

# **Public Art Focus Group Meeting**

Monday 9 October 2023 4.00pm Council Chambers 209 Comur Street, Yass

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#### **YASS VALLEY PUBLIC ART REGISTER 2023**

#### The Register

The Yass Valley Public Art Register contains details of Yass Valley's current collection of public artworks. You can browse through the register and learn more about each piece of art, including its title, artist, location and the year that it was installed.

Included in the register are artworks that have been commissioned by and donated to Yass Valley Council. Also included are artworks that have been commissioned by corporations, businesses or churches that are displayed in public places.

Not included in the register are artworks located within private residential properties.

#### **Developing the Register**

One of the aims of the register is to provide information for each piece of public art, including an insight into the purpose of the artwork or the story behind its commissioning.

There are currently 39 artworks in the Register. There are some gaps in the information that has been compiled and there will inevitably be artworks located across the Yass Valley Local Government Area that have not yet been included. Please contact Yass Valley Council if you wish to contribute to the register (02 62261477).

The register was compiled by the Yass Valley Public Art Advisory Committee with support and assistance from Yass Valley Council and Southern Tablelands Arts (STARTS).

#### **Yass Valley Public Art Collection**

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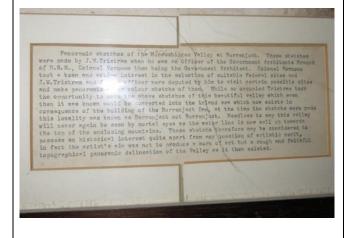
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Panoramic Sketches of the Murrumbidgee Valley at Burrinjuck JW Tristram 1920's





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Memorial Park, Yass

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He started many men on the land through financial assistance. It was said that 'when Mr Triggs was prosperous, Yass was prosperous'.



Yass High School students and art teacher Ms Wykes 1990

Yass Memorial Pool

The Work is in poor condition.



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These arches formed part of the Hume Bridge, which spanned the Yass River between 1871 and 1977. Upon the demolition of the bridge, the Yass Valley Council saved the arches and had them restored.



Eric Bernard Bell OAM

Kim Nelson 2011 Yass Public Library.

Oil painting on acacia flitch donated to the Yass Community by MacQuillan and Nelson families on the occasion of Eric's award of the OAM Queens birthday honours list 2011.

Eric is an Aboriginal Elder and tireless advocate, doer and achiever for the Ngunnawal people and the broader Yass community.

St Augustine

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St Augustine's Church, Yass

This low relief was contributed to the church by Tom Bass and the Darmody family in dedication to the memory of Mick and Joan Darmody and Archbishop Young.

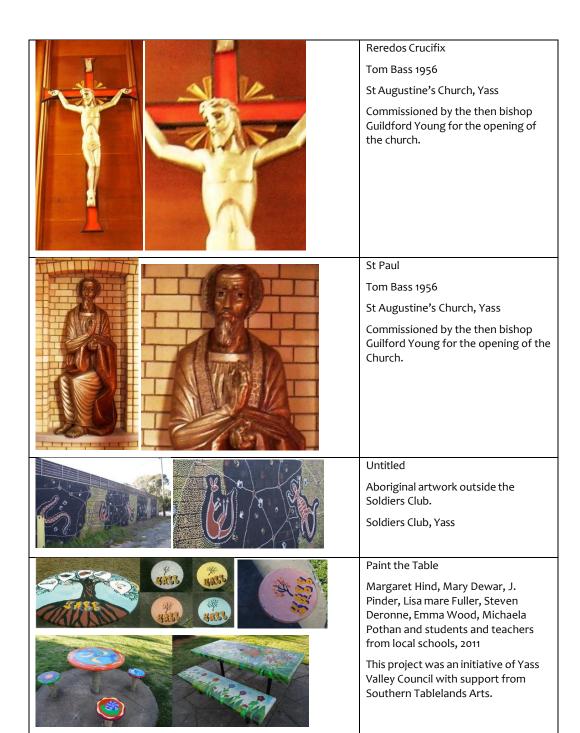


**Great Crucifix** 

Tom Bass 1956

St Augustine's Church, Yass

Commissioned by the Bishop Guilford Young for the Opening of the Church.







