



# WRAN

## Western Region Arts Network Inc.

WRAN (Western Region Arts Network) is an arts organisation supporting and promoting the Arts in the Western Region of Melbourne. WRAN is a membership based organisation, which facilitates professional relationships between individuals, groups and communities across all art forms; music, dance, theatre, film and TV, visual arts and new media.

October 2009

### President Report

Dear friends

It is amazing how time flies. I remember our last AGM like yesterday and in a few days we have our next one. Looking back, I realise that we have been busy and as you know, when you are busy time does fly. So what were we busy doing?

First, you may have noticed that we have a new logo, in fact, we have changed the whole look to reflect our new fresh identity.

Second, we launched our popular Peepshow for a second year in a row. About 10 WRAN artists participated in this event, which is part of the Art in Public Places of Hobsons Bay City Council.

In addition, we have been busy contributing to the local arts and cultural plans of some city councils, as well as representing the arts community in different forums. But the most exciting thing was the development of a new project idea, which we are calling PROW'D. Check the Marketing report to learn more about this exciting project. For this project and with the support of Victoria University, School of Creative Industries, we have received funding from the Brimbank council to host our first event at the Hunt Club. This is an exciting new era for WRAN and we are looking forward to the launch date of this event. So keep checking our news.

So as you see, our committee of management has been working hard and I would like to acknowledge and thank all members for their contribution, patience and effort. Also, I would like to express our

gratitude for the continued support of all city councils, in particular Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley, Wyndham and the Shire of Melton.



Artwork by Phung Diep, WRAN Member

I also would like to thank all our members for their continued support; we are proud of having such a committed and diverse membership, which forms the core of our WRAN family.

Sincerely,

Hisham Attia  
President

## Marketing Report

### PEEPSHOW 2009

With the great success of PEEPSHOW 2008, WRAN decided to present PEEPSHOW 2009. PEEPSHOW 2009 was an independent art event staged at Harrington Square, Altona as part of the Hobsons Bay City Council Arts celebration, Art in Public Places 2009. This highly acclaimed Arts project show cases the vast talent of artists in the region.

As part of this celebration WRAN saw PEEPSHOW as a wonderful opportunity to highlight the wealth of talent within its membership and to bring this to the community in a non conventional manner. This a chance to bring Art to the people who may not necessarily have the opportunity to view this art work elsewhere.

WRAN worked in partnership with the businesses of Harrington Square to exhibit the artist's work in their premises. The traders enjoyed meeting the artists and having their artwork displayed in their premises.

PEEPSHOW 2009 featured 10 artists from WRAN in 7 venues and 2 local schools in 3 venues. The artists work was presented in a variety of mediums such as jewellery, photography, printmaking, acrylic painting, oil painting, charcoal drawing and lacquer painting which reflected a diversity of talent in WRAN.

Local schools from around Harrington Square were invited to participate in a the community project "Post cards from Hobsons Bay". The children were asked to design a postcard representing a place or thing in Hobsons Bay where was special to them and to write to a friend or family telling them about their postcard. The children from Altona Primary School and Mount St Joseph Girls College took up the challenge and came up with very colourful and enlightening views of the area which appealed to them. Their lovely artwork helped to enhance the artistic festivity of Harrington Square.

PEEPSHOW is about bringing a wealth of artistic talent to the community and it is pleasing to see this fantastic contemporary and innovative art being created in the west.

Congratulation to the artists of WRAN.

Trish Murphy  
Treasurer

### WRAN Activities

#### Marketing

WRAN's strategy for 2009 has been to reinforce our connections with councils through advocacy and participating in cultural development plans and forums. Committee members have participated in initial community forums for Jack's Magazine at Edgewater and attended arts marketing and public

liability insurance workshops. The WRAN committee has been applying for grants to support further projects.

#### Barkly Hotel Art Space

Members of the WRAN Committee were invited by Yarra Housing to contribute to a meeting with the project architects advising on what artists would need from the planned studio, gallery and workshop spaces. The renovated old Barkly Hotel is adjoined by a new low-income housing development.

#### Circul8

WRAN will host Circul8 a series of 3 artist speed dating events at the Hunt Club Deer Park courtesy of Brimbank Council. Circul8 will provide artists with a relaxed opportunity to network over a glass of wine, and devise ways to collaborate, advocate and innovate. Dates to be advised.

