

Young Arts Report for Annual General Meeting 2019
ADFAS POKOLBIN

Throughout 2019 ADFAS Pokolbin continued to support our students in our local area in a range of ways.

Cessnock East Public School received funding for a Year 5 and 6 excursion to Sydney to visit the Art Gallery of New South Wales and take part in a guided tour of the gallery. The day also included a scavenger hunt through The Botanic Gardens and walk around the Opera House. We received photographs of the day and a well composed letter from the students to thank us for providing this opportunity. We have also provided funds for a book donation to the school library and two book prizes for “Inspired Learners” for the school’s annual Presentation Day Assembly.

Cessnock West Public School requested funding for a four day art workshop with local artist Kes Harper.

Year 3 and 4 students spent a day with Kes following the excellent program she presented at Cessnock East in 2018. “Our Day as an Artist” involved four different classes each focussing on a different Australian artist. Each artist’s style, technique and choice of media used were studied.

The students were then

given the opportunity to create works of their own. It was a very creative and enjoyable day.

In 2020, following our two year cycle, Cessnock East will be given the opportunity to apply for funding for an Arts based school program. Cessnock West will receive funding for the touring Opera Australia’s Schools Program . The opera for 2020 is “The Barber of Seville” which should be a great hit.

Once again our **ADFAS Pokolbin \$1000 Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship** was offered to Creative and Performing Arts students from both Cessnock and Mount View High Schools. The funds provided are held by the school with the purpose of supporting the selected student with their HSC in their chosen area of the arts in 2020.

Our scholarship sub-committee was greatly impressed with the standard of the applications.

The \$1000 Scholarship prize was awarded to Vivienne Kelleher, a Visual Arts student who attends Cessnock High School. Vivienne’s passion for the environment was well communicated through her wonderful etchings. The committee also admired her collage work.

As was the case in 2018, a student was also selected as Scholarship Runner Up winner. A prize of \$250 was awarded to Katelyn Heard, also from Cessnock High School. Katelyn based her body of work on the theme of fire and the destruction it causes. Her amazing photographs were fascinating to view.

Our scholarship committee also wanted to recognise the high standard of this year’s applications received and for the first time we awarded five highly commended certificates as well.

These awards were presented on 4th November at our final lecture of the year.

Photographs of the students enjoying their art based experiences this year and samples of the HSC students works will be published on our ADFAS Pokolbin website in 2020.

Inaugural scholarship winner Bowen Cavanagh is now pursuing his artistic passion in his career as a photographer and runner up Jett Mozzell is attending the University of Newcastle to study Art and Communications. Our 2019 Scholarship winner Ryan Dixon has been accepted into a very selective drama school in Sydney about which he is greatly excited.

Due to the generous support of our members we continue to have the privilege of supporting our local schools and students in the area of the creative and performing arts. On behalf of our committee thank you once again for your constant and generous support.

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