

Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Rd, Cowes

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Dear ASPIR member,

Exciting times ahead with the upcoming Cup Weekend Exhibition, Workshops and the AGM.

### 2025 ASPIR Cup Weekend Exhibition

Introducing our judge, Denise Keele-bedford



Denise is an Australian artist based at the Stony Creek Studio.

Between 2005 and 2019 she maintained a work studio at Huanghua Studio in Beijing China. In 2020 she transferred the studio to Warrandyte.

Denise continues to participate in group and invitational exhibitions. A major influence on her art practice is history, being a combination of long and short-term collective events, rituals, or personal memories.

Denise utilises a wide variety of media. She is passionate about installation, print making and recycling preloved items, her

installations, site-specific works, and individual artworks include materials such as textiles, paper, organic elements, found objects, ceramic, glass, and marble.

International artist residencies, exhibition curatorship and cultural exchange projects have extensively broadened her career.

Denise has had major solo, invitational and group exhibitions in Australia and China, and multiple Commissions, Awards and Residencies around the world.

This and more information from Denise's website <https://stonycreekstudio.art/>

- Entries and Entry fees are due on Wednesday October 22.
- Please indicate on the entry form if you are able to assist during the Exhibition.
- Note: Delivery of works to Berninnet Wednesday October 29 from 4 to 6 pm.
- Exhibition will be hung on Thursday 30 and will be open from 10 am on Friday 31.
- Presentation of Awards on Friday evening October 31 from 7pm.
- Collection of Works: Tuesday 4 November 3-4pm OR Wednesday 5 from 9.30 to 1pm.  
Please ensure works are collected at these times.

## Annual General Meeting

Sunday November 9 from 2pm at the ASPIR room at The Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Road, Cowes.

Please come and catch up with other members, hear about all that has been happening, and enjoy some hospitality.

Would you consider joining the committee? ASPIR welcomes new ideas and energies.

## WEB Site [aspir.org.au](http://aspir.org.au)

Artists and writers who would like to have a presence on the web pages are invited to send a short contribution about themselves or their art practice (about 50 words), contact details (optional), and a high-res photo of work, or of themselves. Have a look at the web page to see what others have done. Send to [aspirarts@gmail.com](mailto:aspirarts@gmail.com)

## Workshops

The Gel Plate Printing workshop with Susan Hall on Saturday October 18 is fully booked. Those attending need to allow some extra time to get there as traffic will be a bit congested. Remember to pack your lunch.

The Landscape Painting full day workshop in oils or acrylic with artist Ben Winspear on Saturday October 25 is also booked out.

Ben is conducting an extra workshop on Thursday November 20. There may be a place available. Check with Shirley as soon as possible, 0410 584 025  
Alternatively leave your details with Shirley for 2026

## ASPIR Activities

### Ibis Writers

Ibis Writers meets in the Meeting Room at the Vietnam Vets Museum in Newhaven. Because of the clash with Cup Day the November meeting has been moved to the second Tuesday.

Next Meeting: November 11, 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: November 11 Contact Gay 0425 728 323

## Life Drawing

Life Drawing is taking a break in November

Contact Jacki 0405 721 303

## 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 October 23 and November 13 and 27

## 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: November 19 \$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 8 & 22 November.

Contact Shirley for more information 0410 584 025

## En Plein Air

These outdoor painting days are on the Third Monday each month.

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

Monday October 20: Rhyll Jetty Precinct, Rhyll. (Note change of venue)

November Monday 17 In the garden of Miranda & Albert's home, 1 Ocean Grove, San Remo

For more information phone Froney 0438 592 305