

From the President's desk

I'm now back into the swing of things after our recent holiday.

On 22nd July the City of Busselton held an Art and Culture strategy workshop at the new Saltwater complex. The CoB are developing a new integrated strategy to define the vision for arts, culture and heritage within the City over the next 10 years. According to the CoB this will guide future planning and investment to ensure it reflects the aspirations and priorities of the community.

Three representatives from DAS, Linda, Pauline and myself, attended the 2-hour workshop in Busselton. The workshop was run by Jon Cope a senior arts and culture consultant from FORM

After introductions the workshop went through a mapping exercise to identify gaps in the location of artistic venues/exhibitions. This was followed by a strength and weaknesses exercise for art and culture within the City. Finally, projects that the City might undertake in the short, medium and long term were suggested.

Approximately 15 people attended the workshop mainly from the performing arts genera. The final strategy will be presented to CoB later this year.

The CoB's public consultation closes on 16th August. People can take a survey as part of the public consultation, available at:

yoursay.busselton.wa.gov.au/arts-culture-and-heritage-strategy

I hope you have completed and submitted your entry form for our upcoming art exhibition and sale at Yallingup Hall, 11-14 September. This exhibition coincides with the first weekend of MRROS so we are hoping for lots of visitors and, of course, sales.

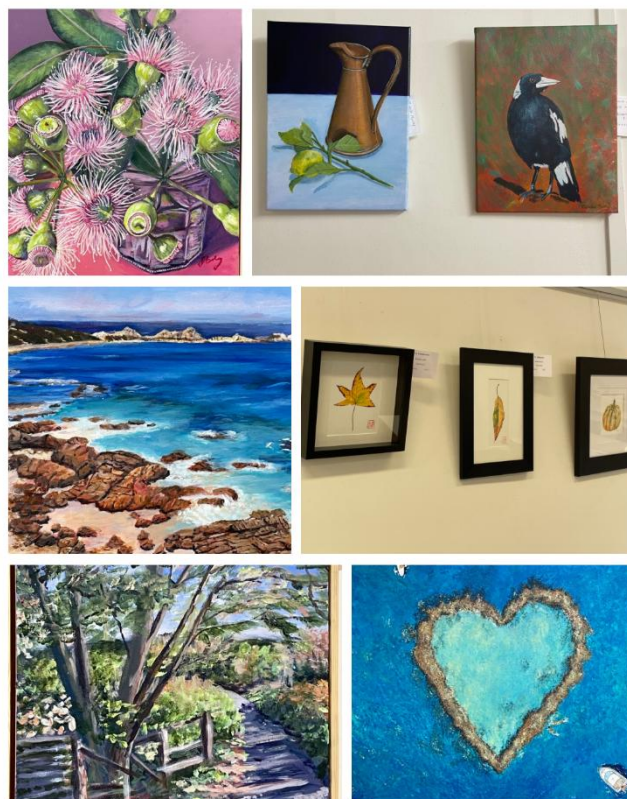
Cheers

Vic Fazakerley

Current In house exhibition

Your in-house exhibition curators are Mary Atkinson and Jo Fazakerley. It's a very quiet time of the year at DAS as many people are away on holiday or recovering from illness. So we will be leaving the current exhibition up until after the September exhibition at Yallingup Hall. We expect that a number of artists will want to take their art works to exhibit at the Yallingup exhibition.

Thanks to the new outdoor sandwich stands sourced by Vic and the long poster sourced by Pauline, we are attracting visitors during the week and some have expressed an interest in purchasing the art work. The exhibition itself reflects the high standard of our artist members as the following show:





Need to contact someone – this is your 2026 Executive Committee

Position	Name
President	Vic Fazakerley
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Gardener	Pauline Edwards / Jenny Ripley
Community Centre Coordinator	Deborah Gould



Dates for your diary 2026

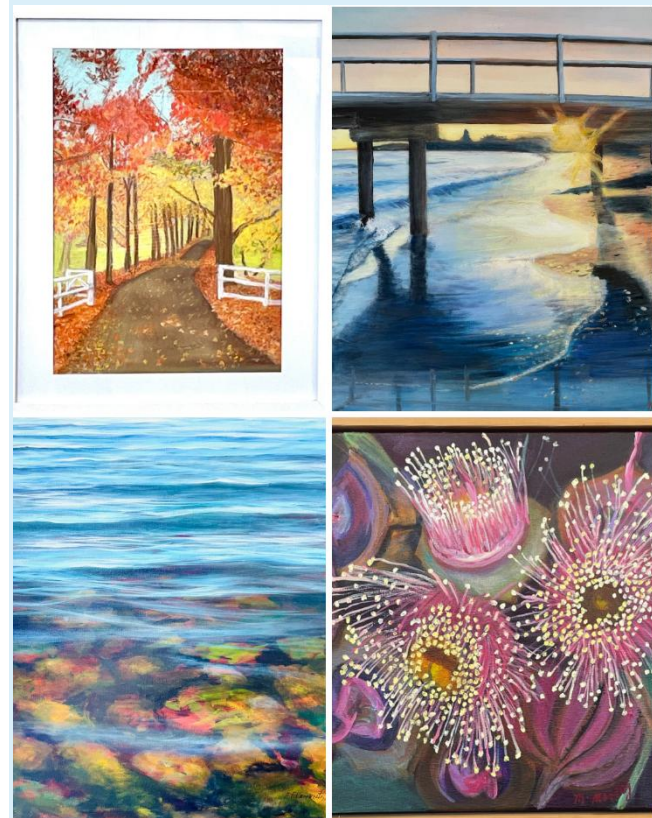
Wednesday 12 August **11am** Next general Meeting
Note change of meeting time now 11am for this meeting

Friday 11 -Monday 14 Sept September Exhibition

Saturday 19 September – Workshop **Portraits in Water Colour** with Cass Gartner

6-13 January 2027 January 2027 Exhibition

Winter is upon us so bring out the paints and create your next masterpiece in time for the September exhibition. In addition, safe travels for those venturing to warmer climates and get well wishes for those who have succumbed to illness in this cold weather.



Do you have some interesting news or tips and techniques to share with others? – if so please send content to your newsletter editor/ producer

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A big thak you to Jenni Taylor for these pictures from the DAS Hall exhibition.