

# 2021 KING RIVER WINTER ART RETREAT

With

**BEN WINSPEAR**





Hello fellow creatives 😊

I'm inviting you to join me in our 2021 Winter Art Retreat in the sublime King Valley, Victoria!

This year, again to keep the camaraderie of previous years going I am inviting people individually with first option to my students. So, if you are receiving this email - congratulations!...I hope you can join us!

After most of us having spent a considerable amount of time socially isolating in 2020 this is a great opportunity to put into practice all that knowledge and the new skills we have learnt by painting in the open air with instruction. And with all these days of busyness, emails, appointments and the multiple life demands that can and often do drain out energy and steal our creative focus I think it's vitally important to create space where we can focus on our passion as artists and art

students without all of those distractions - take a deep breath and enjoy the serene beauty of King Valley and be around other likeminded, passionate people as we carve out time for ourselves and our art. Where can have all those great conversations we just cannot have in class over a glass of vino around a roaring fire while toasting marshmallows.

And... a painting retreat like this on the King River is just the place to do it! Just as much as summer, winter here is spectacular to paint with dynamic sky's, sunlit mountains and plenty of water and reflections.

This retreat will be a combination of tuition, demonstrations, mentoring and lots of free opportunities to draw and paint – both in company or if you want to go off by yourself, and is open to the three mediums of **oil, watercolour and pastel**.

A shoert video can be seen here on my website:

<https://benwinspearart.com.au/product/melbourne-art-retreat/>



I will do a demonstration first off in the morning then guide you through what you choose to paint for the rest of the day.

In the evenings there will be relaxed conversation and camaraderie, free time to paint or read, or just to hanging out around the fire toasting marshmallows.

This will be a supportive environment in which to learn and delve deeper into the painting processes.

Costs include three delicious meals a day plus morning/afternoon tea/permanent tea/coffee facilities, plus comfortable shared accommodation in 8 bed male/female cabins.

Partners are also welcome as there is plenty to do around the area or alternatively they can just relax and read a book in front of the fire.

There is plenty of room to follow the Government's physical distancing rules both when we are indoors, at mealtimes or outside. You can look at the venue on their website here:

<http://kingrivercamp.org.au/>

#### **DATES AND COST:**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> (evening meal) to Sun 11<sup>th</sup> July (morning tea) 2021**

Cost:

**\$845 pp all included**

**\$540 partners (no tuition)**

**Weekend rate (any two days/nights during the retreat dates)**

**\$350 pp all included**

**\$225 partners (no tuition)**

***Places are limited so I advise you to book and pay early. Payment secures your place.***

***\*Full payment instructions below.***

**SCHEDULE:**

Arrive by 4pm Tuesday for unpack, settle in and evening meal together.

Tuesday Night: Induction, Introductions and some fun.

AM - Optional outdoor painting before breakfast

9:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am – 11:15am demonstration

11:15 – 1:00 pm Painting of the demonstrated subject or one of your choosing with instruction as required.

1 pm - 2 pm LUNCH

2 pm – 5pm Continue painting of same subject or choose another with instruction as required.

5:30 pm – 7 pm Happy hour

7:30 Dinner and informal discussions and fun.

## **TUTOR/MENTOR**

[www.benwinspearart.com](http://www.benwinspearart.com)

### **Ben Winspear**

Ben is a professional, award winning artist and sought after tutor with a passion for teaching a solid grounding in drawing and oil painting. Having recently returned from traveling four months overseas after winning the 2016 AME Bale Traveling Scholarship he is keen to share all he has learnt and help each student – no matter their level of knowledge or skill - grow and learn.

Each day, seeing as we will be smack bang in the middle of the most beautiful Victorian bush the primary focus of Ben's tuition will be around the landscape, Australian colours and plein air work.

We will also look at the Australian grey greens/colours and how to mix them – simultaneously covering all the questions that inevitably arise around colour theory, colour mixing and tone etc - With practical application out in the landscape

## **ART MATERIALS**

There will also be some art supplies to purchase from Senior Arts – Melbourne's leading Art Store - at a significant discount to participants (all the materials I recommend, and you may need will be available). Payment can now be made by credit card on site.

<https://seniorart.com.au/>

## **HOW TO PAY:**

**Retreat is limited and payment secures your place at the retreat.**

Payments (**\$845pp**) can be made to **Art Retreat** by Direct Debit to:

## **ART RETREAT**

**BSB 633 000  
ACC 131799736**

Or by cheque to :

## **ART RETREAT**

**Ben Winspear  
132 Flemington Road  
Parkville  
Vic 3052**

*After paying please contact Ben by email or SMS with your Name, address, and full contact details to let him know you place is booked.*

Ben 0427505793 [ben@benwinspearart.com](mailto:ben@benwinspearart.com)

Once you have booked your place further instructions with a more comprehensive schedule, materials list, directions, bedding ECT will be sent to you.

I am very excited about our 2021 winter retreat and 'getting away from it all' – hope to see you there!

Ben Winspear

### **Refund Policy**

To assure that the retreat runs smoothly please read our following refund policy.

Cancellation must be in writing to Ben at the above provided email address.  
Cancellation up to 22<sup>rd</sup> June will occur a refund of 75% of fees paid.  
Cancellation up to 29<sup>th</sup> June will occur a refund of 50% of fees Paid.  
Cancellation up to 6<sup>th</sup> July – no refund of fees paid.

**COVID 19 refund policy:** If the retreat is cancelled due to covid 19 a full refund will be issued less a small administration fee.

