



Art Connections

WAIKATO SOCIETY OF ARTS

PO Box 1018 Hamilton 3240 www.wsa.org.nz

Nga mihi o te Tau Hou (Happy New Year!)

Welcome to 2023 at the Waikato Society of Arts, we have a lot going on in this first half of the year. Our Executive are already back working on the Strategic Plan and Governance for the WSA and we are grateful for all the behind the scenes work they do for the Society. We will keep you updated with new ideas as they come to fruition. We are always on the lookout for new space as we continue to make the Waikato Society of Arts sustainable past this 89th year, since we started. Two new exhibitions have just opened, Te Ataahuatanga o Aotearoa at Mavis and co. Rototuna by Rachael Hayton and From Life at our blue gallery, on Anzac Parade, by a Collective of Life drawing and painting artists, curated by Gemma Reid. Both of these exhibitions look amazing! Thank you to Stuart Bridson for helping to hang the From Life exhibition at blue, we are very lucky to have such great skills being offered.



We currently have an art garage sale set up in Studio 3 upstairs at WSA if you are wanting some very cheap bargains for materials that have been kindly donated over the past year. So far we have raised over \$600 towards new equipment for our classes. Thank you to Paulette for pricing the hundreds of items and setting this all up. If you would like to donate to the WSA and our Art School we have an online Koha system through our website or you are always welcome to drop in with any good used art supplies and books for our library. If you would like to volunteer to organise our library at your leisure then please contact the office, we have a large range of books and are always looking for help in this area. If you have any bookshelves you no longer want, contact the office please.

We have our 3 annual awards open for entering in 2023. The NZ Painting and Printmaking entries close very soon, on February 8th, so please make sure you do not miss out. This exhibition is free to the public and will be held in April at the Verandah, Hamilton Lake. Don't forget to look into our Small Sculpture Award and National Youth Art Awards dates in this newsletter and on our website to enter. At the back of our newsletters you will find all the incredible sponsors that make these awards possible, please try to support their businesses as much as we receive support from them. If you would like to be involved in exhibition hanging, sitting at our upcoming exhibitions and awards, helping at Openings then please contact me at julie@wsa.org.nz, we have a lot to do in 2023. Even if you have not done this before, we can show you and it's also a great way to meet artists, members and students.

Our art classes have a huge selection to choose from and you need to enrol now so as not to be disappointed by the classes being full. We will have After Pay as another payment option very shortly. We have a team of skilled and talented tutors, with small class numbers that sets us apart from the influx of new art classes and workshops being advertised in the Waikato. If you would like low class numbers, workshops, great attention and professional tutors who have worked in their medium for many, many years then please check all this out on <https://wsa.org.nz/art-school/classes/>. Looking for space for meetings, not for profit groups wanting to hold an event and anything that might benefit small community groups, we may be able to help you, contact the WSA.

Ngaa mihi WSA Executive

Term 1 2023**Friday 10th February - Thursday 6th April (8 weeks)**

Term 1 classes are now available on our website for enrolments.

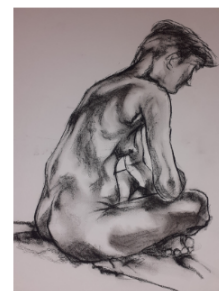
We have over 50 classes on offer in term 1, with some new classes available. Below are classes with spaces still available. To enrol go to **wsa.org.nz**

Mondays - start 13th Feb

Drawing and Painting the Body with different mediums
Ellie Lee-Duncan - **starts 27th Feb**

Children's Art 5 - 9 years
Paulette Bruns

Drawing for all levels - 16 years and over including adults
Dale Gilmore

**Tuesdays -start 14th Feb**

Beginners Adult Sketching 9.30am-11am
Hong Cumming

Adults Creative Writing Continuers - 9.30am-11.30am
Anya Gladstone-Gallagher

Experimental Printmaking - 9.30am-12pm
Caroline Peacocke

Adults Beginner Creative Writing - 12.30pm-2.30pm
Anya Gladstone-Gallagher

Creative Writing 8-12 years - 4pm-5.30pm
Anya Gladstone-Gallagher

Art for 10-14 years - 6pm-7.30pm
Rhiannon Jackson

Wednesdays - start 15th Feb

Art History - 9.30am-10.30am
Dale Gilmore

Watercolour - 9.30am-11.30am
Paulette Bruns

Acrylics as you like it - 9.30am-11.30am
Haydn Rive



Children's Art 5 - 9 years - 4pm-5.30pm
Josie Ward

Exciting Etching - Tutored - 5.30pm-8pm
Steph McLellan

Term 1 2023 Starts Friday 10th February - Thursday 6th April (8 weeks)

Term 1 classes are now available on our website for enrolments.

