

President's Report 2019/2020 for PTANT 18.5.20

This past year has been busy with lots of events in 2019, many were booked for 2020 but cancelled due to Covid-19.

Positive Outcomes for 2019:

Last year our workshop program attracted over 65 teachers from 25 different schools from across the teaching spectrum- primary, middle and senior years. Our members and non- members attended and contributed to a variety of Visual Arts focussed PD workshops and networking activities, refined their own arts practice, explored curriculum and reporting, and refined their visual arts teaching skills.

- AENT had 7 successful hands on skills-based workshops covering ceramics, paper and mix media sculpture, illustration, mix media materials with Oxlade's, student engagement in the gallery and sharing of art making practice in the classroom.
- AENT has actively maintained a working relationship with Accomplice Artspace, MAGNT and CDU.
- AENT connected with local Museums and galleries attending hosted meetings and floor talks at CDU and MAGNT.
- The MAGNT events were well attended and offered our members unique professional development opportunities with local and interstate curators, educators and Arts Curriculum Specialists from ACARA and AEA.
- In August 2019 AENT hosted our members' exhibition in a new location, Darwin Entertainment Centre and aligned the opening with the Festival of Teaching. 'PLAY!' Exhibition. Over 20 participating art educators presenting artworks over a two week exhibition period at DEC, this was accompanied by workshops at the festival of teaching. This opening had over 200 people in attendance.
- 'PLAY' also included the addition of students work in the form of stickers for purchase. The addition of 'stickup' has added a new dimension to our audience and scope.
- Korin Lesh stood down as President of AENT after 5 years but has continued be part of the Committee as Treasurer. In November 2019 Samantha Galletly took on the role as Acting President, Mandi Rains as Vice President, Jane Kennedy as Public Officer and Veronica Hodges as Committee Member.
- AENT committee and members played an active role in the EXIT ART exhibition at MAGNT. Amanda Rain was part of the selection panel alongside other local professionals. Evelyn Woodley and Kim Boardman selected and awarded recipients of the AENT prize.
- AENT amended our financial year in 2019 making 2020 the first year running Jan - Dec.
- Covid-19 and social distancing have been our biggest challenge as we have until now thrived on the opportunity to connect in person with our fellow educators. This situation has inspired a variety of initiatives moving forward including zoom meetings and workshops.
- Our exhibition is our biggest event of the year and with this uncertainty we have invited members to participate in a post card initiative design to draw us together in a time when we are unable to; providing all interested parties stamped blank water colour post cards addressed to AENT for you to create an artwork on, any media or subject matter that will be part of a future exhibition. This is an opportunity for us to stay connected in a tangible way now and into the future.
- AENT are in the process of creating additional teaching resources to our website in a more specific/categorised manner to assist now and into the future.

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