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Code of Conduct for Canberra Art Workshop (final)
Drawing & Painting with a live Model
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1. Introduction

This is a Code of Conduct for artists, convenors and administrators (all participants) who take part in any CAW studio and/or online art group, workshop or course (session) using a model.

The intention of this Code is to

- embody CAW values that centre around respect for all participants
- ensure a pleasant, cooperative and safe artistic environment in which to create
- ensure all participants are aware of the behaviours expected of them and those that are not permitted
- recognise and respect the generosity of the model in allowing participants to scrutinise and draw/paint them.

The Code is in addition to, and does not modify, the requirements of the CAW Charter or Constitution.

2. Minimum number of participants

To ensure safety and cost-effectiveness:

- the Convenor must cancel an art group session if bookings are less than four (including the Convenor).
- Payments made by members in this eventuality can be refunded or carried over to another session.

3. Photography

- NEVER photograph a nude model. Photographing a nude model, video or still, is prohibited, irrespective of the model's consent. No photos /videos are to be taken or shared via any means (online or otherwise) by any participant in any studio or online session.
- Permission is required from the model in a portrait session.

4. Models

All participants will:

- respect the rights of the model to safety and privacy
- ensure the model and other participants are comfortable with all proposed poses
- the model will not be asked or expected to undertake any action or pose against their will
- ensure that the model is allowed reasonable breaks, at least every twenty minutes
- the convenor will advise all participants of the intended times for the poses at the start of the session and after the break
- be offered an escort to their car after the session, especially at night.

All models:

- will be 18 years or over for life drawing
- models under 18 years may be considered for portrait sessions with the express consent of their parent or guardians.

5. Behaviours in the studio

With a nude model, all participants:

- must remain at a reasonable distance from the model
- the distance depends on the size of the room but should be at least 2 metres
- must only approach closer than this with the model's permission - in order to assist with their comfort eg to turn on a heater or to adjust the lighting
- must only speak to the model while they are unclothed in relation to a pose or their comfort
- when the model is clothed, participants may relate to them as to other group members
- will ensure the studio door is closed and the model's privacy is protected from outside observers.

With a nude or portrait model, all participants:

- will be polite and respectful towards models, convenors, other participants, and administrators
- must never comment either negatively or positively about their physical attributes, either in the model's hearing or otherwise
- may draw/paint the model in any style and may discuss their drawing, but not in relation to the model's appearance
- should cooperate with other members of the group in terms of lines of sight and the needs of their chosen medium.

6. Behaviours in online sessions

CAW recognises that the online environment presents risks beyond those that pertain to studio-based sessions, especially for the model and for the intellectual property of the artists.

With a nude or portrait model, all participants must:

- be 18 years or over
- observe the behaviours ordinarily expected of participants in the studio sessions (see Clause 2, 3 & 4 of this Code)
- NEVER use screen shots in sessions with a nude model (irrespective of the model's consent) and, only use portrait images (eg screenshots) with the express permission from the model
- not use any recording technologies, including the videoconference itself or through individual participants using technologies such as screenshots, cameras, or video recorders
- not share links to the sessions (except with the administrators or convenors engaged in the session)
- ensure that the space in which they are working is private their computer screen is not able to be viewed by people not enrolled in the class.
- exercise a respectful and reasonable restraint during conversations, so that it is shared equitably amongst all, noting that Zoom has only one audio channel
- use the Zoom chat function for commenting; the convenor will remind all participants by asking them to type their comment and they will be answered by the convenor as soon as there is time to do so
- not screen share as it blocks the view of the model for other participants; only the convenor will share the screen, usually for drawing from a still or website

7. Breaches of the Code and complaints

- All observed failures to observe this Code must be reported to the CAW Board.
- The Board will address the report promptly, within 7 days of receiving the complaint and reserves the right to take appropriate action, including expulsion from CAW membership.