

Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Road, Cowes

## June 2026 Bulletin No. 126

Dear ASPIR Members,

I am putting together the Bulletin for June 2026 as acting President, after the resignation of Bronwyn Pratt for health reasons.

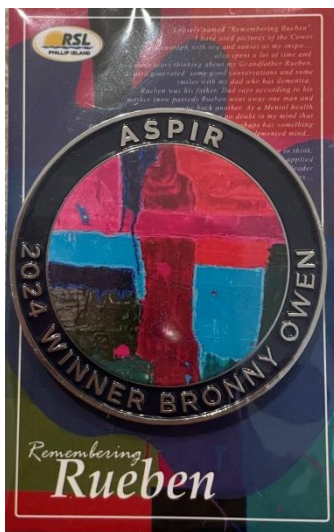
It gives me much pleasure to bring you up to date with all the ASPIR news.

Sit down with a cuppa and enjoy the read,

Warmly, Shirley Collins

ASPIR's membership continues to grow & our space at The Creative Art Space is being utilised more, with Workshops & an increase across all groups.

There has been a lot happening behind the scenes that I think you all may be interested in.



At last year's Easter Weekend Art Show, Bronwyn Owen won Best Painting and in conjunction with the RSL was asked to design a medal honouring her grandfather Reuben who was an War Veteran. Last week the RSL had a function to present her with the medal.

Bronwyn writes "This painting has given the gift of space to think, and some inspiration, not only to paint, but to do some consultancy work as a Clinical Leader Mental Health with Veterans Affairs. Congratulations Bronny.



The Lighten Up Theatre Group presented a risqué production of "Stiff" with our Membership Officer & talented Textile artist Juliette Rennie starring. Many ASPIR members enjoyed the frivolity. Amazing what different talents our members have. Well done Juliette, what fun.

The Watercolour weekly workshops with Julie Goldspink are proving to be very productive with only 3 weeks left.

Julie will be returning with another weekend workshop, see below.



## Dates for your diaries

### Christmas in July

Jan our social, Social Secretary would like to hold gatherings 4 times a year for all our members starting with **"Christmas in July"** on Sunday 19th at our rooms from 2pm. Bring along a small plate to share & enjoy in a mulled wine to warm the cockles of your heart, especially brewed by your talented Treasurer Gay. Come and join in the fun and meet our fabulous members.

### Annual General Meeting

The Arts Society Phillip Island Region (ASPIR) will be holding the Annual General Meeting at the Creative Arts Station 119 Settlement Road Cowes on Sunday July 26 2026 at 2pm. Please find attached the Nomination Form for all Office Bearer Positions and Ordinary Members.

## WORKSHOPS

### Ben Winspear Masterclass

#### 3 day Oil Painting Workshop.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, June

10am to 4pm daily

#### Only a few places left.

Cost is \$295

Contact Shirley Collins 0410 584 025 to register and for the materials list.



### Julie Goldspink 2 day Workshop

#### Watercolour on Canvas with a Floral theme

Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 4pm at the Creative Arts Station, 119 Settlement Road, Cowes.

Bookings are essential \$150 per person

Minimum numbers apply.

Register with Shirley 0410 584 025

Materials List on Registration



# *ASPIR Sessions*

## **APPRAISE & CONNECT**

This is always a great opportunity to bring along a project to discuss or get inspiration and ideas. Contact Marian 0430 274 666

## **EN PLEIN AIR**

Numbers vary a lot, but there was a great turnout in April at Miranda's garden. May, was at the amazing Churchill Island with so many inspiring subjects it's so hard to choose. George and his carer were a hit. PLEIN Air is now in recession for winter

Contact Fronie 0438 592 305

## **IBIS WRITERS**

This group meets at The Vietnam Veterans Museum on the first Tuesday of the month in the Meeting Room at 1pm. Plans are afoot later in the year to coordinate with artists to interpret the poems & writings of Ibis Writers as artworks to exhibit. It has been suggested that this becomes part of the Festival of Stories Weekend 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Berninnet. To be confirmed.

Contact Robbo 0407 240 024

## **LIFE DRAWING**

Sessions are extremely busy & bookings are essential. Their meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 9.30-12.00. There is a small fee to cover the cost of the Model, bring along your own materials. This month they were able to acquire a new model & from the look of some of their sketches it was a very successful session.

Contact Jacki Hood 0405 721 303

## **PORTRAITS**

A popular session held on the second Tuesday every month 9.30-12.30 & bookings are essential. A small fee to cover the cost of the sitter. Bring your own materials whether it be drawing or painting.

Contact Gay 0425 728 323

## **TEXTILES ART GROUP**

Another lively group that meets every 2nd Saturday each month. They cover most genres, using different techniques & fibres.

Contact Shirley 0410 584 025