

**December
2017**

CENTRE NEWS

PORT STEPHENS COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
Cultural Close, off Shoal Bay Rd, Nelson Bay 2315

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Can it really be December already! It certainly has been an eventful and interesting year in the Arts Centre. We've had some very enjoyable exhibitions and open days as well as a steady flow of new members. Many areas of the gallery have been refreshed this year and Nada is currently updating the Mosaic exhibit on the veranda. Planning has begun for 2018 events - The Quilt Exhibition begins on 12th April, the Exhibition Calendar has been put together and possible new activities for next year include hosting a community recycling event in February and a Pots & Plants Expo.

A big thank you to all the members who have taken on new roles to assist with the smooth running of the Centre, whether its hanging paintings, housekeeping, repairing things, office work or performing fairy magic. Many others continue to work tirelessly behind the scenes and on those features that make our Arts Centre a special place such as the Café and the garden.

During December and January, we want to collect some information about how our visitors hear about the Gallery. We would like all members doing Gallery duty to ask visitors to complete a short survey. The survey forms will be on the desk with an explanatory note on the reverse side. Visitors don't need to give their names but can add comments about their visit if they want. Prizes will be given to the members who collect the most surveys!

It's great to catch up with your mates when working in the Centre but please be mindful of how your conversation may affect visitors and also the Arts Centre's image in the community. Leave the politics and religion discussion for another time so the Centre can be a place of tolerance and calm. Best wishes for the holiday season! Carolyn Virgona

It is hard to believe another year has passed, so much has been accomplished for our Centre. There is never a dull moment.

A GOOD NEW YEARS RESOLUTION – BUT – WHY NOT DO IT NOW

Refresh your memory of all sections of our Code of Conduct

Personal behaviour - Use of Facilities and Equipment - Personal Interests

In short...be courteous – no bullying, discrimination or harassment, drive safely, no promotion of political, religious or community matters - no personal or private business advertising. Incidents witnessed in breach of our Code should be reported to the Board.

Our centre is a place to:-

be creative – learn and share your chosen art - enjoy the companionship of others with like interests - and have a good time.

I know we are all aware how very lucky we are to have this facility and the satisfaction it brings to be able to work to keep it evolving for others to enjoy for many years to come.

May I Wish you a Very Merry Christmas and all the Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year .

Your Secretary Robyn

DIARY DATES

CLOSING DATES OVER XMAS PERIOD

Christmas Eve	close 1pm	24th Dec
Christmas Day	closed all day	25th Dec
Boxing Day	closed all day	26th Dec
New Years Eve	closed 1pm	31st Dec
New Years Day	closed all day	1st Jan

PSCAC EXHIBITIONS 2017		FEATURE ARTIST SCHEDULE	
DATE	EXHIBITION	DATE	ARTIST
OCT 18 - NOV 28	Following the Old Masters	NOV 1 - NOV 28	Ann Thompson
NOV 29 - JAN 9 '18	Summertime People Annex Exhibits: Christmas Delights Nov 8-Dec 27; 3D Art Dec 27 to Jan 9, 2018	NOV 29 - DEC 24	Cory Acorn
JAN 10 - FEB 20 '18	Sun, Surf and Sand Annex: 3D Art Continues to Feb 20	DEC 27 - JAN 23	Robyn Bailley
		JAN 24—FEB 20	Stafford Bennett

For a Full List of 2017 Exhibitions see our Website www.artscentrenelsonbay.org.au



Fabulous Fakes Raffle "Luncheon of the Boating Party" an Oil Painting by Nikki Waters after Augustus Renoir. This painting was won by Helen Riemann.

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GALLERY DIRECTOR

We have had another great year in gallery, we have such a great lot of workers who contribute so willingly to the up keep of our gallery, your work is very much appreciated. Visitors are always amazed at what a wonderful facility we have at our disposal, the continuing work that has been done in each display area adds to and enhances the improved appearance of our gallery.

I thank all our volunteers in each area of activities you are involved in, be it garden, cafe, display of exhibitions, office, finance, our Board members, Group leaders and our willing counter staff just to name a few.

Looking forward to another year of exciting exhibitions, that all our groups are invited to participate in. I look forward to working with you all. Thank you to our Potters group for the wonderful Nativity Scene they have donated to be raffled alongside our fantastic Christmas raffle, I wish we could all win a prize, wouldn't that be fun.

