

## Bulletin No. 120 May 2025

### Greetings from Bronwyn, ASPIR President

What a wonderful April we have had at the Creative Arts Station!

The Council has returned the Historic Mural by John Adam to the community, which is now proudly displayed on our exterior brick wall. Council supplied afternoon tea for the CAS groups' members, it was wonderful to put faces to people I had previously only communicated with on line. It was lovely to have John Adam there as well, who is about to turn 90 years of age, to talk about the Mural and his life of Art. We are hoping to get a lovely garden growing along the wall soon.

All sessions have been busy with an influx of new members to our group. Facebook and Instagram posts are very active thanks to Lisa McLure. Please make sure you like our page or follow our Instagram. Please share the page with your friends to let everyone know about ASPIR.

The Lino Printing Workshop with Susan Hall was a great success and a lot of fun was had by all that attended. We are holding a Macramé Workshop with Anita on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Be sure to book in early as the spaces are filling fast!

The ASPIR Easter Art Exhibition has come and gone so fast this Month.... the whirlwind of organisation was once again handled superbly by Gay Mosby, ASPIR Committee, their partners, and members, for the 5 days of being open.

The Opening Night was great fun and lovely to see so many members and friends turn up for the presentations. Sue Jarvis was a wonderful judge and there were many happy winners on the night! The results are in this Bulletin. Shirley put on a lovely spread for the event.

Many thanks goes to our Sponsors which include ASPIR members and families. Local businesses supported the raffle, thanks to the committee for arranging these connections. Setting up and pulling down was as usual tiring and can be stressful, but it all went as planned. Thank you to all those wonderful members who displayed their work over the Easter Weekend, where would be without you all? I would also like to thank Joe La Pira for the use of his lovely artwork for our advertising this year.

Shirley Collins, our Vice President and Workshop organiser, has recently taken a tumble. On behalf of the committee and members we wish her a fast-healing process!

I have spent the last couple of months getting over joint reconstruction, but I am back driving again this week! Yay! New thumb joint and new knee.... still a lot of healing to be done but at least I can get back to making things again!

If you're looking for something else to do in your spare time, please consider putting your hand up to become a committee member at the next AGM. They say that more people make less work.... I am a great believer in this.... help our ASPIR community! We will be looking for a Treasurer and Membership Officer, which will give Gay more time to concentrate on our Major Events.

Warm regards  
Bronwyn Pratt

# ASPIR Exhibition Easter 2025.. the results



THE BEST BODY OF WORK, giving the winner a week's exhibition at Clay & Co, judged and presented by Kaz Morton, was won by **Karen Allen**. Karen also received \$200 to assist with her preparations for the exhibition. This was sponsored by ASPIR member, Di Spencer



Sue Jarvis was the Judge for the ASPIR Easter Exhibition



BEST SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AWARD  
-\$500 Sponsor - Westernport Water,  
Presented by Katrina Knight  
Winner – **Sian Adnam** - "Unearthed 2"  
(Katrina Knight, Sue Jarvis & Bronwyn Pratt in the photo with Sian's work)



HIGHLY COMMENDED  
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT AWARD  
\$150 Sponsor- Island Sports Clinic  
Presented by Michael O'Connor  
Winner- **Deborah Wearne** "the Heat is on"



## BEST TEXTILE &/OR WEARABLE ART \$500

Sponsors – Turn the Page & Island Helicopters

Presented by Sue Jarvis (Judge)

Winner- **Norma Stack-Robinson** - "Tea Bag Kimono"



HIGHLY COMMENDED TEXTILE &/OR WEARABLE ART  
\$150. Sponsor – Ladasha Jewellery & Janita Shelton in photo  
Winner – **Juliette Rennie** - "Forest Floor at Dusk"



BEST PAINTING \$500  
Sponsor- Phillip Island R.S.L.  
Presented by Michael Crump

Winner: **Bronwyn Owen**  
"Babsy's Floral"







**HIGHLY COMMENDED PAINTING \$150**  
Sponsor – In Memory of Rita Hatch  
Presented by Jo Hatch  
Winner **Lisa McLure** – “Isle of Wight”



**BEST OTHER MEDIUM --\$500**  
Sponsor – Chemmart Cowes  
Presented by Sue Jarvis (Judge)  
Winner – **Bruce Wearne** – “Timber Perspective”

**HIGHLY COMMENDED  
OTHER MEDIUM**  
\$150 Sponsor – Ear Mate  
Presented by Karen Allen

Winner - **Sheryl Stuart**  
“Tawny frogmouth”



**BEST IN SHOW \$1000**  
Sponsored by ASPIR members and friends  
Presented by Bronwyn Pratt  
Winner- **Carolyn Jane**  
“The Parched Landscape”



**PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD \$250 Voucher**  
supplied by Senior Art, Fine Art Supplies  
Winner – **Julie Beamish** “Treasure Island”

A big thank you to the Raffle donors, please support them:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize, a wonderful hamper from local suppliers:

Bass Strait Direct, Coffee & Co., Ember & Oak, The Wooli Tavern,  
Hilltop Farm, Island Pies, Jolly Lolly Trolley, Jim Lalor’s Boards,  
Mario’s Restaurant, Purple Hen Winery, Rusty Waters Brewery,  
My Seaside Café, The Store, Turn the Page Bookshop

2nd Prize, Painting by Christine Caldwell “The Pinnacles”

3rd Prize Flowers of Phillip Island \$100 Gift Voucher

Raffles won by Jessica, Tom, and Marian



***The next ASPIR workshop is all about***

# *Macramé*

**Saturday 31st May, 10am to 2pm**

Creative Arts Station,  
119 Settlement Road, Cowes.

(Note please enter the ASPIR rooms via the back door.)

Our instructor, Anita, has been making and teaching Macramé since the 1980's.  
Anita encourages individuality.

First we will learn the basic knots that all designs are based on. Once learnt there are so many projects to be made.



If making a hanging basket bring along a bowl or pot.

If you prefer to make a wall hanging, bring a piece of dowel.

Bring some macramé cord, perhaps 5mm. X 100mtrs.

(Macramé cord is available at the discount shop next to the Post Office in Cowes.)

Anita will have instruction sheets & a few other materials to practice on.

Book with Shirley by text message 0410 584 025

Cost \$50 members, \$80 non-members, visitors welcome

Payment by Direct Deposit to:

Account name: ASPIR

BSB 633 000

Account Number: 142 291 616

Reference: Surname & macramé workshop