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Dear ASPIR member,

Welcome everyone.

ASPIR is soon to be at the **Creative Arts Station**, at 119 Settlement Road in Cowes where we will be part of an arts Collective along with The Art & Craft Gallery, Boomerang Bags, and PICES.



The benching and shelving have all been installed.

The next two important stages are the insulation of the roof (September) and the building of end panels in front of a roller door front and back, to allow ventilation, natural light and access for those attending our programs. This will be done late October. Both these projects are the subject of some Grant applications to assist and cannot be commenced until a decision is handed down. Fingers crossed.

Good news is that the Portraits Session next Tuesday 13th August at 9.30 will be held at the Creative Arts Station. You will need to rug up though. Phone Gay 0425 728 323. By the way if you have a friend or neighbour who would like to sit, there is a small gratuity paid.

It will be thirty years in October since ASPI first became incorporated. Your ASPIR committee is planning a special event for all members in mid-November.

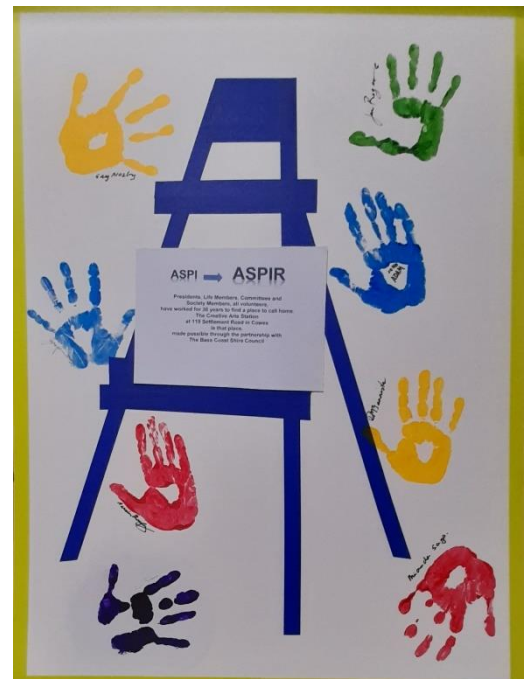
It has also taken 30 years to find a home. There is much to celebrate. A poster has been made with handprints of past Presidents and Life Members which will be on display.

The wording is as follows

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Presidents, Life Members, Committees and Society Members, all volunteers, have worked for 30 years to find a place to call home.

The Creative Arts Station at 119 Settlement Road in Cowes is that place, made possible through the partnership with The Bass Coast Shire Council



If you have a chance, check out the informal exhibition by ASPIR members at the Inverloch Hub. It is always good to have a new audience, and the busy Hub provides that.

Plans are underway for the Cup Weekend Exhibition at Berninnet. Bass Coast Shire will provide Tech staff to implement the lighting system and it promises to be a splendid event.

Workshops

Thanks to Kaz Morton of Clay & Co who ran a wonderful ceramic workshop for ASPIR. It was well attended and we are all looking forward to seeing the final products once glazed and fired. It looked a bit like a Beanie festival to start. Thanks to Shirley for bringing a boxful of hats to keep us warm.



Ibis Writers

At the Vietnam Veterans' Museum Tuesday September 3 Contact Robbo 0407 24 00 24

Life Drawing

Suitable for all levels of skill, these are untutored sessions with a model. Meeting from 9.30 to 12.30 on the first Mondays 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.

These sessions will continue at the Rotary Community room until our space is fully insulated and can keep everyone warm.

Next Session September 2. Note: if wishing to attend please contact Jacki 0405 721 303

Textile Art Group



This wonderful mural made by the Textile Art Group and many members of the community was presented to the Bass Coast Shire Council for the 150-year celebrations for Phillip Island. It is a massive 5 metres by 3 metres. Council is organising to display this work as part of the ASPIR Exhibition at Cup Weekend

The next sessions for TAG will be Saturday 7 & 21 September. Venue to be advised

Contact Shirley for details 0410 584 025

Appraise and Connect

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 session July 17
Contact Marian 0430 274 666

Portraits

This will be the first session at ASPIR at the Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Road Cowes. The entrance is at the back door next to the roller doors. So rug up and 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 August 13. Contact Gay 0425 728 323

En Plein Air

With the weather warming up this group will meet on September 16 at the San Remo Back Beach. Meet on the beach, parking is available near the Beachfront (Foreshore) Caravan Park
This group provides an informal session where artists meet in the local landscape to paint or draw.

Members' News

Jillian Mitchell is showing at Ladder Art Space until August 31.
Finding Ethereal Beauty is the title of the exhibition
4/81 Denmark Street, Kew, 7 to 31 August

Marian Quigley represented by Sol Gallery will have works exhibited at Melbourne's Affordable Art Fair, Melbourne's Royal Exhibition Building August 29 – September 1.

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