



WATERCOLOUR SOCIETY OF VICTORIA

BEECHWORTH PAINT AWAY 2022

2-4 May 2022

The Watercolour Society of Victoria is organising a Paint Away to Beechworth on Monday 2nd May – Wednesday 4th May 2022. The suggested itinerary is set out in this flyer. Individuals are asked to organise their own accommodation in Beechworth for two nights and may also wish to coordinate travel. For any queries, dinner reservations, gallery attendance, carpooling or if you get lost, please phone Jeannine on the number set out below.

Itinerary

Monday 2nd May 2022

We will travel independently to Benalla, arriving at approximately 11am, where we will view the Art Gallery or if you wish you can just relax around the lake before travelling on to Beechworth. We have arranged a visit to the Gallery and a docent to guide us through their collection, which we are advised contains numerous watercolours. Expected stopover, about 1 hour. Please advise if you are interested in the Gallery visit for planning purposes.



Take a little time to check into your accommodation in Beechworth or grab a bite of lunch, following which we will paint the historic buildings which line the main street. You will be spoiled for choice of subjects. Roam Beechworth on paths paved with gold during the 1850s gold rush, which left an impressive legacy of over 30 National Trust-listed buildings for today's visitors. Visit the Beechworth Historic and Cultural Precinct and see the gaol that hosted bushranger Ned Kelly or the 1850s Telegraph Station.

Join us for a predinner drink at the Tanswell Hotel on the main Street at 6pm. We will be having dinner at a location to be announced. Dinner reservations required. Please tell Jeannine if you want to join us for dinner.

Tuesday 3rdth May

Today we will begin by travelling to the nearby town of Yackandandah, with its treelined main street and old buildings. Yackandandah, known to the locals as "Yack", is an attractive, beautifully preserved, historic village. It is largely unchanged from its heyday as a gold mining town. Today the district is predominantly devoted to dairy farming and forestry. Yackandandah has many watercolour galleries including Gordon Dickson. We have arranged to meet Gordon at his studio gallery at 10 am at 2 High Street Yackandandah for a meet and greet before moving on to paint in this beautiful location. We will start off in the main street of Yackandandah, and Gordon will paint with us this morning. You can enjoy having lunch at one of the many cafes in town or pack a picnic of your own.



In the afternoon we have a great option for you to paint in a group, or you can strike out on our own. The location is Eldorado, a tiny settlement with a gold mining past situated 30 minutes away, back in the direction of Beechworth. This town still has remnants of the gold mining period with a large, ponded dredge. The town has scattered cottages in a quaint rural setting. Meet your committee member in Eldorado around 2 pm.



At Sunset, the intrepid can travel to the Murrungee Lookout, 8km south of Beechworth with lovely vistas over the rural valley. Make sure you have clear directions before you set out as signage is poor. You can squeeze in another painting or just bring your own drinks and nibble before returning to Beechworth. Stunning in clear weather. If the weather is inclement, or if you prefer your pre-dinner drink at the local, we will also meet again at the Tanswell Hotel on the main Street at 6pm before moving on to dinner at a location to be announced. Please let Jeannine know if you're dining with us.



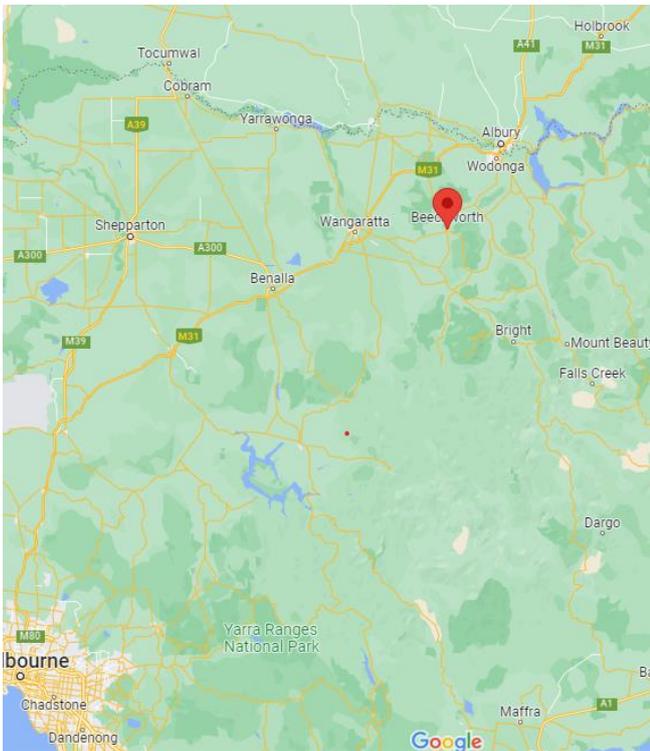
Wednesday 4th May 2022

Before we head back to Melbourne or Regional areas, we will make good use of the morning. Proceed to Ingham Rocks car parking area in the Beechworth Historic Park for the start of a round trip drive through the park. Although there are outstanding views and landscapes parking limited and reasonably strenuous walking is required with easels and the like. You may prefer to return to the beautiful architecture of Beechworth instead or to head out to Mayday Hills, the old asylum in the suburbs of Beechworth. However you choose to spend the morning, have a quick lunch back in town at 12.30 at Chinese Village Restaurant, 11/15 Camp Street, Beechworth, before setting off home. Reservations needed for lunch planning purposes.



This Paint Away is designed for members and guests. Being approximately 3 hours' drive from Melbourne, WSV members may choose to stay for both nights or simply come and paint for the day if they are touring the area.

To help us with the organisation could members please indicate as soon as possible whether they are interested in joining the Paint Away. Latecomers will be accepted, but we require rough numbers for planning.



To make things as easy as possible ALL questions, carpooling, gallery visits, and meal reservations will be coordinated through Jeannine on 0403204682.

Travel Times (approx.)

Melbourne to Benalla 2hr 30 mins

Benalla to Beechworth 50mins

Beechworth to Yackandandah 30 mins

Carpooling

Any person willing to carpool (either passenger or driver) please let Jeannine know to assist organisation.

Accommodation Options

There are numerous accommodation options in Beechworth from elegant B&Bs, hotels, motels, and caravan parks. Members should make their own arrangements.

Meals

Breakfast is your choice. For lunch you can either join us at one of the cafes which we will announce on the day or make your own arrangements. We will be organising pre dinner drinks at the Tanswell and a group dinner both nights at a location or locations to be announced. Please let Jeannine know if you are interested in dinner so we can make reservations.

Come paint and capture the regional beauty of this part of Victoria in watercolour.

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