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President's report

Don't forget the AGM this week. It is important for the health of LCACA that many members become involved in selecting the executive and in shaping our directions for the future. The more people who are interested in the organisation, the stronger and more effective we become, and the greater the pool of talent we have to draw on in our activities.

During the month **Stephen Sessions** and **Sonia Stanton** assisted in preparing and putting things back together in the back Gallery space for the painter to complete the painting of the gables in the roof area. It all looks very fresh and bright.

We are currently considering the finalisation of a short Code of Conduct to guide us when things go wrong between Members.

We are not very far away from crunch time for our 8x8 competition, and a few early entries have come in, indicating that again there is going to be a high standard and lots of interest in the way our local artists and creators have interpreted *my place*. There is still time to put together your entry!

Penny and Suz are also finalising arrangements for our veterans' morning tea on 6 April. Our veterans will have the opportunity to view the 8x8 at the same time. We will be grateful for any help you can offer so we can make this a memorable occasion not only for our guests, but for the Association itself.

And of course there is the cocktail party planned by **Suz and Penny** for the Friday before, on 1 April when we present the 8x8 awards. Those margaritas were intoxicating, so to speak, last year...we expect to have a fabulous evening, so we are encouraging people to come along to see what has been produced, dress up a little, bring some friends, and enjoy.

The bus trip to Coffs Harbour and Woolgoolga galleries on 25 February was a roaring success, full bus, happy campers, four galleries and a picnic by the beach at Woolgoolga. There were even some contributions to the financial health of some of the Galleries. What more could we ask? Many thanks to **Ian Tiley** who organised it all and drove us there and home again. Next one will take us to Tweed River Gallery with perhaps a stop on the way home at Lismore Gallery. Put the date in your diary now.... 26th May...get in early.

And don't forget the curated exhibition at the Grafton Regional Gallery, *Landscapes of the Lower Clarence*, works due on 6 May. Details from **Mal King**.

It is great that both these Exhibitions sponsored by LCACA showcase the multi media work not only of our talented artists but also of the artisans and craftspeople of the Valley.

We should be very proud of what we do. Jenny

Creative Needlework

There is very little news from the group as we all continue to work on our projects. A big welcome to Gillian Munday who has joined our Saturday group. We hope you enjoy your time with us as you learn from Sue and draw on the experience of our other ladies.

Bus trip to Brisbane

I am now taking bookings and payment for the trip to the **Craft and Quilt Show** in Brisbane in October. The sooner I know how many people are going the sooner I can book the right sized bus.

The trip date is **October 6th**.

The cost is **\$60** per seat. This includes the return fare to Brisbane plus entry to the show. Payment by April 30th please. Ask your friends to join us for a great day out.

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

Those taking part in the National Scarf Exchange this year have sent their unspun wool to the organizing group at Wyalong, NSW.



Our wool for the exhibition raffle will be divided up next week so that we can start spinning it up (& plying)

As winter approaches we'll soon be welcoming back our casual members from South Australia and Victoria for a couple of months.

At present with a third of us away on holidays we still carry on regardless.

Nita

Patchwork & Quilting

The group has been working on some different projects this month.

The raffle quilt top is finished and will be professionally quilted in the coming few weeks. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Wilga has been helping members with their Amish blocks to be made for the members' challenge for the exhibition in July.

Liz, Mary and Maxine have been spending time on the John Jackson art quilt for the Landscapes of the Clarence event.

On 1st March Elizabeth gave an interesting workshop on how to make Fabric Postcards.

On Tuesday 8th March the First Art quilts for the year were on display. The art ladies

always manage to produce stunning designs.

On Tuesday 8th, we had a visit from Sandy of Shiralee Stitches who brought her pop-up

shop to our group. She introduced us to the latest products and trends in English Paper

Piecing which is currently very popular with quilters. It was a very interesting and

productive visit and enjoyed by everyone.

We have said goodbye to long time member Wendy Laverty. Wendy and her husband have left the area and will be living on the South Coast near their family.

Art classes

Tuesday 17th May: Basic watercolour workshop by Pat Jenkins. The Old Tea Rooms, Maclean Show-ground. All welcome. Contact Shirley Webster 6645 4006

Saturday 23rd - Sunday 24th April • 9am - 4pm

Malcolm King • Textile Printing with the Sun Learn how to create and expose photo stencils with sunlight.

Kingstudio Gallery - 105 River Street, Maclean
Price: \$250 / Person (includes an light lunch)

Maclean Picture Framing. Carneys Arcade, Maclean.