We have over 50 classes on offer in term 1, with some new classes available. Below are classes with spaces still available. To enrol go to wsa.org.nz

Thursdays - start 16th Feb

Drop In Open Art Class Untutored - 10am-12pm

Beginners Chalk Pastel - 9.30am-11.30am
Ellie Lee-Duncan

Calligraphy - 10am-12pm
Dale Gilmore

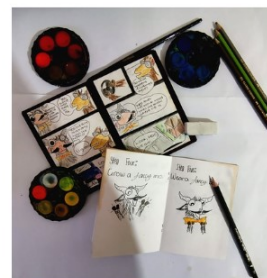
Intaglio Printmaking - 9.30am-11.30am
Gemma Reid

Painting Techniques - 12.30pm-2.30pm
Dale Gilmore

Comic Design 9-12 years - 4pm-5.30pm
Rhiannon Jackson

Teen Art 15-18 years - 4pm-5.30pm
Gemma Reid

Intro into Art History - 6.30pm-7.30pm
Ellie Lee-Duncan - **starts 2nd March**



Fridays - start 10th Feb

Art Taster - **starts 17th Feb**

Mixed Media Collage

Comic Design 5-8 years

Children's Art 5 - 9 years



Saturdays - start 11th Feb

Drawing for 8-12 years

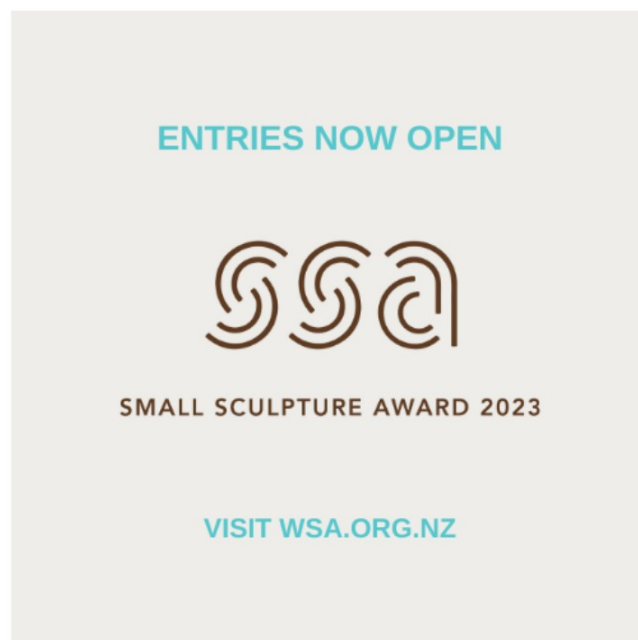
Explore Drawing

Children's Art 5 - 9 years

Colour Pencil Drawing and Sketching



Awards 2023



Exhibition

blue Gallery

Open Wednesday – Saturday 11.30am – 3.00pm

'From Life' - a group exhibition celebrating the tradition of life drawing.

Artworks by: Gemma Reid – Hong Cumming
 - Sandra Rodgers - Yuki Kondo – Kylie Fisher
 – Dominique Marriot - Eve Macfarlane



blue gallery -
 3 Anzac Parade, Hamilton

Gallery Events

Life-drawing with the Artists

Friday 3rd & 10th February

6.00 – 8.00pm

Join the artists at 'blue' for a 2 hour life
 drawing session

materials provided or byo

\$20 per person

Please note that this is an untutored session
 but there will be time to chat with the artists
 during the break

To book a place, or for more information please enquire via
julie@wsa.org.nz

Exhibition - Mavis & Co Cafe Rototuna

Te Ataahuatanga o Aotearoa by Rachael Hayton

An exhibition of images around Aotearoa – showing the beauty and diversity of our place. Media: pastel

Be sure to pop into Mavis and Co Rototuna to view Rachael's exhibition and enjoy a coffee and something delicious to eat.

26th January-28th March



Exhibition Opportunity

If you would like to have an exhibition at Mavis and co. Rototuna, in 2023, please contact Julie at julie@wsa.org.nz to discuss.

