

Toowoomba Art Society NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

Welcome to this month's edition: We have exciting exhibitions coming up and new members joining our society. This issue includes key dates, inspiring works, and congratulates some of our members achievements.



Exhibitions

24th March – 26th April

Culliford Gallery – 'Square'
– TAS Members

Perinet Gallery – 'Small Works'
– Colleen Gardener

Official opening 28th March at 2pm



Dates to Remember

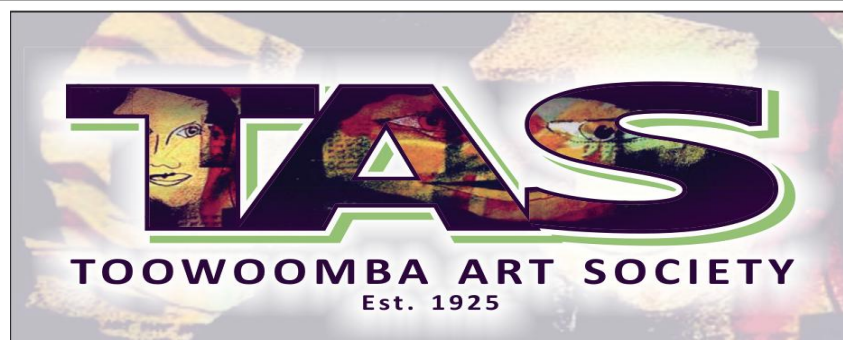
3rd – 6th April Easter (Office closed)

26th April Collect Artworks from 2-4pm

27th April Hanging Day

28th April Opening of next exhibition (Page 4)

2nd May Official opening at 2pm



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March

I attended the Creative Industries Forum in mid-March and spent a most enjoyable and informative morning listening to some inspirational speakers and discussing how we might make Toowoomba a more livable city. The focus was on linking the creative industries with other events and activities in Toowoomba.

Afterwards I reflected on how TAS could link with key events in Toowoomba and two possibilities occurred to me. We enjoy extra visitors at TAS during the members' exhibition in September, perhaps we could capitalise on that, and offer some refreshments at the weekends. The second opportunity might be in December when the Christmas lights are switched on in Queens Park. We usually close the gallery at 2pm but we may attract visitors if we offered twilight viewing and maybe a maker's market.

If there are any members who would like to be part of either a 'September Committee' or a 'December Committee' to drive these ideas forward please email our Office Manager, Anita.

The March exhibitions are fine examples of the talent in TAS. "What is IT is Watt" in the Culliford Gallery and curated by Peter Fitzpatrick is a collection of sophisticated contemporary works, and "Books and Baskets" in the Perinet Gallery is a delightful collection of small skillfully worked 3D pieces.

"The White Rabbit: a Journey into the Unknown" is a brilliant exhibition of white textiles from the Darling Downs Textile Art Group who meet fortnightly at TAS. The Rosalie Gallery in Goombungee is an excellent venue for these skillfully executed gems. You have until 12th April to catch this exhibition.

Heather Sullivan has been sharing her process on two Monday mornings this month. Heather generously shared her approach to her beautiful acrylics. This was a free demonstration for members. Make sure you check the noticeboard for any upcoming opportunities. If you have some skills you could share, Monday morning is often available. Check with Office Manager, Anita, if you would like to run a mini workshop.

Catherine Ketton
President

"Art washes away from the soul
the dust of everyday life"

-Pablo Picasso

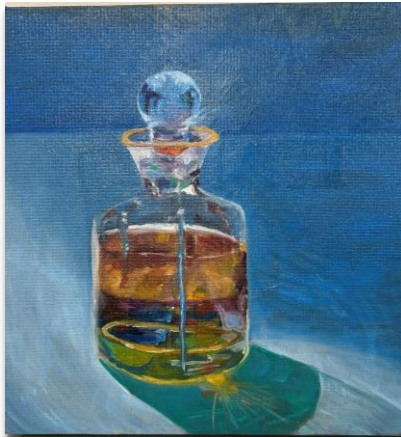




Pinnacle by Bernadette Stubbings



Yellow Robin by Diane Spearritt



A Taste of Contemplation by Andy McKie



Meditate by Angela Hart

Culliford Gallery

WELCOME EVERYONE!! TO
THE

SQUARE Exhibition

in The Culliford Gallery

By members of the:
Toowoomba Art Society

Exhibition Dates

24th March – 26th April

Official opening time 2pm

Sat 28th March 2026

View the exhibition online at:

<https://toowoombaartsociety.com.au>

Free entry. All welcome. Works for sale. Eftpos available.



