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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2023.

Christmas is coming around quickly and the November meeting will be our last meeting for 2023.

We will have a fascinating demonstration this month with Trudie Moore showing Encaustic art using beeswax as a medium. I am really forward to learning about the encaustic technique.

We had an excellent workshop a few weeks ago with Anie Joseph guiding us through a couple of watercolour landscapes.

Although we have no meeting planned for December, there will be the paint together as usual on the first Thursday in December. We have a Christmas lunch at the Katoomba RSL on 30th November, and the final Plein Air on 23rd November at the Megalong Valley (meet at the Tearooms at 10am.) Hopefully the weather will be kind this time but even if it isn't, the Tearooms are always a lovely place to visit.

MINI EXHIBITION. November. Still Life or a Christmas theme.

The Management Committee wishes all members a happy and enjoyable Christmas, and hope to see as many as possible at the picnic in January (third Thursday 18th January, 2024.)

A picnic has been a tradition to begin the new year with a get-together Lunch at Wilson Park, Falls Road, Wentworth Falls. BYO everything including a folding chair. Meet around 11 am.

We usually sit underneath the large old pine tree, which gives nice shade and shelter, adjacent to the old Bowling club/picnic shelter.

Bring along any paintings that have been completed over the break and enjoy an each other's work.

DEMONSTRATION. Our guest artist this month is Trudy Moore, who will show us the ancient Greek technique of combining pigment with bees wax, which is heated, "burnt in", and applied by brush or spatula to canvas plaster or wood. This form of painting was more enduring than egg tempera, and an example, (Dr. Google) provides an illustration of a mummy's portrait painted in this style.

END OF YEAR LUNCHEON. 30th November 2023. RSL Club Katoomba. (5th Thursday).

Please advise if you are intending to attend as we need to reserve the space in the RSL dining area.

The club is a very convenient venue, and requires less organisation for the committee, also less expensive than an organised Christmas Lunch, as we can use the clubs everyday menu. If you have any other ideas or choices, please let us know. Many other venues charge \$60 ++ for a Christmas Lunch and is not suitable for people with dietary needs. Meet in the club lounge 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm.

Just a Thought. "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday dust" (Pablo Picasso)

Management Committee meeting. First Monday of each month. The last meeting for 2023 was 6th November. Next meeting is 5th February 2024 at the RSL Club Conference room 12.30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

CALENDAR 2023 - 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
Each Month			
Always the 1 st Thursday each month	10 am to 12.30 – 1pm	Painting morning all mediums. Relaxed, assist each other with tips and encouragement. Morning tea provided \$5	St. Andrew's Church Hall Falls Road Wentworth Falls. Next to school.
Third Thursday	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	General members meeting Guest Artist Mini exhibition of members work Topic varies each month \$5 entry includes afternoon tea	School of Arts Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls
Fourth Thursday	10 am.	Plein air painting Destination changes monthly Byo lunch. Own transport	Somewhere in the mountains or beyond . Sometimes trips to galleries.
NOVEMBER			
1 st Thursday 2 nd November	10:00am – 1:00pm	Painting morning Paint own medium. Oils Ok if Using odourless turps.	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road, Wentworth Falls
3 rd Thursday 18 th November	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Monthly General Meeting – Trudy Moore – Encaustic technique Mini Exhibition – Still Life or a Christmas theme.	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls
4 th Thursday 23 rd November 5th Thursday 30 th November	From 10:00am 12.noon for 12.30 pm	Plein Air Painting. Megalong Valley. Meet at tea rooms 10 a.m. End of year luncheon	RSL Club Lurline Street Katoomba.
DECEMBER			
First Thursday 7 th December	10. a.m. to 1.30 pm	Paint morning. All mediums	St. Andrew's Church hall Wentworth Falls.
JANUARY 2024			
First Thursday 4 th January	10 am to 1 pm	Painting morning.	St. Andrews Church Hall. W/Falls
Third Thursday 18 th January	11. am +	Annual Picnic In lieu of usual monthly meeting Wilson Park. Wentworth Falls.	Wilson Park Falls Road, between the old bowling club and tennis courts.
		No monthly meeting in December or January.	