

THE MOUNTS

Community newsletter of Mt Wilson
and Mt Irvine June 2021 Winter

STOP PRESS

APOLOGY

The following two articles did not reach us as sent by email. We have heard from other residents that emails have gone astray in the last few weeks. We do not know why this has happened but suggest that you check your regular email information to see if you too have not received expected emails.

Please note that in future we will acknowledge all received emails within a few days. We really appreciate the effort that many in the community make in contributing to The Mounts, please keep up the good work. We try to publish most of what we receive but it is not always possible and sometimes photos are duplicated.

NEWS FROM THE OLD SCHOOL MT WILSON

Artist in Residence Program

We welcomed visual artist **Leah Bullen** during May. Leah practises a unique hybrid monotype-watercolour painting technique. Her practice explores the relationships between painting, drawing and photography through painted monotypes. She was selected as a finalist in the 2021 Wynne Prize with her work, *Arid Garden, Wollongong* and has just been awarded the 2021 Pring Prize for best watercolour by a woman artist. Leah made this work after time spent at the Wollongong Botanic Garden while she was an artist in residence at Hazelhurst Regional Gallery. Leah has been working in various gardens in Mt Wilson to create her exquisite art works. We eagerly anticipate the work inspired by her Mt Wilson residency. See examples of Leah's work on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/leah.bullen/?hl=en> or her web site <https://www.leahbullen.com/>

Writer **Julie Thorndyke** is currently in residence and will stay until the end of June. Julie is writer of poetry and fiction for children and adults. Two collections of her tanka poetry were published by Ginninderra Press. She has been editor of Eucalypt, a tanka journal since 2017.

Our December artist **Jody Graham** recently showed an exhibition of bird paintings inspired by her residency here. The Exhibition 'Somewhere to Land', was at Nanda/Hobbs Gallery <https://jodygraham.com.au/news/somewhere-to-land/>.

Former Artist in Residence, **Jane Guthleben** has been selected for the 2021 Salon des Refuses, the alternative Archibald selection in the S H Ervin Gallery. Her work is titled *Greetings from Bibbenluke (Lucy Culliton)*. The exhibition is on display until 15 August. <https://www.shervingallery.com.au/event/salon-des-refuses-2021/>

Applications for the artist in residence at The Old School Mt Wilson for the October 2021 to June 2022 period closed 7 June 2021.

Support for the activities of The Old School

As the end of financial year approaches, please consider donating to the Public Fund of The Old School. All donations are tax deductible and can be made on the Mt Wilson website www.mtwilson.com.au by clicking the Donate button on the homepage. Your gift will go towards supporting the activities of the rejuvenated Old School while offering priceless opportunities to a range of artists to develop their practice.

Check out the Mt Wilson community Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MtWilsonMtlrvine> for updates and further news of The Old School.

Barbeque needed

Do you have a clean and serviceable barbeque which you are not using? The Teacher's Cottage at The Old School needs to replace its heritage version for use by artists and holiday renters. Please contact Sarah Howell on 0404 091 771 if you are willing to send your old barbeque to a new home.

Sarah Howell, Secretary, The Old School Mt Wilson

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday 4 September 2021. You may be eligible for inclusion on the 2021 Blue Mountains Non-Residential Roll. If you wish to apply you will find an application form on the BMCC website: <https://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/council/councillors-and-elections/elections>

Please note that all applications for inclusion on the 2021 Blue Mountains Non-Residential Roll must be received before 6pm on Monday 26 July 2021.

Gabrielle Martin, BMCC Councillor Projects Lead