Annual Exhibition Sponsor. Offers discount framing to all LCACA members

Art Group Report

We enjoyed a New Year get together lunch on the 16th of February at Botero Café. Our first art day at the Old Tea Room Studio we spent cleaning up the room from very untidy people who had used the room during the holidays. Hopefully the temperature in the room will be more comfortable now in Autumn and we can get busy with some art work. Members of the Art Group really enjoyed our latest bus trip, which visited galleries at Coffs Harbour, Woolgoolga and Ulmarra. Thanks to our driver Dr Ian Tiley for a safe and comfortable trip. Hope we can interest more members for our next trip. June Alexander

Publicity Report

Artist of the month was featured in both the Independent & Coastal Views, with a good size photo printed in each. The Facebook pages for Ferry Park Gallery and The Clarence River Arts festival have been busy this month, this is a great way of sharing information about what is going on with links to our website. If you are on facebook pop over to both pages and like them to get the latest information. This is my last report as Publicity Officer, we are looking for someone to take over, mainly doing the Artist of the Month, I can support anyone who would like to take on this role, it's fun and doesn't take much of your time. All you need is to be able to use the computer. Alison Merrin

Landscapes of the Lower Clarence

Despite the title, this exhibition at the Grafton Regional Gallery is intended as a showcase for the association and all its members. The show will feature the LCACA story over 50 creative years, plus exhibition pieces from all the associated groups. Paintings, graphics, patchwork, quilts, embroidery, spinners and weavers, woodwork, jewellery, pottery etc. etc. The entries are rolling in for what promises to be our fabulous Jubilee show. If you haven't already submitted an entry, do it now. Email and expression of interest to Malcolm King at kingstudio@bigpond.com.

Important dates:

1. Exhibition dates Grafton Regional Gallery **11th May - 3rd July 2016**
2. Entries delivered to Ferry Park Members room by **Sat. 30th April**
3. Transport works from Ferry Park to Grafton Gallery **Mon. 9th May**
4. Hanging the exhibition **9th and 10th May**
5. Exhibition opening and morning tea GRG 11am **Friday 13th May**
6. Collection of works from GRG, return to FP - **Monday 4th July 2016**

Just in time to get them into the Clarence River Arts Festival Exhibition at the Showground. Help make this a memorable exposition for our 50 years celebration. Submit your very best work. NOW!

Contact Malcolm on **6645 2042 or 0432 719 402** kingstudio@bigpond.com



After a few hiccups we are back on track and are all like the ducks on the water, floating along gracefully, while our legs are going like crazy. I have started up accounts with twitter, Instagram and Facebook, if you go to our website you can find links to all of these. In addition, I have set up a gofundme page to try and raise some extra much needed funds. if you, or

someone you know, would like to support us in this way it would be gratefully appreciated. Equally, if you know of anyone who would like to sponsor us that would also be most welcome. We also have opportunities for buskers, stall holders for craft, food and beverages over the Festival weekend. You can contact me at anytime on 0411 190 870. Alison Merrin

Ferry Park Gallery

The next bus trip is to the Tweed River and the Margaret Olley Art Centre. The cost of the trip will be \$25. There will be a list at the gallery to add your name and book your place. Don't wait too long as this will be a Popular trip.



Artist of the Month

March Julie McKenzie & Malcolm King

April Jim Morrison

A request to all duty officers

When doing the banking can you make sure that \$50 notes are put in the banking where possible. If taking the money to the bank, change any remaining \$50 into smaller notes, this makes it so much

Calling all woodworkers

It has been suggested by a visitor that we have a donation box at the front of the gallery. Who would be able to make a nice one for us?



Calling all last year's entrants of the 8 X 8

We would like to put together a display for the Jubilee Exhibition at The Grafton Regional Gallery. We need about a dozen of the entries from last year and this year's 8 X 8 exhibition. Contact Malcolm King

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

The date for entries for the 8 x 8 Small works Exhibition is now near...finished works are to be at the Gallery by the 18th March. Get your entry in soon!

You are all invited to the Opening and presentation of prize winners...a cocktail party at the Gallery on Friday 1st April at 6pm. A small plate of savoury food would be much appreciated.

There will be a coffee cart in the Ferry Park car park for Good Friday and Easter Monday, when the restaurant will be closed. This should improve the humour of our visitors and there is free coffee for the volunteers on that day!

Plans for our Veterans Morning Tea on 6th April are well under way. We have had some wonderful offers of baking and gorgeous old china! Thank you all who have offered assistance. We will contact you shortly to arrange collection of your china.

Congratulations to Julie McKenzie and Malcolm King for their Artist of the Month display. It looks wonderful and is drawing

AGM

Maclean RSL

Friday 18th March

11am

Finger food lunch provided

MEETING TIMES REMINDER

The General meetings of the LCACA are held on the second Friday of each month, at 9.30 am. All Members are welcome to attend and indeed - to meet our constitutional obligations - should try to attend at least three meetings a year.

Next Exhibition meeting Thurs 7th April: General meeting: Friday 8th April