#### Unknown

This Old Mural is located near the library entrance. It is in very poor condition.

The work could be a depiction of the Wee Jasper hills, however it incorporates Palm trees.



#### **Random Signs**

Signs are regularly hung in this prominent location.

There is potential here to develop a community notice board.



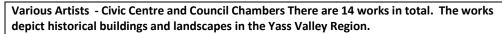
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Council Offices

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Artist Leonard Long 1996



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Title: 'Alpine Drive'

Artist: Myra Kerr 1976 Oil



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Title: 'Gundaroo's Past'-

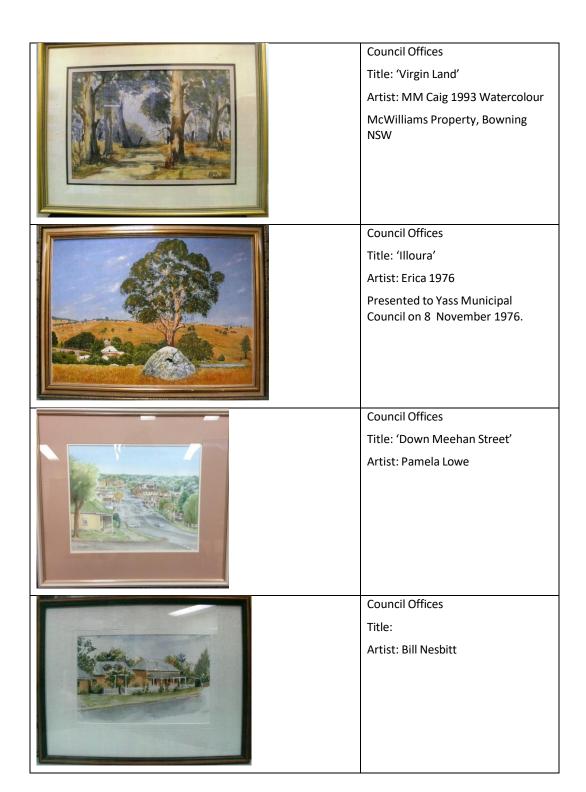
Artist: C. Shapter



**Council Offices** 

Title: Unknown

Artist: Kim Nelson (Print 8/50)





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Title:

Woven Emblem



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Title: Unknown - 1960

Artist: Fred Takacs

This artist lived at Burrinjuck and donated this painting to the Goodradigbee Shire Council.



Council Offices

Title: - View of Yass - 1997

Artist: - Kim Nelson



Title: Murrumbidgee River below Tantangarra Plain - Photograph

Artist: Martin Chalk

2011 Murrumbidgee Regional

Landcare Awards

'Highly Commended'



#### Bookham

The work commemorates the bravery of firefighters during the 2013 bush fires.



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Aboriginal Youth (Yass High School) 2003

Lane near the Hall and Library

A small number of the works need some repair.

#### YASS VALLEY PUBLIC ART TRAIL 2023

#### **Yass Valley Public Art Collection**

Yass Valley's public art collection consists of paintings, sculpture; statues; murals; mosaics; and park furniture. Council has established a Public Art Register.

Council has a small collection of paintings which are hung in the Yass Valley Council Administration Building (including Council Chambers). These works are only accessible during office hours by appointment. These are not listed in this document but are included in the Public Art Register.

