

Toowoomba Art Society NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

We are excited to invite you to the upcoming exhibition in our Culliford Gallery, celebrating the collective vision of one of our groups the 'Artists Books & Fibre Works'. Meanwhile, the Perinet Gallery is showcasing a powerful collaboration of two of our members, Peggy and Rhonda. Together these two exhibitions explore the beauty of artistic partnership and shared inspiration – a must-see for our community this month!

Exhibitions

26th May – 21st June

Culliford Gallery - 'Look & See'
– Artists' Books & Fibre Works Group

Perinet Gallery - 'Frivolous Quotes' –
Peggy Vanderplas and Rhonda Jenner

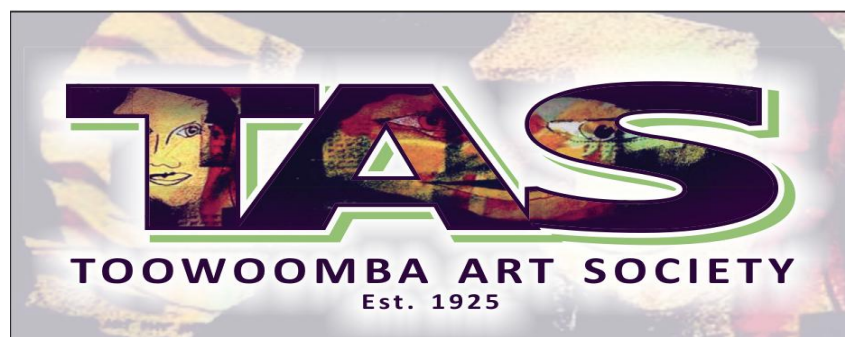
Official opening 30nd May at 2pm

Dates to Remember

22nd June - Hanging Day

23rd June - Opening – Line of Symmetry,
Beneath the Skin, Flowers from Saturn
and Mix it Up

27th June - Official opening at 2pm



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May

I'm delighted to say that after the AGM we now have nine board members, the maximum number allowed by our constitution. Kurt Timmins and Ian Hay were re-elected after previously stepping down. Our constitution states that three members of the board need to step down each year. This year Kurt, Ian and Lee Perinet stepped down. Kurt will continue as Treasurer and Ian will continue on the Budget and Finance Committee. Lee was thanked at the AGM for her many years of hard work and her considerable contribution. Lee continues to take an interest in board activities.

Other TAS members newly elected to the board are Robynne (Charlie) Charlton and Margaret Capp. Congratulations to you both and welcome to the board. Continuing members are myself, Catherine Ketton (President), Lisa McInerney (Secretary), Catriona Fitzgerald, Deidre Rutherford and Shama Morris.

We took the opportunity at the AGM to make Kurt Timmins a Life Member. Kurt has made an invaluable contribution to our society, not only in his role as Treasurer but as mentor to new board members, as well as being the go-to person whenever there's a problem.

We farewelled our long-standing Patron, Sue Englart, at the AGM. She is currently travelling so not in attendance. We will, therefore, seek an opportunity later in the year to acknowledge her nearly thirty years of service.

I'm delighted to say Councillor Trevor Manteufel is to become our new patron. Trevor will already be known to many of you. He is a regular at Board Meetings and Exhibition Openings.

FUTURE FOCUS

I announced at the AGM an intention to form a focus group to look at the needs, priorities and aspirations of TAS into the future. Where do we see ourselves in five or ten years time? The focus group will initially meet on the afternoon of Saturday, June 20th, and we will exchange ideas about how we see the Society moving forward. Some of the attendees at the AGM indicated their interest in belonging to such a group. If there are other members who would like to be part of the discussion please let Anita, our Office Manager, know and I'll send you more details. If you are unable to attend such a meeting but you have ideas which you would like us to consider then please make a written submission and head it, 'Attention Catherine Ketton'.

Catherine Ketton
President

"Creativity is contagious, pass it on."