There is no hire fee and only 10% commission is taken on any sales. This is a good space for 8 x A3 sized pieces of works hung in a line as a guide. We have had some great sales. You also have the opportunity to have an opening, with catering organised through Chace and his team.

MAVIS AND CO

café • bar • bistro

Rototuna Shopping Centre
2/44 Horsham Downs Road

Obituary - WSA Life Member

Gillian Bigham (Gilly) Dawn (Harris)

Passed away peacefully on the early morning of Wednesday 28th December 2022 after battling a lengthy illness. Her best, most loyal friend and pillar of support, Jo Petrie was beside her holding her hand as she transitioned into the next realm.

Gilly leaves behind her loving son Antony, daughter in law Karen, three Granddaughters Jemma Marr, Samantha Martin and Mikayla Bigham and six beautiful Great Grandchildren. Gilly also leaves behind her Brother Michael Harris, and his supportive children Juliet, David and Mathew.

The family wish to sincerely thank Jo Petrie, John Turkington, and Annie Pegler for their love and huge support over the years. Also a special mention to the incredible Team at Cascades Rest Home Hamilton who looked after Gilly during the last 18 months.

TERM ONE 2023 – 8 weeks

Monday 13 th Feb – 3 rd April	Tuesday 14 th Feb – 4 th April	Wednesday 15 th Feb – 5 th April	Thursday 16 th Feb – 6 th April	Friday 10 th Feb – 31 st Mar	Saturday 11 th Feb – 1 st April
Adult Beginner Sketching Hong Cumming Studio 1 9.30am-11am \$215, members \$175	Watercolour Haydn Rive Studio 2 9.30am-11.30am \$245, members \$205	Painting & Drawing Techniques Nici Peacock Studio 2 9.30am-12pm \$270, members \$230	Open 'Drop In' Untutored Art Class Studio 1 10am-12pm \$15 per person, per session	Art Taster (Different mediums & tutors each week) Studio 1 (Starts 17 th Feb) 9.30am-12pm \$290, members \$250 (All materials Inc.)	Drawing for 8-12 years Emily Nicholson Studio 1 9.30am – 11.00am \$160 (All materials Inc.)
Untutored Painting Studio 2 9.30am-11.30am \$135, members \$95	Watercolour Haydn Rive Studio 2 9.30am-11.30am \$245, members \$205	Painting & Drawing Techniques Nici Peacock Studio 2 9.30am-12pm \$270, members \$230	Calligraphy Dale Gilmore Studio 2 10am-12pm \$245, members \$205 (All materials Inc.)	Watercolour Untutored Studio 2 9.30am-11.30am \$135, members \$95	
Watercolour Continuers Sue Burnett Studio 3 9.30am-12pm \$270, members \$230	Adults Creative Writing Anya Gladstone-Gallagher Studio 3 9.30am-11.30am \$200, members \$160	Art History Dale Gilmore Studio 3 9.30am-10.30am \$160, members \$120	Beginners Chalk Pastels Ellie Lee-Duncan Studio 3 9.30 – 11.30am \$245, members \$205	Mixed Media Collage Dabau Singh-Heer 10am – 12pm Studio 3 \$245, members \$195	Drawing & Painting 5-9 years Josie Ward Studio 3 9.30am – 11am \$160 (All materials Inc.)
Bare: Drawing & Painting the Body with different mediums (Starts 27 th Feb) Ellie Lee-Duncan 12.30pm-2.30pm Studio 2 \$220, members \$180	Experimental Printmaking Tutored Caroline Peacocke 9.30am – 12pm \$280, members \$240 Combined with Woodcuts Untutored 9.30am-12pm \$155, members \$115	Acrylics as you like it (Beginners & continuers) Haydn Rive Print room 9.30am-11.30am \$245, members \$205	Tutored Gemma Reid 9.30am – 12pm \$280, members \$240 Combined with Untutored Open Printmaking Class \$155, members \$115	Art Explorers 10-13 years Gemma Reid Print room 9.30am – 11am \$160 (All materials Inc.)	
Watercolour Beginner & Continuers Sue Burnett Studio 3 1pm-3.00pm \$245, members \$205	Beginners Adults Creative Writing Anya Gladstone-Gallagher Studio 3 12.30pm-2.30pm \$200, members \$160		Painting Techniques Dale Gilmore 12.30pm – 2.30pm Studio 2 \$245, members \$205	Non WSA Life Drawing Group - untutored Arranged through Igor FB Studio 2 12.30pm – 2.30pm	Late Morning Art 5-9 years Emily Nicholson Studio 1 11.30am-12.30pm \$110 (All materials Inc.)

