

# Toowoomba Art Society Newsletter

## December 2022

### Last exhibition for 2022



### President's Report

The recent volunteer's lunch was a lovely occasion. It was great to see everyone sharing delicious food, sipping on a drink, and genuinely enjoying each other's company. TAS would not be able to run without the countless hours of time given by some of our members. I hope the lunch was in some way a gesture of our appreciation.

I am very saddened that Allan has had to step down from the Board despite his best efforts to obtain a Director's ID Number. I daresay a bureaucrat somewhere would be able to explain the need for such a thing, and I am sure we are not the only organisation that is affected; however, it is frustrating that we have been impacted.

Thank you, Allan for the years you have spent on the Board and the enormous contribution you have made!

I have collected a carload of paper from Max Caesar. (Thank you very much Max!) It is currently stored in the plan drawers in the office and is available for use by any member of the Society. Max has more to donate but unfortunately I haven't had the time to go out and collect it.

**Amanda Digweed**

**PS News Flash!** Long-time stalwart volunteer Catriona Fitzgerald has stepped up to the plate temporarily to make up Board numbers to ensure we can still operate effectively. Thank you so much Cat for making this commitment on top of everything else you do for and at TAS.

**Did you know that Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December was International Volunteers Day? This year the theme was 'solidarity through volunteering'. Thank you & a heavy pat on the back to our small band of volunteers! We look forward to your ongoing support in 2023.**

**WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES & TAS FRIENDS NEAR & FAR, A VERY HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING & HEARING FROM YOU IN 2023.**





### THE 45 X 45 CANVASES HAVE ARRIVED!

Our annual 45x45 exhibition will be held in April next year. This exhibition is open to all members and is unselected. You can enter one work providing:

- 1) that you use a 45X45cm canvas purchased from TAS for **\$20 cash**
- 2) that it be unframed and ready to hang when completed.

We will give you further details in the new year. If you'd like to participate, come in and buy a canvas.

**NB** Office hours will be irregular over the holiday period, so please call TAS on 4632 5725 before you come in to ensure that someone will be in the office. The office will be closed from 20 Dec 2022 to 8 January 2023.



### Vale Joan Chessher

A love of drawing, first discovered in childhood, was put on hold until Joan's retirement. It was then that her husband and grown children presented her with oil paints and brushes. Winning a Highly Commended at the Rosalie Shire Art Show encouraged Joan to persist.

Experimenting with acrylics and mixed media unlocked for her the excitement of colour. She joined the Tuesday Group at TAS in 2005 and participated in local art shows & exhibitions including the Crows Nest Regional Gallery, TAS and Murray's Art Exhibition where she won 1<sup>st</sup> prize recently.

She is sadly missed by her many friends at TAS.

**R.I.P Joan.**



The Saturday Printmakers hosted a wood engraving workshop by renowned printmaker David Frazer on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th October 2022.

Participants spent Saturday viewing David's impressive works (which include both prints & artist books) and learning about the technique by exploring various mark making techniques with the tools provided. Across the two days participants produced a test block exploring pattern/texture, as well as designing, transferring, and engraving their final wood engraved print.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

This month we are delighted to extend a warm welcome to new member **William Yates**. We hope you enjoy your experience at TAS and that you make full use of our many facilities and friendly atmosphere. Keep up to date with our Newsletters, web page - [toowoombaartsociety.com.au](http://toowoombaartsociety.com.au) - Facebook page - TAS - Toowoomba Art Society - as well as the noticeboard & printed materials in the corridor.

N.B. It is extremely important that if you pay for membership online using direct deposit, please forward Confirmation of payment/bank transfer that you receive from the bank to [twba1godsall@gmail.com](mailto:twba1godsall@gmail.com)

If you do not receive a receipt or membership card in the mail, it is most likely your payment could not be identified.

## 2023 Exhibition Dates

DATES	CULLIFORD GALLERY	PERINET GALLERY
31 <sup>st</sup> January – 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Amanda Digweed & Noelle Hodges	Robyn O'Sullivan
28 <sup>th</sup> February – 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Ros Cranch, Betty Searle, Eddie Gunn, Jacqui Rahley	TAS Still Life Painting Group
28 <sup>th</sup> March – 30 <sup>th</sup> April	45X45 Members Autumn Exhibition	45X45 Members Autumn Exhibition
2 <sup>nd</sup> May – 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Catherine Ketton & Sabine Kehoe	Katy Woods & Rich Allen
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Artists Books and Fibreworks	Mike Grice
27 <sup>th</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> July	The Genesis Art Group	Jenny Burgess, Jo Eagle, Hilary Fogerty and Noelle Hodges
1 <sup>st</sup> August – 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Escape Artists	Children's Art
29 <sup>th</sup> August – 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Annual Spring Exhibition	Annual Spring Exhibition
3 <sup>rd</sup> October – 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Colleen Gardener	Megan Seydel
31 <sup>st</sup> October – 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Tuesday Morning Group	Gilly Carroll and Advanced Students



### THANK YOU

TAS would like to thank Gary & Margaret Natalier for their generous donations of these two paintings recently. We're not sure yet if they will be retained for our collection, sold or raffled.



### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Members are invited to submit news items and images which may be of interest to TAS members as well as local art organisations & communities. Articles may be published or modified at TAS's discretion.

Please email with attachments - text as a **Word document** & photos as **JPEG images** to [leeperinet@gmail.com](mailto:leeperinet@gmail.com)

**Deadline for February 2023 Newsletter – 5pm Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

# WATERCOLOUR CLASSES TERM 1 2023 WITH BRUCE N. GRIFFITHS



## WATERCOLOUR BEGINNINGS

Learn with Bruce's tried & tested Watercolour Beginnings classes for Term 1 at Studio 1, **TOOWOOMBA ART SOCIETY**; *for those starting & those who want refreshing*". You will receive lively, refreshed curriculum designed to quicken your art journey in watercolours. Bruce is a recent grand Champion of Paintings (Toowoomba Royal Show 2022), passionate about watercolour & ready to share his tips, enthusiasm, skills & techniques. Attending workshops & classes will quicken your journey."

Maintaining 2022 fees & offering discount for the full 9 week period! But be quick as class numbers will be limited due to Covid restrictions.

*"I offer revamped workshop curriculum & images each term."*

**A recommended materials list provided & certificate of completion at end of course.** Bruce has worked with world leaders in watercolour & will share techniques & tips to master this exciting medium. After 20 years of crafting his style & direction, multiple prize credits, 16 solo exhibitions & numerous joint exhibitions, it is time to share to take you to the next level. This will lead into Term 2 Progressive level course should you desire.

**This term is 4 hours per day. From 8.30am—12.30**

Pay daily rate \$45.00 OR upfront 9 week discounted sum \$360.00



**Week 1 - 27th JAN to Week 9 - 23rd MAR 2023**

**BRUCE GRIFFITHS WATERCOLOURS**

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Photos from Bruce's  
Term 4 class break up.



Whilst atop a cherry picker to trim dangerous dead branches from trees near the front entrance to TAS, sharp-eyed nature-loving Council worker, James, spotted this almost invisible family of tawny frogmouths – 3 babies & 1 adult. He also took a few photos looking down Godsall St towards town.



CHILDREN'S ART  
Stitching on hessian

