

SHOALHAVEN ART SOCIETY INC.



ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday 17 February 2025, 5.37 pm
Venue: Nowra Library Meeting Room

1. Present

Ann Sudmalis, Keith Dewell, Julie Carter, Anne Gardner, Stephen Connolly, Anne Norman, Kelvin Taylor (Chair), Gen Partridge (Minute Taker), Philip Miles, Abbey Giles, James Wei, John Brassil, Anne Fry, Col Darley, Cindy Florence, Emma Veiga-Malta, Xi Chen

2. Apologies

Roslyn Wilson, Debra Quartararo, Carol Davies

3. Approval of previous minutes

Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting held 20 January 2025 were approved.

4. New Horizons Exhibition Youth Prize

The Art Society awarded prizes to the New Horizons exhibition. Kelvin Taylor presented the prizes (2 X \$100 First and 4 X \$50 Highly Commended, including complimentary membership) at the opening at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery (SRG) on the weekend. Ann Sudmalis and Alison Stewart co-judged. Both Ann and Kelvin praised all the works in exhibition.

5. Treasurers Report

Refer to AGM minutes for report.

6. Communications update

Deb Q had successfully tested the use of the square payment system instead of PayPal in the online membership form. Noted some of our members had difficulty submitting the online form as they didn't have PayPal.

7. Membership Items

a. Membership Report

As at the day of the meeting, there were 99 members of which 95 were adult and 4 youth. 79 members had renewed, 7 were new and 5 had cancelled their membership.

Noted that in 2024 approximately 30 new members had joined to participate in Vineyard Vibes and the OAE.

b. Membership drive

Deferred to next meeting

8. Workshops

The report regarding Phil Miles "Painting Trees and Grass" on Saturday 15 February 2025 was distributed. Those on the Committee who attended commented that they learnt a lot and enjoyed the session. Anne Fry advised she was awaiting Deb Q's return to issue a Survey Monkey questionnaire to the attendees and would report the results next meeting.

Anne Fry advised Keith Dewell was running a frame and mounts workshop on 15th March, whilst James Wei was running a charcoal workshop on 17th May.

Anne F and Ros Wilson were planning to meet before the next meeting to develop a list of workshops for the year.

9. 2025 Pyree Easter Sale Thursday 17 – Monday 21 April 2025

a. Pyree Hanging Committee call for volunteers

Col Darely noted that the use of easels rather than screens would require less heavy lifting and should take less time to set up. As a result, intake of art works on the Thursday 17th could start earlier than originally planned. Pull down of the exhibition was scheduled after the exhibition closed at 1 pm Monday 21st, and should finish around 2.30 pm.

Agreed:

Intake for art works at Pyree be scheduled between 10 am and 1pm, with no artworks accepted after 1 pm.

The following Committee members volunteered to be part of the Hanging Committee:

- Keith Dewell, Stephen Connolly, Col Darley, Kelvin Taylor, James Wei, Gen Partridge

A meeting of the Hanging Committee would be organised early March at Pyree to go over Col's layout of easels at the site and discuss signage and location of coffee van and entertainment platform.

The following Committee members volunteered to co-ordinate intake of art works:

- Ann Sudmalis, Julie Carter, Anne Gardner, Anne Norman, Anne Fry, Abbey Giles

b. Pyree 2025 Runsheet

The Pyree Runsheet was distributed with the agenda prior to the meeting.

- **Signage**

Action:

James Wei to change the dates on last years sign so it could be reused this year

Ann S advised shed had included funding for new banners for the Society in the "Celebrating Currarong, Jervis Bay and Shoalhaven" Create NSW Grant.

Agreed:

To organise "No dogs" and "No refunds" signs

Kelvin advised he would organise the A4 laminated signs promoting the sale.

Col Darley suggested a sign be placed on Forrest Road at Callala. Ann S suggested the vinyl Vineyard Vibes signs be repainted for that use.