– Albert Einstein





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Culliford Gallery

TOOWOOMBA ART SOCIETY
invites you to the Culliford Gallery

Look & See

Artists' Books & Fibre Works Group

Exhibition dates
26th May – 21st June

Official opening: 2pm, 30th May

View the exhibition online at:
[www.https://toowoombaartsociety.com.au](https://toowoombaartsociety.com.au)

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



Life turns on moments by Peggy Vanderplas



Empty Vessels, Makes the most noise by Rhonda Jenner

Perinet Gallery

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Frivolous Quotes

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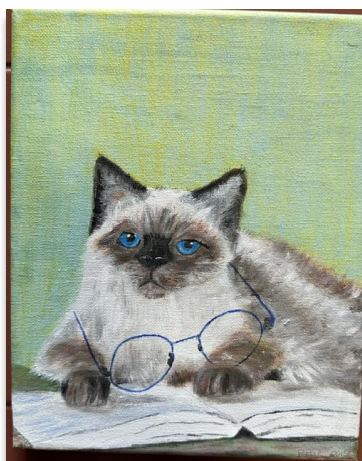
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Hoo Gives a Hoot by Rhonda Jenner



What's new pussycat by Peggy Vanderplas



Welcome New Members

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to new members: Vic Farrell, Leonie Kliese and Barbara Manuel.

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 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

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, and 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 June newsletter are due by **19th of June**.

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 the 19th June.

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.

Congratulations:

Bella Reynolds

**Winner of the
Life Drawing
Klimt Quilt Raffle**

Member Safety Reminder:

Following a recent incident near the Art Society, we would like to remind members to prioritise their own safety if they encounter behaviour that feels threatening, aggressive or unpredictable.

If a person is making threats, damaging property, behaving aggressively, or appears to pose an immediate risk to themselves or others, please move to a safe location and call 000 for assistance.

If there is no immediate danger but you have ongoing concerns about safety around the premises, please notify staff or a committee member so the incident can be documented and appropriate advice can be sought.



We had a lovely opening of the 'Light Fantastic' and 'Vonsing' Exhibitions. Everyone who attended was delighted with the beautiful works on display.



UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

JUNE: 23rd June – 26th July Official Opening 27th June @ 2pm

Culliford Gallery

- 'Line of Symmetry' – Lauren Jackson
- 'Beneath the Skin' – Sandra Miiller
- 'Flowers from Saturn' – Alana Wilkie

Perinet Gallery

- 'Mix it Up' – Catherine Ketton

Congratulations TAS members!

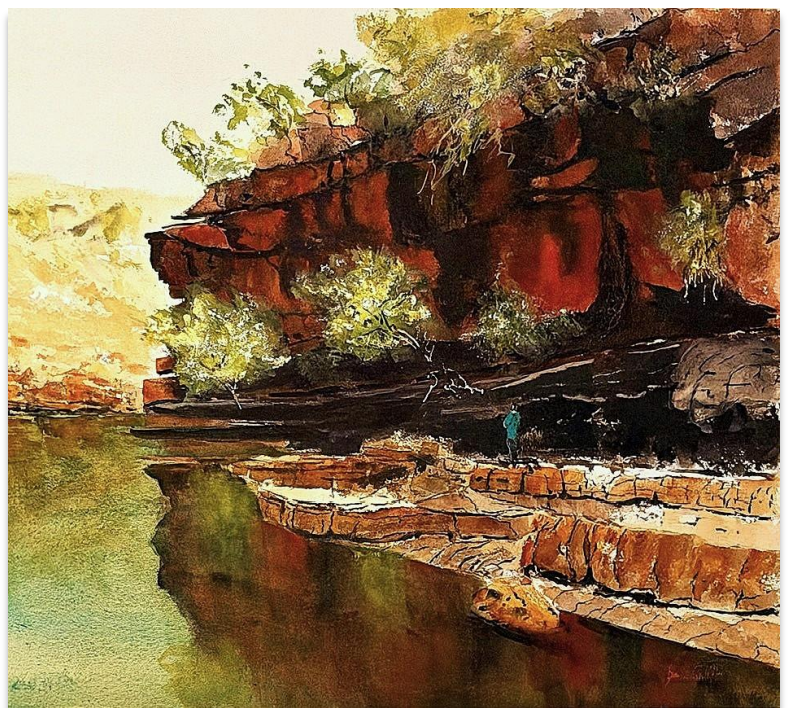
This painting was awarded 2nd prize in the annual Rochester Mural Comp in Victoria. It was by TAS member Kerry Nicholson. The mural measuring 2100mmX 4800mm was painted in Acrylic.