Ladies in Red by Colleen Gardener



Poppies by Colleen Gardener



Rouge Royale by Colleen Gardener



Still life with Hydrangeas by Colleen Gardener

Perinet Gallery

TOOWOOMBA ART SOCIETY

invites you to the Perinet Gallery

Small Works



Colleen Gardener

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at 2pm

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Welcome New Members

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to new members: Kate Brown, Denise Chard (returning member), Anette Coward, Jenny Hartley, Sarah Hood, Robyn Kirley, Bill Morton (returning Member), Giles Murfin, Rosa Rother, Lyn Slipper.

We hope you enjoy your experience at TAS and that you make full use of our many facilities and friendly atmosphere.

You may also keep up to date with our web page – toowoombaartsociety.com.au and -Facebook page. We also have a noticeboard & printed materials in our 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

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

Monthly Newsletter Contributions

Members are invited to submit news items and images which may be of interest to TAS members & local art organisations & communities at the discretion of the Editor.

Please email text in a Word document & photos as JPEG images as ATTACHMENTS to twba1godsall@gmail.com

Items for February newsletter are due by **17th of April.**

For Your Information

Board meetings are usually held in Studio 2 from 1.30pm on the 3rd Friday of the month.

The next Board meeting will be from 1.30pm on **17th April.**

Please check your Membership Fees

Adult \$60

Pensioner/Student \$40

Family \$75

Business/Institution \$80

Payment may be made at TAS (cash or card) or direct deposit.



Thank you to everyone
who helped out at the
cleaning Extravaganza!!





'What is IT is Watt'
&
'Books and Baskets'

Everyone enjoyed the exhibitions and it was a wonderfully well - attended opening.



Upcoming Exhibitions

APRIL: 28th April – 24th May Official Opening 2nd May @ 2pm

Culliford Gallery – 'Light Fantastic' – Rosemary Williamson

Perinet Gallery - 'Vonsing – A Little Bit Eclectic' – Jaye Singleton and Liz Vonhoff



Bruce Griffiths Term 1

Intermediate last day class photo. A few away but a Still Life subject was a great final day. Now cleared away, we look forward to the commencement of Term 2 -

8-week Beginners course.

Starts 24th of March

NEW ART & MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

Thursday
evenings:
23 April
30 April
7 May

5.30pm to
7.30pm

Toowoomba Art
Society
1 Godsall Street
Toowoomba

Cost: \$150 for
three sessions

To book your place
contact
ImmersionArts
Trish Davis
0429 326 066

Slow down, breathe out, and reconnect with your creative self in this gentle three-part series blending mindfulness and expressive painting. Each Thursday evening, you will be guided through calming practices and beginner-friendly art techniques designed to help you unwind and explore colour with confidence.

What's Included:

- A short guided mindfulness practice to settle the body and mind
- Step-by-step painting guidance on techniques
- All material provided, just bring yourself and a willingness to play
- A welcome space for beginners and curious creatives alike

ALANA WILKIE'S
6 WEEK ALL LEVELS DRAWING COURSE
TOOWOOMBA ART SOCIETY

PORTRAITURE DRAWING COURSE

8TH APRIL - 13TH MAY
WEDNESDAY'S 6.30 - 8.30PM

TO BOOK EMAIL:
alanawilkieartist@gmail.com

0415470425

\$300

A few of our members selected in
Milan's Urbino in Acquerello!
TAS standing out in the world.

