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## 1. Presidents Update

Dear Members

December heralds the last month of 2024 with just the festivities to come. It has been a huge year and our final meeting was a fitting finale with in excess of 100 attending and a wonderful mood in the room. We welcomed our new Patron - Joseph Zbukvic and enjoyed his demonstration as well as some memories as he reflected on the WSV and its impact on his life. You will enjoy watching the demonstration, video Link below.

We have events planned for 2025 and the first are listed below (4 and 5). HOWEVER we need to have continuity and leadership for the WSV to thrive. Part of my preparations for the end of my tenure has been to put in place some fabulous events and line ups for 2025, as these need lead time to arrange. But we currently do not have anyone putting their hand up to be President. In reality for 2025 this is not a daunting role as there is very little to organise (unless you want to change things).

Guest International artists are in place, most meetings are sorted, there is a strong line up in the committee and a great mix of personalities and strengths but we do not have a head for the group.

My aim has been to set it up, so I am not needed, for things to roll along. Although we have in the past operated without a President, this is not ideal and the momentum and support built up over the past years could be lost. It would be a shame to do that at this point in time. Ideally we are looking for a known artist to head the group. We have so many positives and new energy all raring to go. Those who have benefited from the group can you step up and be part of this next chapter? You will not regret the positives that come from this involvement.

If you want to know more just call 0400560156 or [email](#)



I am planning to visit and paint at the [Blue Lotus Water Garden in Yarra Junction](#) on Thursday January 9th (*this is not a formal WSV paint out, as that day is in early February,*) but I know some of you love the Lotus Garden as much as I do and if you happen to be there on the same day it would be great to catch up.

I have loved the opportunity to be involved with our group sharing the activities from 2024 and that has allowed me to create great memories and forge some wonderful connections with colleagues. The photo at the top of the enews shows a few of the Helpers from the May exhibition who met up for lunch at Kew Boathouse, (where we must surely have a paint out in 2025) and reminisced about that event and the bonds that were formed).

I know I am ready, and I trust you will also enjoy the quieter, or at least change in routine of this last month of 2024 and I look forward to more adventures with you in 2025.

You will receive an enewsletter in January with AGM, membership renewal and other relevant documents for 2025.

If you have a few moments spare, I have just watched a video of Luke Sciberras' work (he is not a watercolourist, mainly oils and gouache) and I was inspired by his vision, philosophy and response to the landscape. [Luke Sciberras](#) Click the ochre link and take a moment to enjoy this snapshot of a current Australian artist.

Ev

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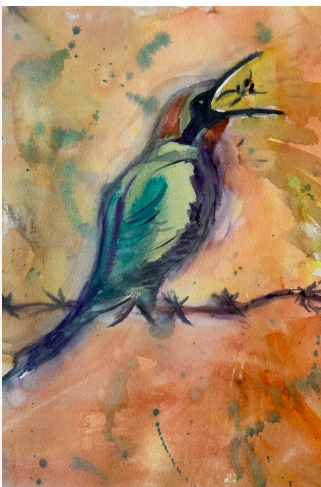


## 2. Our new Patron - Joseph Zbukvic.

At our November meeting it was with great pleasure that we announced the appointment of our new Patron for the Watercolour Society of Victoria, Joseph Zbukvic. Joseph has been involved with our group for many decades working on committee as Vice President. He is a great ambassador for watercolour internationally.

Check out the website with [Joseph's message](#)

[Link to the video of Joseph's Demonstration](#)





### 3. Wednesday Wanderers 18th December

This is the final official event for the WSV for 2024. We will be painting postcards to exchange for the holiday season.

I am sure it will be a full house as many of our distant members take the opportunity to say hello to others at these **zoom** meetings.

If you wish to join at 10 am on the 18th December email [JANE for the Link](#)

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### 4. Next Paint Out: February 6th Botanical Gardens Williamstown.

**Thursday 6 February 2025** 10 am will be our first Paint Out day for 2025.

Put the date for this day trip in your diary NOW.

The Esplanade runs between the Botanical gardens and the Williamstown Beach which means the area has many options for subject matter. Often people paint on the other side of Williamstown where the Ferry comes in. The other side of Williamstown offers a different mood. The day in February could be hot and there are many trees in the gardens for protection if needed.

Join us on this paint out day and catch up with friends. It's always fun to meet up, paint in the great outdoors and enjoy a chat over lunch or afternoon tea. We will do

the usual where we convene at about 10am, look for our banner and then choose a good spot to wet the brushes.

For those who have not been to one of these events, it is a low key chance to make connections. We're especially excited to meet new members.