By Kerry Nicholson



At the recent AGM. Kurt Timmins, our Treasurer received Life Membership at TAS. Thank you Kurt. We appreciate your many years of contributing to the success of TAS.



'Kimberly Perfection' by Bruce Griffiths

52x58 watercolour on paper

Bruce's entry is a finalist in Landscape, The Doyles Art Award 2026



Expression of Interest

Our TAS Library is most thankful for the generous donation of art books and magazines by members and the community in general. We currently provide a wide variety of topics for members to borrow that may assist them with their art explorations and/or expand their knowledge on the history of art, art techniques and media, as well as an extensive book collection of well-known artists.

My role as a library volunteer is to acknowledge the donor, catalogue all donated books and cull those books where there are two or more of the same book or are damaged in need of repair. All culled books and magazines are then made available to members and the public for a donation to TAS, during our annual art market.

I have enjoyed my role as library volunteer for many years. However, the time has come for me to scale down my commitments and, as such, I would appreciate a volunteer who is willing to take on this role. You may even consider sharing this role if preferred.

Please contact the office on 4632 5725 or email: twba1godsall@gmail.com to express your interest in taking on this role. As well, I am available at TAS on Tuesday mornings from 9am-12md to provide an induction for interested persons.

I thank you for your consideration toward becoming a TAS library volunteer. Dianne Spanswick

!!! 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)

TAS Bus Trip

Bus trip to Warwick
Wednesday, 22 July 2026.
Leave - 8 am,
sports grounds corner of
Ruthven/Spring streets
Toowoomba
Return - leave Warwick
@ 4 pm
\$50 TAS member
\$55 non-member

Please Text Peggy if
you are interested:
0409601952



The 2026 Jumpers and Jazz in July festival in Warwick, Queensland, will take place from **July 16 to July 26, 2026**. This 10-day winter festival features over 100 events, including renowned tree yarnbombing, live jazz music in pubs, markets, and workshops. It is held annually over two main weekends in late July.



A lovely image to bring
a Smile ...

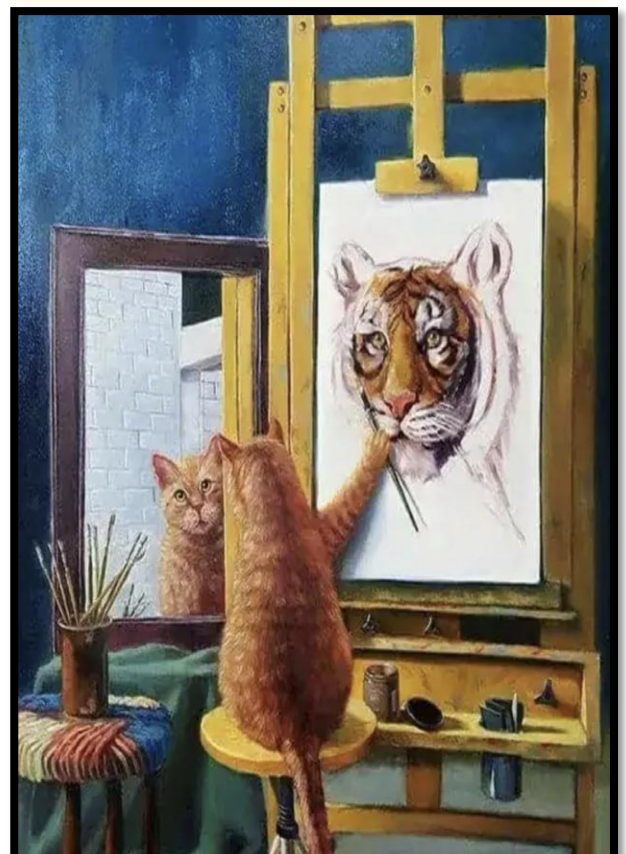
Alana Wilkie's
6 WEEK ALL LEVELS DRAWING COURSE
TOOWOOMBA ART SOCIETY