Urbino In Acquerello 2026 Australian Artists Congratulation

Alan Louise
Bruce Griffiths
Colleen Helmore
Donna Chess
Heather Stewart
Robyn Croad
Sandi Lear
Sharon Wilkinson



Congratulations Cindy McDonald

at Bell Art Show 2026 –
Grand Champion for Two Does (Two Does)
Reserve Champion for I Matter (True story about a homeless man)
1st TRC Little Whispers (My Granddaughter Belle meeting my
cockatiel Mintie for the first time)



Congratulations Bruce Griffiths

Honourable Mention - 11TH
FLOWERS International Juried Art Competition
2026 -



'SEASONS' by Bruce Griffiths

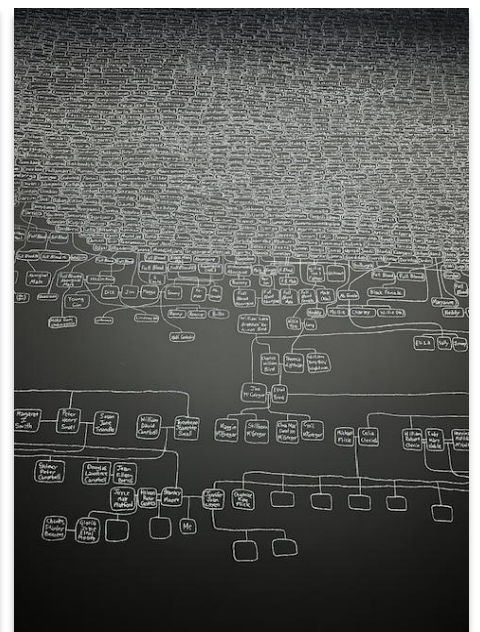
GOMA Bus Trip



Bus trip 4th March 2026

A very foggy morning leaving picnic point to travel to GOMA organised by Peggy. We had a full 22-seater bus and arrived at the art galleries about 9.20am, time for most of us to enjoy some morning tea/coffee. There were some wonderful exhibitions- Picasso's drawings, The God of Small things, Australian artists John Russell, Russell Drysdale etc.

The butterflies all over the walls/windows were also spectacular. GOMA had an illumination on show, Olafur Eliasson Presence and Archie Moore "Kith and Kin" plus plenty more. Some of us had lunch at the cafe and enjoyed watching children on "The Big Hose" playground near the river. The weather was perfect! A great day out was enjoyed by us all.



!!! Date Claimer !!!

Toowoomba Plein Air Artist of the Year Painting Competition

Date: 28.11.2026

Time 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Announcement of Winners in the afternoon at the Toowoomba Art Society

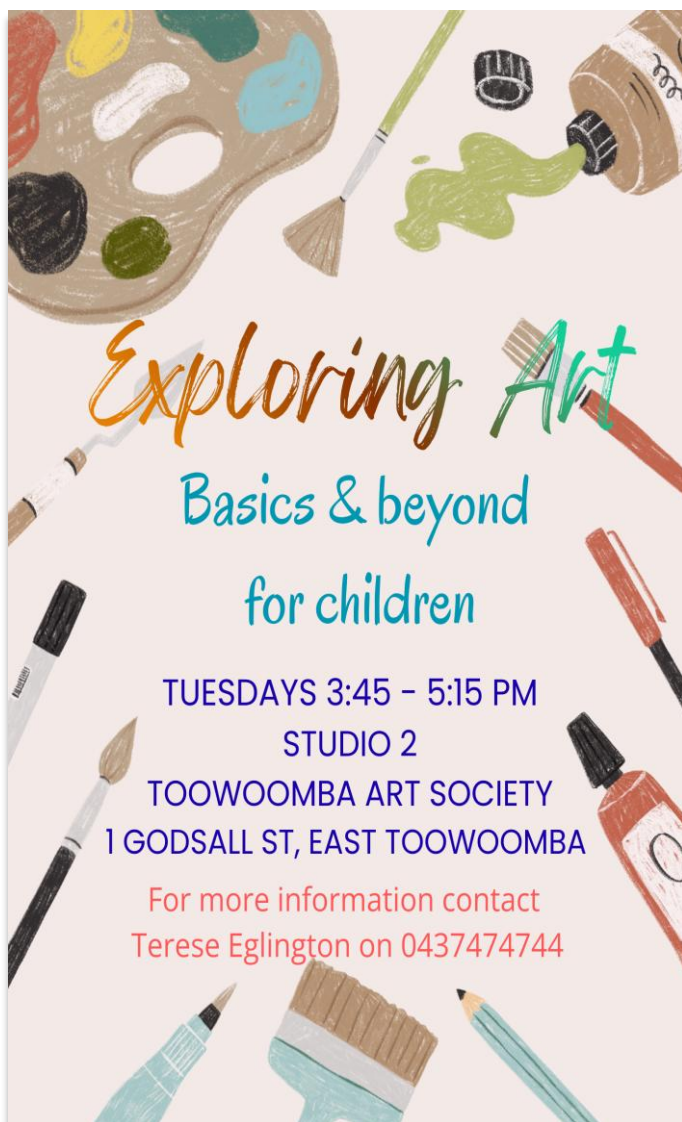
This open Plein Air competition welcomes artists of all levels.

