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**SUPPORT**

WWHAG is an organization that offers support through acknowledgement, encouragement and consideration for all members. We recognise that art has the power to transform and heal and as a creative sisterhood we support women embarking on their creative journeys.

**COMMUNITY**

WWHAG is a community organization for women painters of the Wide-Bay region, QLD Australia. We are a group of individuals who share common artistic interests and goals and who strive to be in service to the community at large. The organization is designed for the benefit of the community not for individual or personal gains.

**ENCOURAGEMENT**

WWHAG is a group that offers encouragement through belief, appreciation, help, praise and celebration of member’s achievements and creative aspirations.

**NON-JUDGEMENT**

WWHAG promotes an environment where others are not criticized or treated harshly or unfairly. We are all equal and we endeavor to come from a place of understanding and curiosity rather than judgment.

**INCLUSION**

We understand the everybody is unique and different and strive to create a space where all feel welcome and included regardless of cultural, spiritual, political, physical, economic or artistic differences.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

WWHAG has a strict code of confidentiality. Any information that is personal or private will not be disclosed to anyone unless authorized to do so.
**BELONGING**

As women we need to feel that there are safe places where people care about us and where our needs for support and friendship are met. Making friendships, connecting with likeminded women and having positive relationships helps to develop a sense of belonging. WWHAG strives to offer space where positive friendships and connections can be made and where creative women can feel like they belong.

**INTEGRITY**

WWHAG promotes honesty and authenticity at all times. We take our values very seriously as we believe that a sense of togetherness and unity comes from upholding strong moral principles. We ask that all members take the code of conduct seriously so that the integrity of the group as a collective organization and its’ individuals remains in tact at all times. Negativity and dishonesty can create an atmosphere of division and WWHAG will not support any disreputable behavior.

**RESPECT**

All members of WWHAG are important and valuable and are to be treated in an appropriate manner at all times.

**DIVERSITY**

WWHAG is an organization representing more than one national origin, colour, religion, socioeconomic stratum, sexual orientation etc. We believe that art is for everybody and that women from all walks of life have the right and freedom to self-express through painting. We also recognise that members of WWHAG also demonstrate a diverse range of artworks and this is encouraged and supported.

**SERVICE**

WWHAG is an organization made up of members who are Wide-Bay women painters. It is a service for not only the WWHAG members but for the community at large. We strive to bring the healing power of art to the community through organized projects that involve and benefit people outside of its membership.