**PORTRAITURE
DRAWING
COURSE**

27TH MAY - 1ST JULY
WEDNESDAY'S 6.30 - 8.30PM

TO BOOK EMAIL:
alanawilkieartist@gmail.com

\$300



AGM 2026 PHOTOS:



The Annual General Meeting at the Toowoomba Art Society was a resounding success, highlighting a year of truly exceptional achievements.

The gathering formally welcomed the new board members and thanked those who have generously given their time over the past year.

Thank you to everyone who attended and continues to support our vibrant art community.

The event concluded on a high note with the exciting drawing of the Klimt Quilt raffle.



WATERCOLOUR CLASSES 2026 TERM 3 with BRUCE N. GRIFFITHS



WATERCOLOUR PROGRESSIVE/INTERMEDIATE

Studio 1, **TOOWOOMBA ART SOCIETY;**

“for those completed beginners, those with brush mileage and advanced students seeking tips & techniques to take them to the next level.”

You will explore the natural beauty of Australia real & imagined. Expect to be challenged and to have fun. **We aim to complete a painting each session!**

- **Three times Toowoomba Royal Show Grand Champion of Paintings '22, '23 & '26.**
- **Selected artist World Wide Art Books 2026**
- **Winning Finalist 3rd International Budapest Art Show 2025**
- **International Juried Art 11th Flowers 2026 (Hon. Men)**
- **Representative Milan's Urbino in Acquerello 2026**
- **Runner Up Professional Section Watercolour Society Qld 2025**
- **Toowoomba Royal Show 2nd Watercolour 26 & 1st Watercolour 25.**
- **Artist in Residence Falls Creek 2025. CQU graduate, & past McGregor & AOTB tutor, prize-winning artist, exhibitor & sought after for commissions & workshops.**
- **Long term watercolour tutor (32 terms) & member of Toowoomba Art Society. Member of Watercolour Society Qld & Vic.**

Bruce is passionate about watercolour & ready to share skills & enthusiasm to master this exciting medium. He has now 24 years of crafting his direction & style, 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.” Learn what it takes to add emotional content to a scene through instruction and constructive critique, and how to put your personal stamp on the work. Expect to cover a range of subjects from simple compositions of seascapes, landscapes, street scenes, sea & country all. We will work through the “4 Pillars of Watercolour”.

Students receive personal attention. Practical painting demos, your own painting time & assistance hands off & hands on as you require. Simplify & loosen up your watercolours. **Advanced curriculum & new images, a stimulus to an exciting class not to be missed.** Recommended materials list will be provided.

Tuesday afternoon From 12.30pm—4.00pm

Tuesday evening From 5.00pm—8.30pm

Tue Wk 1 - 19th MAY to Wk 8 - 14th JUL 2026

BRUCE GRIFFITHS WATERCOLOURS

www.brucegriffithswatercolours.com.au

brucengriffiths@yahoo.com.au 0403 346229



Chequered History Toowoomba Photographic Society

20 May – 21 June 2026

Crows Nest Gallery

New England Highway and William St
Crows Nest QLD 4355
P 07 4698 1687
E crowsnestart@tr.qld.gov.au
tr.qld.gov.au/crowsnestgallery
@trartgalleries

Free Admission

Gallery Hours

Open Wed to Sun 10.30am-3.30pm
Closed Mon, Tues & public holidays

ARTISTS IN CONVERSATION

Two Sessions - Bookings Essential

11am and 1pm Sunday 24 May 2026

Toowoomba Photographic Society