Action:

Col and James to visit Forrest Road to identify where a sign could be set up and organise one.

c. MrMocha Coffee Van

MrMocha Coffee Van had been contracted for the event from Friday to Monday. The van would supply prewrapped food e.g. cookies. If daily sales were less than \$250 the Society would have to top up.

d. Opening 11 am Saturday 19th

"NukeM" had been booked at a cost of \$300. They had offered the use of their PA for the Opening. Kelvin had invited Patricia White, Fiona Phillips and Andrew Constance and a charity recipient representative. Still awaiting responses.

e. Responsibility for sales, raffle tickets and donations

In previous years the Treasurer was responsible for sales, raffle tickets and donations, and would turn up each day of the show to undertake associated tasks. As John was not available to do this, it was proposed that Committee members be rostered each day of the show to start up and shut down the payment phone, tally the daybook sales, and reconcile the raffle ticket and donation cash tins. John would organise training and handouts once the new pay phone was set up and in working order.

Commented that in previous years the public had wanted to purchase works prior 10 am, the official exhibition open time.

Gen P and Col had volunteered to open and close the hall, and to bring and take home the pay phone and cash tins each day of the exhibition. Kelvin and Ann S volunteered to back-up if required.

Agreed:

Committee members be rostered from 9.30 am each day of the exhibition and to start up and shut down the payment phone, tally the daybook sales, and reconcile the raffle ticket and donation cash tins.

10. Regional Gallery call for volunteers

Kelvin and Ann S to meet with Zanny Begg, the Director, SRG and report back at the next meeting.

11. 2024 Open Art Exhibition Brief Update

Kelvin reported that there had been no change since last meeting. Noted that SRG was moving towards holding multiple exhibitions at the same time, rather than one exhibition at a time.

Commented if the Society didn't commit to the shared exhibition, OAE and Shoalhaven Potters, at SRG in October it would be unlikely that the OAE would get a future exhibition time slot at the Gallery.

Kelvin proposed the Committee vote whether the shared OAE exhibition proceed in 2025.

The Committee unanimously voted by show of hands to accept the SRG proposal to hold a shared OAE and Shoalhaven Potters exhibition at SRG in October, and to accept the associated costs.

By deciding to hold the OAE at the Gallery the following issues need to be considered at future Committee meetings:

- Reduce number of entries per member from 3 to 2
- Rather than be an open exhibition exclude non-members (9 non-members in 2024)
- From the responses to the online membership form, members are interested exhibiting their works. Few noted interests in winning prizes. The prize money could be reduced and remainder of sponsorship monies used to pay for the exhibition
- Costs associated with exhibition would be shared with Shoalhaven Potters

Kelvin advised that arrangements with SRG regarding the OAE might change.

12. Grants Program Update**a. Currarong toilet block painting (circa \$4,000) alternative use of funds**

Ann S advised that the request to use the Create NSW grant originally for the Currarong toilet block for an alternative use had been successful. The monies would be now used for a new grant "Celebrating Currarong, Jervis Bay and Shoalhaven", with finalisation extended to the end of April 2025.

b. Future grant applications**Action:**

Kelvin to follow-up Create NSW grants available for future workshops

Agreed:**13. Property Update**

- **Premises Sub Committee update**

An email had been sent seeking members to join the Premises Sub Committee. The following members volunteered:

- Debra Q
- Julee Jones
- Ineke Brown

Responses had been emailed to Kelvin to convene the Sub-Committee.

- **Art Spaces Sub Committee**

Julie Carter had contacted the owner of the Common at Culburra who was enthusiastic for Society members to exhibit their works there. She noted sales would be handled by the Common staff, 15% commission and there was no need for members to sit at the exhibition.

Kelvin proposed an "Art Spaces Sub Committee" be formed to co-ordinate members exhibition of works at various venues that had expressed interest in exhibiting artworks eg Cambewarra Winery, The Common and Berry Garden.

Julie Carter volunteered to join the sub committee.

Action:

Gen Partridge send an email seeking members to join the Art Spaces Sub Committee.

14. Business without notice

A request had been received from Nowra Library seeking members to help facilitate a "Paint and Snack" session at the Library in Youth Week in April. Alison Stewart had expressed interest prior to the meeting.

Ann S and Anne G expressed interest in joining Alison. Noted more details about the session was required before committing.

15. Meeting close

Meeting closed at 6.40 pm

16. Next Meeting

Ordinary meetings are held on the third Monday of the month (apart from April) commencing at 5 pm as follows:

- 17th March 2025
- 14th April 2025
- 19th May 2025
- 16th June 2025
- 21st July 2025
- 18th August 2025
- 15th September 2025
- 20th October 2025
- 17th November 2025
- 15th December 2025

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 5 pm, Monday 17th March 2025 in the Nowra Library Meeting room.