



NOTICEBOARD

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

A new year and a new decade – what's in store for the Art Centre this year? As always, members should enjoy good company, bursts of creativity, sharing new ideas, selling their creations and working together on events.

In December we received the welcome news that two of our Grant applications had been successful- one from Crown Lands for installation of non-slip matting on the ramp and for new guttering. The other grant was for the fire protection measures for the Pottery and Woodworkers shed given by the Stronger Communities Program via Federal MP, Meryl Swanson.

Board members got together in October to review the Centre's progress in a session on governance and effectiveness. We decided to do a survey of all members to get their views on the Centre and its future development. Here is a link to the survey – <https://www.esurveycreeator.com/s/ce749fb>

You can either complete it online or print it and post into the marked box in the wrap room. Paper copies will be distributed to members who don't receive the Noticeboard by email. Have your say by doing the survey! Some board members are currently working on a strategic plan for the Centre which we hope to present to the next General Meeting in March. We have adopted a new mission statement and vision. .

Our Vision : Cultivating creativity and friendship through community arts and crafts.

Our Mission : To promote and encourage the development of Arts and Crafts, and operate a Gallery to showcase and sell members Arts and Crafts. To provide an environment where members discover and express their creativity through group support and friendship, in a venue where members practice their chosen craft to maximise their potential.

Cheers **Carolyn**

GALLERY MANAGERS REPORT

Here we are, at the start of a new year in our gallery. Next time you are visiting the centre, please take the time to have a good look around. As well as the ever-changing exhibitions and sale items, there are a few small changes that will hopefully encourage our visitors to make a return visit, and spread the word about us to their friends.

Information For All Who Exhibit Artworks In Our Gallery.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to clear out the art storeroom. I have done a stocktake of artworks still there. According to the dates on their tags, most have been there for over 3 months – some since 2018! These works must be taken home. We are asking everyone who sells paintings in the gallery to check the storeroom and remove their old stock. In one month's time, any with old date tags will be assumed to be donations to the centre. They will be sold as such, unless alternative arrangements have been made with Marianne Newton 0415 338 165 or Judy Jones 0400 652 383.

General Gallery Craft Sales Stock

Please remember the following: All new items must be placed in the top drawer in the packing room, with the current month and year written on the back of the tag. No one is to put their own stock on display shelves.

Old and damaged stock is stored in the top drawer near the window in the packing room – please check in here frequently and remove anything belonging to you.

If you wish to reduce the price on any item that has been in the gallery for some time, you need to attach a new tag with the new price clearly marked.

Di Adamson: Gallery Manager

LOST PROPERTY - A light weight, bone coloured zipped up, linen, ladies jacket was left here around the end of December in the Gallery. It could possibly belong to a member who had been doing desk duty.

CAFÉ NEWS:

I would sincerely like to thank everyone for their help to me over the last few years in the Café. Every person has helped make the Café very successful, it has been a team effort all round. I have thoroughly enjoyed running the Café and have had pleasure meeting so many different people. Our customers love coming as it has a peaceful environment and the gardens are beautiful. I wish Kathy Murray and Madeleine Quinlan every success in the future and am confident they will bring some fresh ideas and innovations to the Café.

I wish everyone a very happy festive season and a happy, healthy 2020. **Heather Wilson**

NEW WATERCOLOUR PAINTING GROUP

Join us for a fun afternoon exploring all the different ways of using this exciting medium. This group now meets every Monday afternoon at 1 pm in the Manoora room. At present we are working on pieces for our next exhibition titled "Flora & Fauna" to be hung in the main gallery, or bring along any topic that interests you.

Nada Yonge



Iris Mood celebrating her 90th Birthday.

2020 WELCOME BACK

Pastel Meet Wednesday 12 February, 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Marianne Pastel Group Leader

The Woodies It has been very busy and successful period for the Woodies with our rocking horse raffle fundraiser which concluded at the Australia Day event at Fly Point. Thank you to all. Cheers **Ines**

Wednesday Plein Aid Group at Roy Wood Reserve, corner of Sandy Point Road and Foreshore Drive for the month of February. All welcome Bring a hat and your morning tea. **Robyn** Bailey

The closing date for entries in for the **Quilt Exhibition** is 1st March
Lyn Cummings

The **Knitters** meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 1:00pm. All welcome
Helen Diemar

The next **GROUP LEADERS MEETING** for this year will be held on Tuesday 4th February at 9:00am. Thank you, **Colleen Sessions**

Our **Fairy Signs** are in a poor state and need to be redone. If you can take on this task please contact **Yvonne** on 49810710 or 0408166804.

Congratulations to both Christine Leaming, and Helga Greiter for biring the **People's Choice Award** Winners during the Christmas break. Christine won for her painting 'Low Tide' and Helga for her Chicken Wire Sculpture. Entries were spread over a wide range of groups including Painting, Pottery, Fusion, Bonsai, Mosaics, Craft and Paper Tole. Enjoy your coffee and cakes at the Café Christine and Helga. Many Thanks **Melanie**

The theme for the new exhibition is Under and Over the Ocean. The painting for the **Raffle**, starting on 15th January to 24th February, is a wonderful painting by Robyn Bailey. Robyn's kind donation follows that theme and is titled (My Favourite Place). Tickets will be placed on the Gallery Desk and members working in the gallery are asked to Remember to offer them to visitors to the Gallery.

Thank you to all members for selling tickets for the Christmas raffle. Nearly 3000 were sold so it was a huge success. One raffle prize was not collected as the phone number on the ticket stub was incorrect. The winner was a Flynn Cooper. If the prize has not been collected by next Monday 13th the items will be returned to the donating group (Monday Painters).

Thanks **Di Atkinson**