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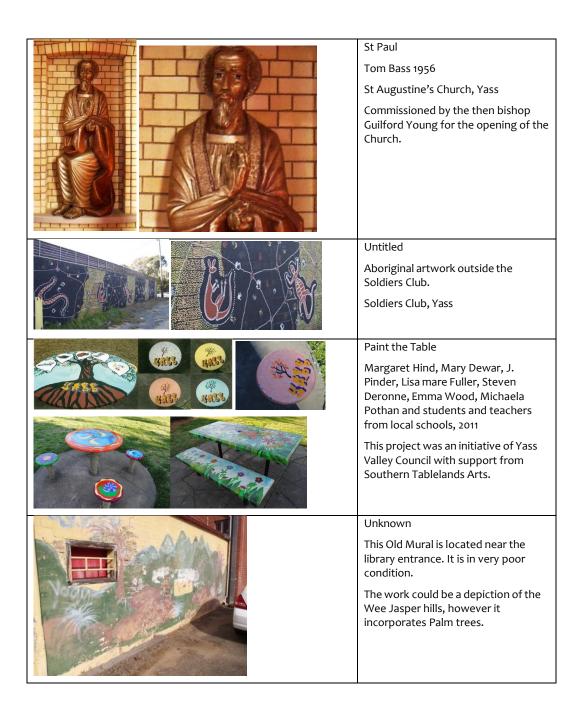


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#### **REPORT**

At the November 2022 Focus Group meeting an action was determined to identify sites in Yass Valley for potential public artworks. Bus shelters were suggested as potential sites for public artwork. There are 15 bus shelter sites in Yass Valley i.e.

Comur Street Commuter Car Park	Council Car Parks
Bus Shelter-1	Acacia Way
Bus Shelter-2	Cork Street
Bus Shelter-3	Glover Drive
Bus Shelter-4	Governor Drive
Bus Shelter-5	Isabel Drive
Bus Shelter-6	Leake Street (Montem St Intersection)
Bus Shelter-7	Linden Close
Bus Shelter-8	Lot Street
Bus Shelter-9	McIntosh Circuit
Bus Shelter-10	Merryville Drive (Clydesdale Close Intersection)
Bus Shelter-11	Merryville Drive (Thoroughbred Drive Intersection)
Bus Shelter-12	Morning St
Bus Shelter-13	South St
Bus Shelter-14	Suffolk Avenue

## Bus Shelters in Yass Valley – Bus Shelter Inspections

No.1 Pollux St	Steel shelter	
	Okay condition	
	Painted inside, Design on	
	outside- timber	
	Graffiti	
No. 2 Amenities Block	Large Brick facade	
	Shipping container	
No.3 Council carpark	Horizontal corrugated iron	
	Dirt on corrugations	
No. 4 Plunket St	Concrete shelter	
	Green outside - peeling	
	Cream inside	
	Good condition	
	26/06/1980	
No.5 Morton Ave water tank	Water damage to outside	
No. 6 Bus shelter	Vertical corro	
	Curved roof	
No. 7 Morton Ave green water	Very good condition	
tank	Steel tank – possible upgrade	
	Recently painted	
No.8 Morton Ave corner	Corro vertical	
	Steel lattice	
No. 9 Wee Jasper Rd and	Steel	
Cobham St	Green outside	
	Cream inside	
	Small amount of rust and	
	mould	
	Good condition	