I wish you all a very Merry and Safe Christmas and a joyous New Year
 Nada Yonge

EXHIBITIONS UPDATE

Our new exhibition "Summertime People" is on display from Wed the 29th, the Christmas Craft display looks great and is selling really well. Replacing the Christmas Exhibition from Wednesday 27th December will be our 3D Exhibition and this will run through till Tuesday 20th February **not** 9th Jan as our current calendar states. Thank you Marianne Newton and Judy Jones our Gallery Display Coordinators for all your hard work. Nada



New Projector and Laptop being used for a Workshop

On Wednesday 23rd November Nikki Waters led an informative alcohol ink workshop presenting a number of YouTube videos to a group of 15 members from a range of groups within the centre. Studying the videos together led to inspiring discussions and has motivated us all to experiment with this medium. A fabulous start to using the valuable resources that we have invested in.

Anyone who would like to invest the time in research and then share with a group please let us know and another event can be arranged.
 Thank you Nikki.

Regards Meryl Miller

CAFÉ NEWS

I would sincerely like to thank my very dedicated team and wish you all a safe, Happy Christmas and New Year. From January, I am looking for a person to help us in the mornings and again in the afternoons, to set up the Café. This involves putting out the tables, chairs, signs and a few other minor jobs. Usually it takes about three quarters of an hour at the most. I do have a few men who help now, so it wouldn't be every weekend. Chez, who has helped us most weekends will no longer be with us as he is retiring. If I have more volunteers it would make it easier as one wouldn't have to come as frequently.

I am also looking for a few more cooks who can make cakes, slices and/or Quiches. You can be reimbursed for the ingredients.

Again I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2018.

Best wishes
Heather Wilson
Café Manager



PATCHWORK

Congratulations to Wendy Nutt for her Judges Commendation Award in the Minimalist/Negative Space Category in the Australian Modern Quilt Show (pictured). Congratulations also to Wendy, Carol and Jenny for success in the Tilligerry Quilt Show .

Tuesday will be having a short break between Christmas and New Year.

Thursday recently had a great weekend workshop with Margaret Sampson George.

Don't forget our Quilt Show is next April we hope you get lots done over the holidays especially our challenge Come Fly With Me. Put those flying geese to work.

Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Judy and Lyn

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY TAKEDOWN



The Christmas display will be taken down Wednesday 27th, December at 8.30am.

All left over stock will be placed on a table in Manoora Room for collection.

At your earliest convenience, please collect or arrange for a friend to collect if you're away.

These items should not be left over the holiday period as they can easily get misplaced and the room will be used by groups.

Regards Sally O'Neill



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PASTEL PAINTING

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All welcome.
Marianne
Pastel Group leader





POTTERY REPORT.

Another year is almost over and it has been a great one for Barn Potters. We have welcomed many new members. Our Barn is looking very neat and tidy these days.

Our recent Raku firing produced some excellent work.. We have a beautiful Nativity Scene as first prize in a raffle and a similar one for sale in time for Christmas. Our thanks go to the Woodies for their assistance in producing the two stable settings.

Potters finish up for the year on Friday 15th December and resume on Tuesday 9th January.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.
Regards, Denise Tucker

CARDMAKERS GROUP

The Cardmaker's Group have had a great year learning new techniques and sharing our ideas. We have welcomed new members during the year bringing our total to 22 members. We had our Xmas party on Monday, not everyone could attend but we will still be making cards up until Monday 11th December and start up again on Monday 8th January. So if you enjoy making cards and like to have a chat and a cuppa you are welcome to join us.

Helen McNamara
Group Leader



WOODWORKERS

The Woodworkers are pleased to have five new members into our club. We hope you all enjoy your time with us.

In August we had 2 very successful School Projects. The first at Karingal Pre-School where 27 children were supported by their fathers in completing their string art. The second was at Bob's Farm School where we assisted 32 students assemble a variety of projects.

September saw us again at Alesco Senior College, instructing the young adult students on the assembly of desk tidies. During October we helped 100 students at Soldiers Point School make BBQ caddies, tool boxes and bird nesting boxes. We also went to Harbourside Haven where we helped residents construct desk tidies. Thank you to Ines Thomas for organising these visits, as well as all those who prepared the kits and/or helped at the different venues.

The "James Crombie Award" this year was presented by our members, Bob Grant and Peter Thompson to Tomaree High School student, Crystal, she received the award for outstanding Woodwork.

Many thanks to our Patron, Frank Future, for a wonderful afternoon of whale watching on his yacht, "Imagine". At our last meeting we wished Ron Young, and his wife Gillian, all the best for their move to Moss Vale, where they will be closer to family members. Ron has had 20 fruitful and enjoyable years with our club.

Graham Miller

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