

NEWCASTLE ART GALLERY FOUNDATION

Ian Andrews, NAGF Director since 2015, Convenor, Membership & Development Committee and Website coordinator

Ian holds a Bachelor of Pharmacy, is a Member Pharmaceutical Society of Australia and a Member Pharmacy Guild of Australia. He is a self-employed Pharmacist and small business owner, currently owning a Pharmacy at Warners Bay and previously in The Junction, Newcastle.

As President of the Newcastle and Hunter Valley Pharmacist's Association (NHVPA) (2012 to 2014) and Treasurer for 10 years from (2002-12), his time there included its significant contribution to the University of Newcastle Foundation Pharmacy Scholarship and Infrastructure Fund. He is also a member of the Warner's Bay Chamber of Commerce and supporter of small business and local community.

A keen researcher, observer and collector of art through an association with the HawkesburyOne Group - a 10 year citizen art collecting collaborative, he shares its focus on the collection of Contemporary Australian Art. This has provided an insight into how a collaborative collection project extends beyond the reach of the individual. The collection was exhibited in 2011 at the Newcastle Art Gallery "Citizen collection" exhibition.

Ian is also a financial contributor to the "Creative Music Fund" which has funded and formed collaborations with The Sydney Music Conservatorium, Bangarra Dance Company, The Australian Chamber Orchestra and Sydney Opera House.

Ian has opened his house and collection to the NAG Society "art crawl" and as a member of the NAG Foundation and Society he believes that Philanthropy and the creation of an environment to encourage giving to the arts a core component in supporting a strong public art collection, benefits all of our community.

Ian brings skills in team building, stakeholder engagement, advocacy and management, and a great knowledge of the Newcastle Art Gallery and Foundation and visual arts to the Board.