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*Lower Clarence
Arts & Crafts
Association*

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Diary dates

- **3rd - 31st May**
Knitters Guild display, Ferry Park
- **11th May**
General meeting
9:30am
- **March 23rd - April 28th**
8 x 8 Small works exhibition

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Gallery Coordinators

Sonia Stanton

Jan Armstrong

Exhibitors' Reps

Suz Monin, Penny Stuart

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Presidents report

Welcome members and it was great to see some new faces at the meeting and some we have not seen for quite some time. Friday's 5.30pm meeting time was set some months ago to evaluate if there is enough interest in this time slot for members who cannot attend a weekday morning meeting.

On behalf of LCACA I would like to thank Alan King for his safe hands in the role of Acting President over the past year. Alan now steps into a Vice President role along with Ainslie Langshaw. I look forward to working with them and dedicated LCACA executives Marlene Sheehan and Gloria Lee. Also my fellow Gallery Coordinator Sonia Stanton with Suzanne Monin and Penny Stuart as artist reps, alongside the many other members who contribute to the smooth running of the gallery and various events we hold. This is my first tenure as President although I have held executive committee positions in past years in Arts & related associations. I look forward to assisting members to achieve their goals within the group. Hopefully along the way we will have some fun and cheer up the meetings.

Another busy month for LCACA with our annual 8x8 Exhibition "In My Mind's Eye" held in house, it's an exceedingly popular low cost platform for locals to show their skills. It's open to any artist, resulting in a rainbow of colours and a variety of mediums. Well done Suzanne Monin & Penny Stuart, another successful exhibition for the Gallery and for the participants. We are still waiting on the CVC to sign off on the use of the foyer area and a meeting is to be arranged with CVC to discuss various issues around the changes to the Visitor Information Centre.

On Saturday 7th of April we had the Plunge Festival Art Trail bus visit the gallery bringing 40+ visitors from Grafton. Thanks once again to Penny Stuart & Suzanne Monin for being on hand to assist in the gallery and work done behind the scene. Next year we will look at the possibility of having a bus from Yamba travelling in the opposite direction as this one did not accommodate any local Yamba/ Maclean residents.

We recently farewelled woodwork artist Pat Johnson and wife Robyn. Pat has exhibited high quality woodwork at the gallery for many years. We are sorry to see them leave and we wish them both well in their travels. A big welcome back for founding/life member artist Pat Jenkins as an exhibitor. Pat has just recently held a successful solo exhibition at the Yamba Museum.

Jan Armstrong. President
President

Festival Planning Update

MHS principal Greg Court is keen for the school to re-connect with the community and sees the festival as a positive step to achieve this. MHS P&C will cater with Devonshire teas, cakes and light lunches through their canteen. There is a large under cover and shaded sitting area. Coffee cart will be hired

Stewards are still needed for Photography and Junior Art. Additional volunteers are needed for the 3 separate entry point money collection areas.

All previous entrants have been invited by post and email to enter 2018 festival.

Di Nixon meeting and communicating regularly with MHS Deputy Principal Liza Hamilton. Discussions include student performance programme for Saturday entertainment, grounds and building access, safety and security, opening night lighting and catering

MHS is holding the River of Life public assembly in the gym on Wednesday morning May 30, when the committee and exec will view the grounds, hall, library and gymnasium to better determine and allocate display spaces.

Posters have been updated with the inaugural Indigenous Art Prize and this is being promoted. We have contacted some indigenous artists and corporations and will continue to promote this award through websites and media interviews or articles. We ask members to further "spread the word" for this and our Festival in general.

Bobbie Winger has found a new sponsor for jewellery with Australian Jewellers Supplies (AJS) offering \$600 to the prize pool as gift certificates. Jewellery First prize is now \$600 cash + \$300 voucher, Second prize is now \$350 cash + \$200 voucher, Third prize is now \$200 + \$100 voucher.

Correspondence has been sent to council requesting assistance to move and return our hanging equipment stored at Showground tearooms to MHS. Record Keeping: Generic templates have been created for Festival correspondence, with some examples available in Festival Minutes folder in FP office. These will be included in the streamlined central file system as it is further developed in line with best practice record keeping and standard document control procedures.

Festival Planning Committee Meetings are held on the first Friday of the month and minutes are sent to attendees and Secretary and kept on file in the Ferry Park office.

Diane Valerie Nixon
Festival Planning Co-ordinator

Gallery Coordinators

Artist of the Month is Julie McKenzie with a professional display of paintings and cards along with some fun assemblages.

Another busy month for the gallery with school holidays, traffic travelling to and from the

Commonwealth Games, the Maclean Highland Gathering, as well as the usual Easter long

weekend visitors. The start of the month long Clarence Valley Plunge Art & Culture Festival

with its myriad of events saw the Art Trail Bus at the gallery on Saturday the 7th. Thank you to

those who put in an extra effort to help out at busy times, Suz Monin & Penny Stuart in particular for helping during the bus visit.

Around the gallery: Sonia Stanton can be seen regularly with a paintbrush and roller. There are many patches to mend and plinths to paint,

helpers are encouraged to apply.

Any member, exhibiting or not, who would like to work an extra day in the gallery on a regular roster, please contact Sonia to see if there is a vacancy that may suit. It is a nice way to spend a day and learn about the different aspects of the LCACA and what exhibitors are making.

Sonia Stanton & Jan Armstrong

Knitters' Guild display

From 3rd to 31st May the Guild will have a display of works at Ferry Park Gallery.

During this time Evol King will be demonstrating at various times with interactive knitting for visitors to enjoy.



The exhibits are for display only and not for sale.

Maclean Patchwork & Quilters

The Patchwork and Quilters held their annual general Meeting in March, Janet Pickup was elected Secretary, Lorraine Kelly is the Minutes Secretary and Robyne Plater will continue as assistant secretary, most other positions continue unchanged from last year. We had a visit from the local representative from the Healthy towns NSW committee and our members assisted by completing their survey.

Elizabeth Buzzell conducted the in-house workshop for March, our members seemed to really enjoy learning Kantha stitching, which is an Indian style of embroidery.

Several of our members have been busy this week at Grafton Shoppingworld, making Boomerang Bags and raising awareness in the lead up to the disappearance of single use plastic bags.

Our raffle quilt is now finished and tickets will be on sale soon. As you can see it is quite stunning.

Linda Hollis

P & Q President

Embroidery

All Embroidery groups are busy trying to get a piece finished for the Festival. As the year is flying by at a rapid rate, it's all a bit daunting but hopefully we can have as many beautiful works as in past years.

Please be aware that the entry forms for Creative Needlework have been altered. Some new sections plus others paired together, so make sure you check this out.

Embroidery Raffle

1st Prize

Missy Bear

A Silk Ribbon Embroidery with beading.

This has been worked & donated by Pam Le Couteur and valued at \$225

2nd Prize

A beautiful Candlewick Cushion

This has been worked & donated by Marlene Sheehan and valued at \$60

These will be on show very soon so please endeavour to sell some tickets.

Many thanks

Pam Le Couteur

Sew Excited Maclean has a closing down sale with 30% off storewide. We are very sorry to see this last fabric & haberdashery store disappear from the area. We would like to thank Nel for her support over the years and wish her well in the future.



