

How you can help with running QWASI and volunteering your time.

It is an expectation of all our Exhibiting members to be taking an active role within QWASI. This may be as a committee member and as most of our meetings are held on-line now many of these roles can be filled by members living further away from Brisbane. For example, on our current Executive, only one member lives in Brisbane, the other three live 1-1.5 hours drive away from Brisbane, so it can be done and distance should not be an issue!! Also our newsletter editor lives in Victoria!

For most of our exhibitions we request that any exhibiting members, who live within a reasonable distance of the exhibition, help out with the various roles for running the exhibition. This may be with roles like: helping hang and dismantle the exhibition, counting merchandise in and out, helping at the sales desk, restocking and tidying up merchandise, helping with catering, helping with clean-up etc. Doing artist demonstrations is in addition to any other help on the roster, as it is seen as a way to promote your own work and although we welcome it at our exhibitions, other roster roles need to be filled first.

At the last General Meeting it was suggested that we make a list of committee roles for our more regional and interstate members who would like to help-out. They are of course always welcome to also holiday close to the venue and help in person.

Here are some roles that can very easily be done remotely and they are all part of our voluntary commitments as exhibiting artists.

- Social media Coordinator
- Webmaster
- Graphic Designer
- Newsletter Editor
- Volunteer coordinator and design roster for exhibitions
- Entering People's choice forms' email addresses into Mailchimp after an exhibition
- Writing articles for the Newsletter on a regular basis.
- Writing articles or tutorials for the website's members only section
- Exhibition sponsorship coordinator
- Sending and receiving entry forms for exhibitions and entering on Google drive
- Doing research for suitable venues for future exhibitions
- Doing research about future competitions and exhibitions which our members may like to enter. Letting the Secretary know so it can be sent out through Mailchimp
- Receiving and collating RSVP's for Exhibition opening night for catering coordinator
- Minutes Secretary
- Entering Merchandise and Originals on Square prior to an exhibition.
- Proof reading social media posts, newsletters etc.
- Collating data for exhibition labels, making them ready for printing.

Some of these positions are currently filled, but if you are interested in any of these or you have expertise in a particular area we would love to hear from you. Many of us would welcome a break or may like to take on a new role.

Being a part of QWASI involves active participation as a member and helping out where needed. New ideas and energy are always welcome. The feedback from those members who actively

participate has always been very positive. Many of us have made incredible, life-long friendships with fellow artists, we are inspired by each other's work, have connected with potential buyers and collectors of our work, and have benefitted in so many ways of being active in QWASI. It is healthy for a committee to have regular changes of members also, so that any one person doesn't feel that they get stuck in a role they can not get out of. There is so much support and help for any committee roles from past committee members also.

Please help in any which way you can! We welcome you all to become much more involved!

Thank you.

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