next session November 12 Contact Gay 0425 728 323

En Plein Air

This group provides an informal session where artists meet in the local landscape to paint or draw. Hopefully weather will be kind. Next sessions on 21st October, Anzac Lookout, Cape Woolamai, and Churchill Island on November 18th. Note there is an entry fee at Churchill Island. Froneys keen to hear your ideas about some great locations for next year's program. Please phone her on 0438 592 305

Contact details

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Info re Exhibitions: Gay 0425 728 323

Dates for your Diary

October

Wednesday 16th 2 – 4pm Appraise & Connect at CAS

Saturday 19th 10 am – 1 pm Bead it Up Workshop with Bronwyn Pratt at CAS

Monday 21st from 10.30 en Plein Air, Anzac Lookout, Cape Woolamai.

Wednesday 30th 4 – 6 pm Deliver art works for ASPIR exhibition & Young Artist Award to Berninneit

Thursday 31st Set up Exhibition at Berninneit

November

Friday 1st from 9.30am ASPIR Cup Weekend Exhibition & Young artist Award is open at Berninneit. Open daily until Tuesday 5th.

Friday 1st 6.30 pm Announcement of Awards, Berninneit

Friday 1st 8.00 pm Special Preview Performance of 'My Sister Jill' presented by Offshore Theatre at Berninneit. Discounted Tickets + complimentary drink

Tuesday 5th (Cup Day) 1pm Collect unsold works and purchases from ASPIR exhibition at Berninneit

Sunday 17th Celebration of 30 years of ASPI/ASPIR. Creative Arts Station 2pm.

Sunday 24th ASPIR AGM at Creative Arts Station 2pm