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# CENTRE NEWS

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

As we reach the tail end of 2019 the year and approach the Festive season, we might take time to reflect on the part we've played as members of the Art Centre. It's been an interesting year of events, creative endeavours and some misadventures. We have a wonderful group of members who contribute their time and energy by taking on essential jobs in the Centre, like rostering, housekeeping, cooking for the Café, gardening, data entry and getting involved in events. Are you one of them?

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and return full of energy in 2020!  
Your President, Carolyn

It seems fitting that on the anniversary of our Amenities Block Mural we were asked to create another mural by COPSY (Caring for Our Port Stephens Youth). This group rent a room within the Council's Tomaree Library complex where they run their Jupiter Program. Jupiter provides "A space to talk". Life can be hard and lonely, up and down at the best of times. It can help to talk to someone. Jupiter offers free counselling services for 12-18 year olds in the Port Stephens Region. <https://jupiter.org.au/>

The Salamander Child Care Centre's playground faces onto the Jupiter consulting rooms hence the request to our artists for a Mural. The Mural is 2.025m by 2.38m.

We met with the Pre School and they requested a theme around inhabitants of the Mambo Wetlands.

Marianne, Judy and I came up with the idea of creating a collage with a Wetland background we asked our wonderful painters to provide us with native animals, birds, flowers and insects painted on canvas using acrylic paint. We are so thankful for the amazing paintings we received all within one week! This is a preview of part of the Mural, (it was too large to fit into the camera) after day one. We are sure that the finished product will be quite stunning. We would like to thank all who have contributed to this wonderful project a true reflection of our strong community supporting two



other communities Salamander Preschool and Jupiter. Your contributions are much appreciated. Thank you Meryl

## CLOSING TIMES FOR THE CENTRE DURING DECEMBER-JANUARY

Christmas Eve; close at 1PM  
New Year's Eve; close at 1:00pm

Christmas Day; Closed  
New Year's Day; Closed

Christmas Day; Closed



The Woodies have been busy making, collecting and restoring items to be donated and delivered to the fire victims up north. A convoy of cars and vans will be taking the items in the next few weeks. Anyone wanting to donate items please contact us.

This year's fundraiser, the rocking horse is looking fantastic and taking shape, should be ready by mid-December.

Merry Christmas Everyone

The patchwork ladies had a lovely friendship morning tea last month. The traveling suitcase exhibition from the Quilters Guild was on display. Good food and good company was enjoyed by all. Plans for next year's exhibition in March are well underway. We all wish the members of the Arts Centre a safe and happy Christmas and a creative New Year.

Margaret and Lvn



**GARDEN**

Six members came along and helped with the working bee and you can see the results of our hard work. We are always looking for members to help with the garden so if you can spare some time please contact me. It is good when there is some muscle power to help with the heavier work.

Yvonne Hill



Congratulations to Jennifer Crozier winner of last exhibitions People's Choice Award for her painting 'Morning Frost at Emu Plains'. The Fabulous Fakes were a very popular exhibition prompting a big response of eighty two entries! The diversity of the voting was also the best ever with votes going to Quilting, Craft, Woodwork, Paper craft, Spinning and Weaving, Glass and Pottery.

Jennifer wins a Coffee and Cake Voucher for two at the Café. Enjoy. Thanks Melanie



The Board and your Editor would like to wish you all  
A very Happy Christmas and a  
Prosperous New Year.  
Your next Noticeboard will be available at the beginning of  
February 2020