TERM ONE 2023 – 8 weeks



Monday 13 th Feb – 3 rd April	Tuesday 14 th Feb – 4 th April	Wednesday 15 th Feb – 5 th April	Thursday 16 th Feb – 6 th April	Friday 10 th Feb – 31 st Mar	Saturday 11 th Feb – 1 st April
Children's Art 5-9 years Paulette Bruns Studio 1 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Art After School 5-9 years Rhannon Jackson Studio 1 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Children's Art 8-12 years Paulette Bruns Studio 1 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Children's Art 5-9 years Paulette Bruns Studio 1 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Comic Design 5-8 years Rhannon Jackson Studio 1 4pm – 5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	
Art 10-15 years Vivien Hendy Studio 2 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Exploring Art Techniques 8-13 years Vivien Hendy Studio 2 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Teenage Art Skills For 13-18 years Ellie Lee-Duncan Studio 2 4pm-6pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Exploring Art Techniques 8-13 years Vivien Hendy Studio 2 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)		
Drawing for all Levels 16 years+ including adults Dale Gilmore Studio 3 4pm-6pm \$245, members \$185	Creative Writing 8-12 years Anya Gladstone-Gallagher Studio 3 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Children's Art 5-9 years Josie Ward Studio 3 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Comic Design 9-12 years Rhannon Jackson Studio 3 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Children's Art 5-9 years Josie Ward Studio 3 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Explore Drawing 14+ including adults Gemma Reid Studio 3 12pm-2pm \$245, members \$205
	Teenagers Creative Writing 12-17 years Anya Gladstone-Gallagher Studio 3 5.30pm-7pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)		Teen art 15-18 years Gemma Reid Print studio 4.00 – 5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Art Explorers 8-12 years Gemma Reid Printroom 4pm-5.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)	Drawing with Colour Pencils 14+ including adults Gemma Reid Studio 3 2.30pm-4pm \$185, members \$145
	Art 10 – 14 years Rhannon Jackson Studio 1 6pm-7.30pm \$160 (All materials Inc.)		Intro into Art History Ellie Lee-Duncan (6 weeks) Studio 3 (Starts 2 nd March) 6.30pm-7.30pm \$120 (All materials Inc.)		
Oil Painting Dale Gilmore Studio 2 6.30pm-8.30pm \$245, members \$185	Creative Expressions 18+ Caleb Osbourne Studio 2 (Starts 28 th Feb) 6pm – 8pm Bring your own materials	Exciting Etching Tutored Stephanie McLellan Print room 5.30-8pm \$280, members \$240 Combined with Exciting Etching Untutored Class	Figure Drawing with model Gemma Reid Studio 2 6.30-8.30pm (Starts 16 th Feb) \$190, members \$150 (5 weeks)		
Experimental Printmaking Caroline Peacocke 5.45pm-8.15pm Print room \$280, members \$240		Exciting Etching Untutored Print room 5.30-8pm \$155, members \$115 Combined with Exciting Etching Tutored Class	Life Drawing with model Gemma Reid Studio 2 6.30-8.30pm (Starts 23 rd March) (5 weeks) \$190, members \$150		



Chopper to the Mine ... (12)

In 2018 the manager of Taharoa Mine emailed me. "Managed a chopper ride to the Mine for you. Meet at the North end."

And so began a new venture where I was transported to an Iron sand mine, kitted up, taken around to take photos for reference.



On the way we stopped at Kawhia, a beautiful little village with harbour view.

These were hard to get to places and I knew I was privileged to be standing on this mine as no visitors were allowed. It seemed a sacred place.



So I set about and produced about 9 paintings. A subject I had never done before. It was fun!

The aerial views from the Chopper I found mesmerizing!



2023 Workshops

As a watercolour artist and tutor of many years, I love being able to pass on my passion for art, in particular watercolour which has an amazing luminosity and ability to reflect light. I believe we should never stop learning, and painting in watercolour can challenge us in many ways due to its unpredictableness and wonderful surprises. I find it hugely rewarding to help people learn a new medium or refine, master & expand their current skills.

