

Bulletin Issue No. 112 June 2024

Dear ASPIR member,

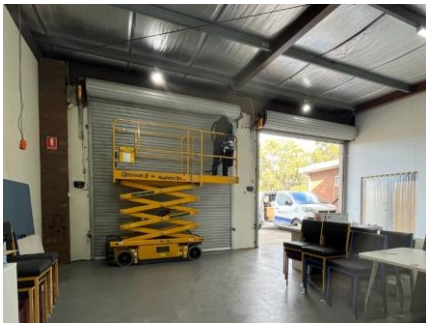
Welcome everyone.

I am happy to let you know we are just weeks away from having access to our first permanent space for ASPIR activities.

To be known as the **Creative Arts Station**, at 116 Settlement Road in Cowes, we will be part of an arts Collective along with Boomerang Bags, The Art & Craft Gallery and PICES.

In preparation, Joe, Sharon and Holly laboured long and hard to clean and paint the floor, then ASPIR had a builder to clad the exposed internal brick wall with timber & paint and some power points added.

To make the space more amenable Bass Coast Shire has had the four large roller doors insulated by Insulation Garage Door Melbourne. The results are amazing with the added benefits of the elimination of draughts and a bright reflective surface.



We are now waiting to have some donated benching, shelving and cupboards installed and will advise when we can commence holding our activities there.

Bass Coast Shire is seeking design suggestions for the signage for the Creative Arts Station. Please send through your ideas before June 23rd so that we can forward them to the Collective committee.

By the way, do you have a spare fridge that you would be happy to donate to ASPIR? We need a standard rather than a bar sized fridge. Drop us a line or message 0400 927 076 if you can help.

Looking for a volunteer

Are you confident in using Facebook or other social media? Could you learn how to do occasional updates to a website? At ASPIR we have an amazing membership base and we know there is someone out there who has the skills we need to help us. We will soon be launching a new website and we need someone to help create a new Facebook page and occasionally update it and the website. We think it would average about 1 hour per month. Are you able to help? Please send me an email. We know there is so much more we could do to keep our members connected and up to date with events, we just need a digital native who can take it all in their stride. Thanks.

Renewal of Membership notices have gone out for 2024-25 and many have already paid. I will attach another copy of the notice in case you need it.

Following are details of our activities. Hope you can participate,

Best wishes,

Miranda and your committee

ASPIR Workshops, Sessions & upcoming Exhibition

Workshops

The Mug Making WORKSHOP new date Saturday July 20.

We are excited to be holding our next workshop at Clay & Co with a fun Mug Making Session on Saturday 20th July from 10am to 12 noon. Thanks to Kaz Morton of Clay & Co who is giving ASPIR members a special rate. Absolutely everything is provided including the firing of your finished item. You will be playing with clay, making a mug for coffee, beverage, or for that winter soup. If a mug is not your thing, then make a small hand-built vase or bowl. \$50 per person for ASPIR members and \$80 for friends and family. It is essential to book your place with Shirley by phone or text 0410 584 025



The Hebel Workshop in April produced some great results with Di Bannister providing the inspiration, guidance and studio space.



Sessions

Ibis Writers

The June meeting of Ibis Writers was attended by 10 people: Jane F, Jane R, Joy, John, Robbo, Maggie, Ajanta, Lorrie, and two new members, Leeston and Leanne. Welcome!

The anniversaries noted were the death of Giacomo Casanova and the birth of Elizabeth Jolley. Members read from a wide variety of works in progress including an extract from a novel, reflections on recent experiences and on life in general, and a pantomime.

The next meeting will be on July 2 at 1:00 pm in the Vietnam Veterans Museum's meeting room. Jane F has agreed to convene it. 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.

Next session July 1. Note: if wishing to attend please contact Jacki 0405 721 303

Textile Art Group

TAG recently presented PICAL with a wall hanging depicting all that is Phillip Island. This was specially created by members of the Textile Art Group to thank PICAL for providing the group with meeting spaces over the years. The wall hanging is on display at the Centre.



Pictured with David Rooks, PICAL Manager, are TAG members who worked on the wall hanging are Lyn, Joan, Nerida, Shirley, Chris & Barb.

Absent contributors are Shirley, Anabel, Anne Marie and Norma

In other news, Annie, Fiona, Shirley & Teresa went to Sale to see the Annemeike Mein Retrospective Textile Exhibition. They were absolutely amazed at the detail at every step, from observation, to drawings, cataloguing, samples of paints, threads & materials, just to get to the beginning of making such wonderful creations. Well worth the trip.



Congratulations to Deb Wearne who won the Textile Best in Show at the Pakenham Art Show for her piece "Everything Old is New Again"

Thanks to Heather for her work as Convenor of TAG who has had to step down due to work commitments.

Work continues with the TAG Progressive Cushion covers.

Next meeting will be Saturday 22nd June.

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

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 July 9.
Contact Gay 0425 728 323

En Plein Air

This group provides an informal session where artists meet in the local landscape to paint or draw. This group is in recess for July and August.

Exhibition for ASPIR members

You are invited to participate in our next exhibition to be held at
The Inverloch Community Hub foyer for the month of August.

The exhibition will be titled
'ASPIRe, Works by Members of the Arts Society Phillip Island Region Inc.'

This is an opportunity to share work with a different audience.

Works may have been shown previously.

Full details will be circulated soon

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