

# SHOALHAVEN ART SOCIETY INC.



## ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday 16 December 2024, 5 pm  
Venue: Nowra Library Meeting Room

### 1. Present

Anne Gardner Kelvin Taylor (Chair), Gen Partridge (Minute Taker), Philip Miles, Abbey Giles, James Wei, Keith Dewell, Julie Carter, John Brassil, Anne Fry, Col Darley, Cindy Florence

### 2. Apologies

Ann Sudmalis, Roslyn Wilson, Debra Quartararo, Anne Norman

### 3. Approval of previous minutes

Minutes of the previous ordinary meeting held 25 November 2024 were approved.

### 4. Committee Update

#### a. Vacancies

##### i. Treasurer

Kelvin advised that John Brassil had agreed to take on the Treasurer's position from January 2025.

Kelvin nominated John to be a member of the committee.

#### Agreed:

#### To accept the nomination of John Brassil to the Committee

Ann Sudmalis, John and Kelvin would meet in January to handover and organise bank account signatories.

#### b. Date for Life Membership presentation to Ann Sudmalis and Col Darley

#### Agreed:

**Presentation of Life Membership to Ann S and Col Darely to occur at the AGM to be held 17 February 2025.**

## **5. Treasurers Report**

Kelvin provided a brief update regarding the current Society's bank balances. Balance of Bendigo Bank and IMB accounts approximately \$25,000 and \$4,000 in the grants account.

Phil commented that it was mandatory that a Treasurer's report be provided at Committee Meetings.

### **Action:**

**Consider increasing the number of bank account signatories from 2 to 4 at the AGM**

## **6. Communication update**

Kelvin spoke to the communication update provided by Debra Q.

- Xmas email via MailChimp

To be sent to members on Wednesday and to include President's Christmas message, raffle sales online, what's on, teaser for next year's workshops and link to pay membership for next year.

- Currently looking for a member to take on social media

- Storage of Society's documents on-line

Folders and documents held by the Secretary are being reorganized by function and redundant documents culled to be uploaded to Google Workspaces in the new year. Treasurer's documents to be handed over in January for upload. Aim to have all Society's documents in the cloud rather than on personal drives. Workshop Coordination to be included.

- SAS Phone

Phil Miles kindly donated a Samsung phone. Deb is currently arranging a 12-month plan with Amaysim for \$240, which includes unlimited calls and texts 200gig of data (which will data bank if unused). Payment will be made from the PayPal account. Next step is to approach the Society's existing banks to setup payment apps on the phone

Col advised three Committee members had not received documents from the Committee Meetings as they did not have computers, and one had no email address. Commented Committee documents were emailed to Judy Robson for her and her husband. Anne G noted that Col had originally agreed to pass on news from the Committee to Steven Connolly.

Anne G advised she had filing cabinets with the Society's old paper documents. Kelvin advised that providing the documents had no historical significance they could

be destroyed if greater than 7 years old. Phil suggested any historical documents could be given to the Nowra Historical Museum.

## **7. Membership Items**

### **a. Membership Report**

A new youth member joined since the last meeting bring the total to 139.

### **b. Membership drive**

Starting in 2025 we are planning to introduce a new member coffee chat. New members will be invited to a nearby location for an introductory chat where they can ask questions from 1 or 2 existing members.

Currently developing a strategy to increase public awareness of membership benefits. This will include linking with Shoalhaven Potters for their art/craft market, printing material and putting into prime locations, setting up links to other arts organizations and events

## **8. Workshops**

### **a. 2025 workshops update**

Anne Fry had sent a survey to people who had attended the workshops funded by Create NSW. Although responses were small those that responded were positive about the workshops conducted.

She provided the following feedback from the survey responses:

- Most rated the workshops and venues exceptional / near exceptional
- All rated the tutors knowledgeable, helpful and organised
- Future workshops they were interested in attending included colour and framing with Keith Dewell, oil, ink and acrylic

Phil Miles would be holding the first workshop in 2025. (Since finalised to be held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025 as a full day workshop, at Nowra Players.)

### **Agreed:**

**Cost of the full-day workshop \$80 - \$90 for members and \$90 - \$120 for non-members.**

## **9. 2024 Open Art Exhibition Brief Update**

### **• Raffle**

Kelvin advised that Shoalhaven Potters were keen to have SAS run a stall at it's monthly markets to promote the Art Society, sell raffle tickets and member's artworks. The stall cost \$25 per market and could be organised by contacting Michael Doherty at Shoalhaven Potters.

**Action:**

**Kelvin to follow-up with Ann S regarding our public liability insurance cover regarding a market stall at Pyree Potters to sell art and raffle ticket in lead up to Pyree Easter Art Sale**

- **OAE Update**

The Gallery had advised Kelvin that they wanted the SAS Annual Open Art Exhibition to be held in conjunction with the Shoalhaven Potters annual exhibition. Noted that amalgamating of both exhibitions would impact on the number and size of entries.

Kelvin advised that the SRG had organised a meeting with Shoalhaven Potters and himself later in the week to discuss.

Alternative venues for the OAE may need to be considered in the future.

Kelvin would organise another meeting with the SCC Mayor to discuss premises for the Society.

## **10. Grants Program Update**

### **a. Currarong toilet block painting (circa \$4,000) alternative use of funds**

No update.

### **b. Vineyard Vibes \$5,000 surplus due to cancellation of night performance at Dunn Lewis Centre**

The surplus from the grant had been transferred to Dunn Lewis Centre to organise another event.

### **c. Future grant applications**

**Action:**

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

## **11. Annual General Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

The Society requires a Social Media person to look after it's Facebook and Instagram, and website.

## **12. 2025 Pyree Easter Sale Thursday 17 – Monday 21 April 2025**

The owner of Pyree had advised that lighting in the hall had been improved.

Kelvin suggested that more volunteers were needed to be rostered for the daily set up and closing of the Hall over the period. Also, planning needed to include entertainment, and a food van as occurred last year.

### **13. Property Search Update**

Kelvin called for volunteers from the Committee to form a sub-committee (which he would chair) to investigate properties suitable for the Society.

Col Darley and Julie Carter volunteered.

#### **Action:**

**An email to be sent to members late January 2025 seeking volunteers to sit on the sub-committee.**

Commented that Council appears to be in process of selling vacant properties. Ann Sudmalis was still communicating with the local State Member, Liz Buttler, about renting the vacant police station at Huskisson under a peppercorn arrangement.

### **14. Meeting schedule 2025**

#### **Agreed to:**

**Schedule ordinary meetings of the Society on the third Monday of the month at 5 pm in 2025.**

### **15. Meeting close**

Meeting closed 5.55 pm.

### **16. Next Meeting**

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

- 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025
- 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025
- 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025
- 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025
- 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025
- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 5 pm Monday 20 January 2025 in the Nowra Library Meeting room.