



GLEN EIRA ARTISTS SOCIETY

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From the past Secretary – Mary Lewin

This is to let you know that after a long involvement in the affairs of GEAS I decided to retire from active roles.

I have been involved in the affairs of the Society since I joined in November 2015, during which I immersed myself in almost every aspect of the running of the Society, and endeavoured to achieve good outcomes. As a member of the Committee, I promoted our activities widely, convinced the Committee of the need to promote GEAS more professionally, and championed the introduction of art awards.

During my tenure – especially as the Membership Officer – I made many friends in GEAS, and also built a network of contacts in the art world. I now look forward to focusing on my creative rather than the organisational side, producing art rather than charts.

Finally, I leave secure in the knowledge that GEAS has the required talent to build on past achievements and make the Society stronger.

Activity Reports

Studio Art – Although participation in Studio Art was low prior to the exhibition, the activity remained cost neutral. The situation has improved with new members now attending this activity.

Life Drawing – Following the resignation of Rob Gudan effective from 30 June 2024 as convener of Life Drawing, the Committee decided to discontinue this activity. It was not an easy decision as it was our only evening activity. But as attendance levels plummeted, the income generated was not sufficient to justify its existence.

Art and About – Regrettably, we are still trying to identify a willing member to assume the role of Convenor. It is not an onerous task to organise a couple of art related outings in a year. We hope that one of you will step forward and help in revitalising what was a much liked activity.

Portraiture – The monthly Portraiture sessions continue to be popular, with high participation levels.

Share your art – We recently introduced this new activity where members have the opportunity to show their artworks in a convivial environment, with the view to demonstrate and obtain feedback.

Member Profile – Jyl Bell

Jyl was introduced to GEAS by Ancita Beale who tutors at U3A. She joined the Society only a couple of years ago, and immediately immersed herself in its activities, assuming a key role as Treasurer. She recently also helped to organise the newly created “Share Your Art” activity.



Jyl was born in England, and was two years old when her family arrived in Australia in 1954 as a “£10 POM”. She lived in North Bondi (Sydney) until 2011 when she and her husband moved to Melbourne to be close to their two daughters and grandsons.

She has no formal qualifications in art and admits that she failed art at high school. She started painting in 2019 following the death of her husband. She is good at copying artworks, and prefers to work with acrylic paints. Her artworks are versatile and reveal strong Realism and Impressionism influences. They also reveal a deep love for art and an innate understanding of the importance of composition, subject and colour.

She is an organiser par excellence as her career record attests: 6 years as a travel agent; 25 years in the computer software industry working for Cerner Corporation (an American company based in Kansas City, Missouri). Her roles included: building laboratory expert systems; training users; project management; account management and managing the Australian Customer Support Office. She was the first director for this company appointed outside of the USA.

Jyl is now on the committee of the St. Kilda Red Hats group (<https://redhatsociety.com/about-us>) – an international organisation that promotes and encourages women to lead full and meaningful lives. She is also involved with Story Dogs, an organisation that encourages children to learn and enjoy reading (<https://www.storydogs.org.au>). In addition, she is an Assistant Tutor for a Hebrew Conversation class at U3A. Then on Wednesday nights she works online as a volunteer with disadvantaged children in Israel called “Click and Connect” teaching them English.

The things that she likes to do in her spare time are: movies, theatre, gardening, driving anywhere, and

entertaining – she is truly an excellent hostess. Her pet hates are ironing and unpacking – whether it be groceries, a dishwasher, or after a trip!

Governance and Administration

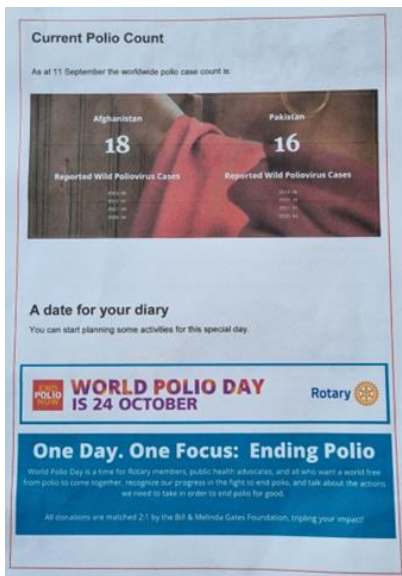
Website

Our website is regularly updated to reflect ongoing changes. We acknowledge and thank Peter Rocella and Melissa Parkinson for their site maintenance work.

Attention new members – please check the Website gallery that features some members' artworks. For more information about the online gallery and how to take advantage of this opportunity, members should send an email to Melissa Parkinson missyinthedia@gmail.com.

World Polio Day

RCC donated \$1000 sponsoring Mary Lewin for participating in the World Polio Day Walkathon. Mary walked 10km daily during October – something that she does anyway as part of her daily exercise routine.



Cityscape 2024

The annual Cityscape event was held on 27 October, at Koornang Road, Carnegie.



Carnegie Library and community centre – Angeline Bartholomeusz

New Members

We welcome Anna Blay and Julia Wu, our new members and wish them a long and creative association with the Society.

AGM 2024 results

The following members were elected to the Committee following the recent AGM.

Statutory members

President: Andrew Inglis
Vice President: Melissa Parkinson
Treasurer: Jyl Bell
Secretary: Heather Welsh

Ordinary members

Angeline Bartholomeusz
Merv Ritter
Peter Rocella
Gillian Scofield

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