

Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Rd, Cowes

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Greetings from Bronwyn, ASPIR President

Welcome to Spring!

It has been wonderful for all the Groups to have had the Air conditioner keeping us warm over these past few months! Thanks again to the Bass Coast Council for assisting with a Community Grant. The outdoor sink is now working and looking lovely thanks to some extra timber construction work by our talented member, Leigh Wicking.

The Full Day Life Drawing session was very well attended and gave an opportunity for artists to complete a painting or sculpture. Many thanks to Jenny Jackson and Jacki Hood for organising this special day.

We have been trialling the use of our CAS space for Exhibition Weekends by financial members. Heather Fahnlé has run two successful events so far. If you're interested in also using the space to display/sell your work over a weekend, please contact me, 0409 934 543.

- It's great to see our Shirley has recovered and is back on deck after a well-deserved holiday.
- Was lovely to see life member John Adams' Exhibition at Berninnet last month.
- Miranda will be taking the Come and Create workshops in September while Janice is on holiday.
- Marian Quigley has a solo exhibition at SOL Gallery, 420 Brunswick Street, Melbourne September 23 to October 5
- Leigh Wicking had his sculptures in the Sculpture on the Farm Exhibition in Dungog, NSW at the end of August.
- World Vision Fund Raising Exhibition at RHYLL Hall 4th & 5th of October 2025
- Members will be interested to learn that Ibis Writer and Logie-winning actress Maggie Millar will be reading "Mr Right", a monologue especially written for her by the late Elizabeth Jolley, at the Cowes Branch of the Library at 2:00 pm on Friday 31 October.



- Have you driven past the Phillip Island Golf Club lately and admired the work of Lisa McLure? Lisa was commissioned to prepare the wonderful Mural on Settlement Road. It is a great result as it captures the mood and the environment beautifully.



- En Plein Air is back on the calendar, see below
- Workshops coming up in October include Gel Plate Printing with Susan Hall,



Landscape painting in oils or acrylic with artist Ben Winspear.



- Our next ASPIR Exhibition is Cup Weekend, October 31 to November 5.



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COMMUNITIES.

ASPIR is delighted that Bendigo Community Bank of Cowes, San Remo and Grantville, is the major sponsor of the Awards.

Entry forms will be coming out soon, so get busy and start creating. Again, there will be the Young Artist Award with selected works by Primary School Children. ASPIR thanks Jan for this initiative.

- Our AGM is looming. The Committee is still looking for a Treasurer and Membership Officer to train up. Our committee members are not as young as they used to be, and we would greatly appreciate some younger members to help us out. So, if you have a few spare hours a month to attend a meeting or help us out please contact me on 0409 934 543. Please consider putting your hand up for Committee, we are losing two of our committee this year and we need them replaced or the group cannot function as well as it has been in the past!
- I hope you like the new door signage that we have put up recently at the Creative Arts Station. It is wonderful to have a space that we can call home after all these years!

Have fun creating for our next ASPIR Exhibition in November!

Bronwyn Pratt

ASPIR Activities

Workshops

Information will be coming soon about the **Gel Plate Printing workshop with Susan Hall** on Saturday October 18 from 10-3. BYO lunch. Make a note in your diary, not to be missed.

The **Landscape Painting** full day workshop in oils or acrylic **with artist Ben Winspear** will be held on the following weekend, Saturday October 25. *In this one day landscape workshop Ben will guide you through the process of designing and painting two landscapes. During the process he will teach some colour theory to help your painting be more dynamic, touch on tone and give some good tips on composition.*

Details to follow

Life Drawing

Suitable for all levels of skill, these are untutored sessions with a model. First Monday of each month 9.30 to 12 at the Creative Arts Station. Please arrive at 9.15 to set up beforehand. There is a \$20 sitter's fee for members and \$25 for non-members.

Next Sessions: Monday September 1 and October 6 Contact Jacki 0405 721 303

Ibis Writers

Ibis Writers is continuing to meet at 1pm on the first Tuesday of every month in the Meeting Room at the Vietnam Vets Museum in Newhaven. There have been a number of new members joining this year. At the meetings members read from their work in progress and receive support and suggestions from the others. Work includes the latest instalment of ongoing fiction and memoirs, short stories, children's books and poetry.

Meetings: Tuesday September 2 and October 7, 1pm contact Robbo 0407 240 024

Portraits

Bring your own materials and enjoy drawing or painting a portrait from life. To cover the cost of the sitter and rooms there is a fee of \$10 per person payable on the day. This group meets on the 2nd Tuesday each month 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Next sessions: September 9, October 14 Contact Gay 0425 728 323

Come and Create

Held on the second and fourth Thursdays each month from 10 am to 12 noon, these are informal occasions. Bring along any art or craft projects you may like to work on, or just come for a cuppa and a chat. Sessions are free to members. There is a gold coin donation for tea and coffee. Non-members are welcome, with the first two sessions free, and after that it is \$5.

Dates Thursdays 11 & 25 September, 9 & 23 October

Appraisal

These monthly sessions offer artists - both beginners and advanced - the opportunity to share and discuss their completed or in-progress works and to offer supportive, honest appraisals of the works of others in the group. Discussion also includes techniques, materials and exhibition opportunities. This group meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 2-4pm.

Sessions: September 17 and October 15 \$5 session fee. Contact Marian 0430 274 666

Textile Art Group

The Textile Art Group, (TAG), welcomes members with an interest in any form of textile art and/or craft. Meeting in the ASPIR room on a Saturday morning at the Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Road, Cowes.

Dates: Saturdays 6 & 20 September, Saturdays 4 & 11 October, & Saturdays 8 & 22 November.
Contact Shirley for more information 0410 584 025

En Plein Air

Hopefully the weather will improve a great deal and we can get back outside to sketch and paint. These outdoor painting days will be on the Third Monday each Month.

Meet from 9.30 am, bring your art materials, water, and lunch if you wish.

Monday September 15: PICAL Community Garden, 119 Settlement Road, Cowes

Monday October 20: Oswin Roberts Reserve, Harbison Road, Rhyll.

For more information phone Froney 0438 592 305

And a reminder for some, your annual fees are due.



It's that time of year!
MEMBERSHIP TIME!

Annual Membership - \$40 for Adults

Junior Membership is only \$20

1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026

Pay to: Arts Society Phillip Island Region Inc.

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Membership Enquiries to Gay Mosby - 0425728323

Want to Join - www.aspir.org.au - for registration forms