No. 10 Victoria St	Vertical gal, glass and curved	
No. 10 Victoria St	roof	
No. 11 Cnr Brennan and	Concrete	
McDonald Sts	Green and cream	
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No. 12 Brennan and Cobham	Steel	
Sts	Green and Cream	
	Flaking paint	
	Sm amount rust	
No. 13 Round about on Barton	Corrugated iron	
	Steel lattice	
	Good condition	
No. 14 Rose St toilets		
No. 15 Rose St bus shelters	Cnr Hercules St	
	Vertical corro	
No. 16 South St	Vertical corro	
	Tight curver roof	
No. 17 South St 2	Flat steel and mesh	
No. 18 South St 3		
No. 19 Isobel Drive	No bus shelter	
No. 20 Merryville Dve/Suffolk	New steel and mesh	
Ave		
No. 21 Merryville Dve/Dorset	Steel below	
Dve	Open/Perspex above	
No. 22 Merryville	Steel and mesh	
Dve/Clydesdale		
No. 23 Merryville	Steel and mesh	
Dve/Thoroughbred Dve		
No. 24 Merryville Dve	Steel and mesh	
Canoga Place near dam and		
tennis court		
No. 25 Merryville	Steel and mesh	
Dve/Governor Dve		
No. 26 South St 3 is	Steel and mesh	
Macintosh Cir 1		
No. 27 Macintosh Cir 2	Concrete. Brown and cream	
	Graffiti tagging	
	Good condition	
No. 28 Macintosh Cir 3	Steel and mesh	
No. 29 Mackintosh Cir 4	Steel and mesh	
No. 30 Mackintosh Cir 5	Old Steel Brown red and	
	cream	
	Attempted design painted	
	on	
No. 31 Murrumbateman rec	End of toilet building.	
ground tiolet	Mural needs reviving	
No. 32 Murrumbateman Rec	Back wall is plain white	
	1	
Ground bandstand	Possible design	

No. 33 Barton Highway bus shelter	Steel below perspex above	
No. 34 Bowning Rd Playfair	Corro	
St	Tight curve roof	
No. 35 Bowning school on	Kids pictures/murals on	
road	shelter out front	
No. 36 Bowning School	Mural commenced on	
inside school grounds	shelter in carpark	
No. 37 Orion St – Opposite	Steel – some graffiti	
early childhood centre		
No. 38 O'Brien St	Concrete – some graffiti	



## **Public Art Focus Group**

## Annual Report 2022/23

#### **Terms of Reference**

- To apply the selection and evaluation process outlined in the *Public Art Policy* and make recommendations to Council regarding Public Art projects
- Assess and advise on Public Art proposals and commissions in accordance with the Public Art Policy
- Advise on decommissioning and relocation of Public Art works

#### **Members**

Member	Appointed	Resigned
Cr Calya Pothan	24 Feb 2022	
Cr Jasmin Jones	24 Feb 2022	
Roger Buckman	21 Sept 2022	
Akka Ballenger	21 Sept 2022	
Al Phemister	21 Sept 2022	
Ria Tierney	21 Sept 2022	
Michelle Thornely	21 Sept 2022	
Sui Jackson	21 Sept 2022	
Blythe Guilfoyle	21 Sept 2022	
Laurie Ann Columb	21 Sept 2022	Feb 2023
Rose Marin (STARTS)	21 Sept 2022	
Onewal Local Aboriginal Land Council*	21 Sept 2022	

• Nomination not received

## **Meetings Attended**

Member	14 Nov 2022	13 Feb 2023
Cr Calya Pothan	✓	✓
Cr Jasmin Jones	✓	✓
Roger Buckman	✓	✓
Akka Ballenger	✓	✓
Al Phemister	✓	✓
Ria Tierney	✓	✓
Michelle Thornely	✓	✓
Sui Jackson	✓	✓
Rose Marin (STARTS)	✓	✓
Blythe Guilfoyle	Х	Х
Laurie Ann Columb	Х	Resigned
Onewal Local Aboriginal Land Council*	Х	Х

<sup>\*</sup> No representative nominated

## **Committee Project Status**

Project/Project Officer	Key Stages	Due Date	Status
Murrumbateman Water Tank Project	Consider design	• Nov 2022	Completed
Funding Options for Public Art	Options report	• Feb 2023	Completed
Identify potential sites for public art (bus shelters)	<ul><li>Compile list of bus shelters</li><li>Inspect bus shelters</li><li>Identify sites</li></ul>	<ul><li>Feb 2023</li><li>Mar 2023</li><li>Oct 2023</li></ul>	Completed     Completed
Public Art Register Update	Update register	• Oct 2023	•