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## 5. AGM February 24th 2025

Our first meeting for 2025 kicks off with the AGM on Monday 24 February. This is an important meeting where we report on the 2024 year and announce the new WSV committee for 2025.

A reminder that if you are interested in being on the committee now is the time to make contact with any queries you may have:

[admin@watercoloursocietyofvictoria.com.au](mailto:admin@watercoloursocietyofvictoria.com.au)

Nominations forms will be sent out with your next copy of Watermark and will also be in the January enewsletter as well as being available on the WSV website.

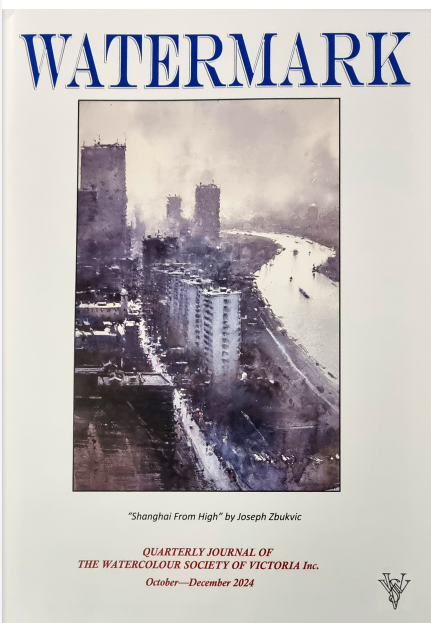
Once official AGM business is completed members attending will be rewarded with a Julian Bruere demonstration. Julian is not only an award winning watercolorist, he is a well known, generous and valued teacher of this medium. He is also cutting back his teaching commitments so do not miss this opportunity to see him at work. A demonstration not to be missed. Julian Bruere "Wet Sands, Cornwall" (above) won Best in Show at the Whitehorse Art Show 2024.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM:

**VAS 430 Albert St East Melbourne**

**6.30 for a 7 pm start**

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## 6. Watermark

You should have received the final magazine for 2024 (see above) and enjoyed the contributions therein.

Thank you to all our contributors for the first magazine for 2025 Jan-Mar issue of Watermark. Maggie Wells our new editor and has been impressed with articles, images, promotions, reports and general support provided by members.

It will be a bumper issue with such a variety of content that will include a message from our Patron, Joseph Zbukvic. There are many other interesting articles in Maggie's first edition. Look out for it in your letterbox in late January, great holiday reading that will get you back into the mood for another great year.

Maggie has set up a dedicated email for you to send in your Watermark contributions:

[wsv.editor.maggie@gmail.com](mailto:wsv.editor.maggie@gmail.com)

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## Magazine contributions



## 7. Events

You can always find a list of events and art tours that our members are involved in on the WSV website. When a promotion is sent in we announce it here and then publish it on the website so that you can always find it.

**Norm Hansen is exhibiting with Gillian Carpenter** and 2 others (see Norm's work above ) at **Artwork Studio 757 @ The Hub**

"Earth Wood and Water" at 27 Falls Rd Fish Creek.

From 20 - 21 - 22 Dec and then 27 Dec - 11 Jan Open: 10.30am - 3.30pm

**Annee Kelly**, will be on tour to Italy next year August / Sept 2025. Annee is an active member of WSV and has volunteered to mentor in the Withers Grant scheme (along with It Hao and Maxine Wade).



**Bruce Hargrave** is exhibiting January 1st - 31st with his work on display at the Benalla Regional Gallery Gift Shop.

**Mark Dober**, is holding a drawing workshop in the Fitzroy Gardens. Sunday Jan 5th 2025 Click below for details.

**Annee Kelly**

**Mark Dober**

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## 8. Facebook

Facebook is a wonderful and immediate way for our members to connect. This avenue is perfect over the holidays when we are not physically meeting but you have painting time and work to share. Share your news.

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## 9. Do you have any Watercolour Contacts in Thailand?

Dave Butler, one of our members is spending three months in Thailand and is keen to meet some local artists and perhaps attend some classes. If you can assist please contact Dave [HERE](#)

## 10. Teacher wanted Prahran Place

Position for a teacher, for a not for profit community based group, is needed for Acrylic or watercolour class in 2025. Anyone interested can email Neil Barlowe [learn@prahranplace.org.au](mailto:learn@prahranplace.org.au) or ring 9510 7052.

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## 11. Wishing all a safe and happy Christmas season.

Especially thinking of all those who are facing this Christmas for the first time without one of your family or friends. Remember them and cherish the memories you shared.

Take care on the roads and do not miss the chance to connect with others, it is not that long ago where such gatherings were out of reach during the Covid outbreak. Do not take such events for granted - cherish the moments.

My wish is that we somehow find a little more peace and humanity across the globe in 2025.

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