#### PROWD

The WRAN Committee has been developing ways to collaboratively use what artists do best to increase funding and support for arts in the West. PROWD, the People's Republic of Westopian Democracy project, is designed to creatively bring attention to, and advocate for, arts in the West and creatively explore the gap between the vibrant experience of living in the West and outside perceptions and misconceptions. Moccasins anyone!

Michal Teague  
Secretary



Jewellery by Helenmary Burnside, WRAN Member

## Treasurer's Report

WRAN completed the year with a total income of \$1,755.11 and operating costs of \$903.30, which resulted in a net profit of \$851.81. WRAN current assets stand at \$2851.93 in cash with fixed asset, a laptop computer of \$400 value, which results in a total asset of \$3,251.93. WRAN does not have current or non-current liabilities. The organisation's total equity is \$3,251.93.

WRAN would like to thank Knight Frank Valuations for their in kind support in printing stationery, letters and covering postage costs.

Thank you to the WRAN Committee of Management, who have also given in kind support financially by covering printing, postage and travel cost to help WRAN continue to provide a successful service to the Arts community.

Trish Murphy  
Treasurer

<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
Membership	\$1,175.00
Bank Interest	\$95.11
Advertisement Fee	\$30.00
Peepshow Exhibition	\$455.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,755.11</b>

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
AGM 2008-2009	\$217.00
P.O.Box	\$122.00
Web Hosting Fee	\$250.00
Peepshow Exhibition	\$150.00
Consumer Affairs Fee	\$39.70
Bank interest & charges	\$26.60
GST	\$98.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$903.30</b>

<b><u>NET PROFIT</u></b>	<b>\$851.81</b>
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<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>	
Cash	\$2,851.93
Equipment (Laptop)	\$400.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,251.93</b>

<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b><u>TOTAL EQUITY</u></b>	<b>\$3,251.93</b>
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## WRAN Committee of Management

President  
**Hisham Attia**

Vice President  
**Phung Diep**

Secretary  
**Michal Teague**

Treasurer  
**Trish Murphy**

Ordinary members of the committee:

**Petra Learmonth**  
**Michal Teague**

For more information on the Western Region Arts Network, please visit

[www.wran.org.au](http://www.wran.org.au)

WRAN is kindly supported by the city councils of

Moonee Valley, Maribyrnong, Hobsons Bay, Brimbank, Wyndham and the Shire of Melton

## WRAN Members on the Go ...

**Karen Gingell**

Ghost Ponies was a finalist artwork in the Oxfam Canvas for Climate Change competition this year.

Shows included: 2009 WRAN Peepshow at Harrington Square Altona as well as the Altona Rotary Club Art Show, where 2 paintings were sold. Check Karen's profile on WRAN website.

**Julia Dunn**

Julia is a long time WRAN contributing member. She is featured in the publication '50 Distinguished Contemporary Artists in Glass'.

Check Julia's profile on WRAN website.

**Heather Horrocks**

Heather Horrocks runs a gallery. She has invited 5 other visual artists to share with her studios and a gallery in an old bank building in Footscray, called effeMMeRA. Its second exhibition "arty farty footy" will run from the 27 of September until the 18 of October. Her work has been shown in various exhibitions in and around Melbourne. Check Heather's profile on WRAN website.

**Trish Murphy**

Trish has always had a passion for printmaking and has recently begun exploring the technique of linocut block printing. She combines the technique with water colour painting to give a softness to a hard edge technique. Trish participated in PEEPSHOW 2009 Exhibition at Harrington Square, Altona. She has been also a WRAN member since its incorporation, where she held the position of President and Membership co-ordinator. Trish currently holds the position of the Treasurer. Check Trish's profile on WRAN website.

**Michal Teague**

Michal is a Finalist in the William and Winifred Bowness Photography Prize at the Monash Gallery of Art. She has participated in the group shows Into the Red and Orr St Garden Project. Michal is a member of the Brimbank Public Art and Acquisition Committee. She is currently coordinating Parking a Big West Festival independent art event of artist created car covers. Keep an eye out November 20-29! Michal currently holds the position of WRAN secretary and also an ordinary committee member of WRAN.

**Helenmary Burnside**

Helenmary designs jewellery among different other things. She has participated in various exhibitions and showed her art pieces in different galleries, including the Postcard Exhibition, St.-Kilda, WRAN Peepshow, Altona, In Ore Design Gallery, Werribee and also during Melbourne Fashion Week.