An independent guest judge from outside Toowoomba will be judging the winners of both events.

1. Best Landscape / Plein Air Painting of the Competition Day (Prize Money)
2. Best Plein Air Work from the Group (Annual Award)

(Entry forms will be available soon)

*Join our group for monthly paint outs and updates:
Facebook group: Plein Air Artist Toowoomba and Region*



A poster for children's art classes. It features a light pink background with various art supplies like paintbrushes, a palette, and tubes of paint. The text is in a mix of colors and fonts.

Exploring Art
Basics & beyond
for children

TUESDAYS 3:45 – 5:15 PM
STUDIO 2
TOOWOOMBA ART SOCIETY
1 GODSALL ST, EAST TOOWOOMBA

For more information contact
Terese Eglington on 0437474744



A poster for children's art classes at the Toowoomba Art Society. It has a colorful, abstract background with circular icons showing different art projects. The text is in a mix of colors and fonts.

Toowoomba Art Society

Embossing on foil, painting, sculpture with Polymer clay, fantasy drawings, clay work, embroidery on hessian & lots more!

Children's Classes
with Miss Gilly

Activities for ages 7-15 years
9-week term starts in conjunction with the school term
1 Godsall Street, East Toowoomba
beside Queens Park Botanical Gardens

Thursday:
3:45 – 5pm

Saturday:
9:30 – 10:45am
11:15 – 12:30pm
1:00 – 2:45pm

Classes limited to 12 students
Students are given a wide range of achievable creative activities involving diverse media & skills
Please contact Miss Gilly for more information
bookings on 0402174683
gilly@ccpetmotel.com

WATERCOLOUR CLASSES

2026 TERM 2 WITH

BRUCE N.GRIFFITHS



WATERCOLOUR BEGINNINGS

Learn with Bruce's tried & tested Watercolour Beginnings classes for Term 2 at Studio 1, **TOOWOOMBA ART SOCIETY**; *for those starting & those who want refreshing*". You will receive lively, refreshed curriculum designed to quicken your watercolour journey. Bruce has worked with world leaders in watercolour, is a Runner Up Professional Section WSQ 2025, a finalist International Art Show Hungary, winner Watercolour section Toowoomba Royal Show 2025, Grand Champion of Paintings (Toowoomba Royal Show both 2022 & 2023), CQU graduate, and Artist in Residence Falls Ck, and passionate about watercolour & ready to share skills & enthusiasm to master this exciting medium. He has now 24 years of crafting his style & direction, multiple prize credits, 21 solo exhibitions & numerous joint exhibitions, it's time to share his love of watercolour.. Attending workshops & classes will quicken your journey. This will lead into Term 3 Intermediate level course should you desire.

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

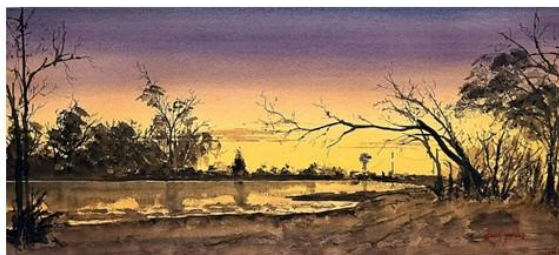
Note: we continue to discount for the artist! Spaces limited.

A recommended materials list provided & certificate of completion at end of course.

Tuesday afternoon From 12.30pm—4.00pm

PLUS an evening class for those that work

Duplicate night class From 5.00pm—8.30pm



Week 1 - 24th MAR to Week 8 - 12th MAY 2026

BRUCE GRIFFITHS WATERCOLOURS

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