Enrol online
wsa.org.nz

A poster for a 'Beginner Watercolour Workshop' set against a background of a yellow flower. The text is white and black. It includes the title 'Beginner Watercolour Workshop', a description of the workshop, the time '10am - 3pm', the date 'Sunday 12th March', and the enrolment link 'Enrol online at wsa.org.nz'. It also mentions 'Light refreshments and all materials included' and features the WSA art logo in the bottom right corner.

Beginner
Watercolour
Workshop

Join WSA Watercolour Tutor Paulette Bruns for a day of learning the basic skills needed to get started in Watercolour. In this 'hands on' workshop you will make some test examples as well as create a small step by step painting.

10am - 3pm

Sunday 12th March

Enrol online at wsa.org.nz

Light refreshments and all materials included

Mercury Bay Art Escape

Bayleys are the Major Sponsor of Mercury Bay Art Escape in 2023



Bayleys Coromandel, based in Whitianga are confirmed as the major sponsor of Mercury Bay Art Escape for 2023. Chairman Stuart Christie says; "We are really pleased to welcome Bayleys back and with a major change in ownership in 2022 they are continuing a great partnership of many years with the Art Escape and an association between art in our wider Mercury Bay community and the business of bringing visitors into the region.

Starting with assistance in the production of cost effective road signage, community contacts and early sponsorship, their support and friendship has helped us stage successful events every year except 2022.

Mercury Bay Art Escape Open Studios 2023 will be held over the first two weekends in March commencing with an evening Gala Opening at Hot Waves Cafe Hot Water Beach on Friday March 3rd.

Details and tickets are available at www.mercurybayartescape.com

Calendar of Events and Exhibitions



2023

Office Opened	Wednesday 18th January
Auckland Anniversary	Monday 30th January
Waitangi Day	Monday 6th February
NZPPA Entries Close	Wednesday 8th February
Term 1 Starts	Friday 10th February
Workshop - Beginner Watercolour	Sunday 12th March
Term 1 Ends	Thursday 6th April
Easter - Good Friday	Friday 7th April
Easter - Good Monday	Monday 10th April
April School Holiday Programme	Tuesday 11th April - 21st April
NZPPA Exhibition opens	Thursday 14th April-23rd April
NZPPA Judges Talk	Saturday 16th April
Term 2 Starts	Monday 24th April
Anzac Day	Tuesday 24th April
Small Sculpture Award entries close	Monday 8th May
Kings Birthday	Monday 5th June
NYAA entries close	Sunday 18th June
Small Sculpture Award exhibition	Friday 23rd June- 20th July

WSA Student Exhibitions - on display in the WSA office

Our student gallery currently has a variety of art, prints, cards & more on display for sale.

WSA EXHIBITION SPACE MAVIS & CO CAFE', BISTRO & BAR ROTOTUNA

Rototuna Shopping Centre
2/44 Horsham Downs Road

Rachael Hayton Exhibition	26th January - 28th March
Rachael's Opening Event	26th January - 3.30pm-5.30pm
Elane Wisely Exhibition	28th March - 2nd May

Help us thrive!

Join **CommUnity** and choose us as your **CommUnity Group** to support.

CommUnity
turning commerce
into community

www.comm-unity.kiwi

Sponsors

We would like to thank our sponsors for their support of the WSA.





A very special thanks to SHARP, who continue to help us substantially with printing.

SHARP
Be Original.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Whether you're a member or not, we are excited to hear about your art-related adventures, exhibition reviews or travels, accompanied by your own photos. These will be reviewed by the WSA and included if we have space and they do not conflict with our operations. The Executives decision is final. Please contact us at wsa@wsa.org.nz

WSA OFFICE AND ART SCHOOL

120 Victoria Street (above ArtsPost Gallery)
PO Box 1018, Hamilton 3204
07 839 4481

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 8.30am-4pm
Sat 9.30am-12.30pm

(these may vary, please check in advance)

artschool@wsa.org.nz for art school enquiries (Paulette)

wsa@wsa.org.nz for all WSA enquiries (Julie)

Website: www.wsa.org.nz

(Paulette works in the office 22 hours per week, if you need a faster reply please include Julie's email)

WSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Patron:

Committee:

Michelle O'Brien
Nicolas Wells
Melany Sutherland
Gemma Reid

Treasurer & Chair:

Hon. Solicitor:

Hon. Secretary:

Rachael Hayton

Charlotte Isaac

Julie Johnstone