



**September 2016**

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- ◆ **24th March - 24th April 2017 - 8 x 8 Exhibition and Council Plunge**

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# ARTY FACTS

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Featured is one of the beautiful works in the Patchwork & Quilters group display



## President's Message

This month has been marked by the proposal from people attending the first Festival sub-committee meeting, that, among other things, we change the date of the 2017 Festival to coincide with Plunge, Council's Cultural Festival in April. However, at the General meeting on Friday 9th September, our Patchworkers & Quilters indicated they could not meet such a deadline, and the idea will not be pursued, at least for 2017. Back to July!

We have already received Dr Tiley's sponsorship donation for next years event, \$2000 to enable us to get on with what needs to be done. This has the effect of giving us some certainty for our planning and as a negotiating base to approach other prospective sponsors. Thanks again to Dr Tiley from all of our members.

I have also worked this month with Gloria to revise the new membership documentation, after the August meeting asked for changes which would prevent new Exhibiting Members' money being taken over the counter before their status had been agreed. We now have a new covering letter, for all new Member applicants and revised application forms/contracts for both new Ordinary Members and Exhibiting Members. These have been approved by Suz and Penny. Please make sure that you read the new documents next time you are on duty.

Friday's meeting also agreed that we will send out each month's General Meeting minutes by email to all members, in the face of concern that more information needs to be more readily available. This will occur some time after you receive Arty Facts.

Jenny Thomas, ph 0438406368

# Reports

## Embroidery Group

As my letter of thanks to those people involved with the Exhibition did not reach Gloria in time for last month's Arty Facts, could I just say that a hearty thanks to all those people who were involved with the Creative Needlework section. You are all just wonderful.

I have not been able to attend several meetings lately, due to family matters taking precedence, however I do know that the ladies are all happily stitching, with several pieces soon to be completed, including one of my own. It's a good feeling to see a work come together, especially after a couple of years of effort.

Pam Le Couteur

## Maclean Patchwork and Quilters

Our Daffodil Day was held on 16<sup>th</sup> August. It was a lovely successful day even though attendance was down on previous years due in part to the wrong date published in the paper. With some additional donations, we have raised \$1600.00 for the Cancer Council.

Three of our members, Marcia Hunter, Barbara Fowler and Beth Keen have recently had Knee surgery. We wish them all a speedy and complete recovery.

Colleen Brighton conducted this month's interesting workshop on using machine embroidery stitches for applique. Colleen demonstrated the different effects which can be achieved using this form of machine applique.

Our Far North Coast Quilters Gathering Zone Day will be held in Alstonville on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The recipients for the donated Quilts this year is Mental Health. Zone Days are always interesting and we always return with lots of inspiration & ideas to put into practice.

Claudette Hough - President - Ph. 66477317

## Spinners & Weavers

Our visitor from York Peninsula SA spent several weeks with us and has now returned home, vowing she will see us again next year.

We do have a new member who started while I was away. It's nice to see new faces.

We welcome all new members to join us as seasoned spinners & weavers or wanting to learn how to.

We meet every Wednesday from 10am to 1pm at Illarwill Hall.

Nita

## Spinners & Weavers Winter Raffle

prizewinners were:

1st Prize - Wool - Jenny White

2nd Prize - Gloves - Stephanie Wood

3rd Prize - Scarf - D Muir

4th Prize - Scarf - Libby Black

## Volunteers on duty

When using Eftpos, please circle the "approved" on the docket before printing the customer copy. If you do this, you will notice if it says "declined".

### Maclean Picture Framing

River Street Maclean

Annual Exhibition Sponsor, offers discount framing to all LCACA Members

## Notices and events

### Phyllis Austin

It's time to get ready for the Phyllis Austin Award for Excellence. An annual award for LCACA members only....with prize money ! Remember if you've already won you cannot enter.

You now have till the 27th November to finish your work. So get cracking !

Entry forms and more info will be available in the next Arty Facts.

The show will be in the members room throughout December and early January.

Julie McKenzie is organising the event for the 2nd year. Any questions ?

Cheers Julie    ph 0415836194.

### Exhibitors Representatives

Continuing with our aim to bring consistency to the Gallery display, 2 new glass jewellery cabinets have been purchased to replace old, existing ones.

The 8 x 8 Exhibition for 2017, themed 'Messages', will be held from 24<sup>th</sup> March – 28<sup>th</sup> April, with the Opening and Presentation on 31 March.

Entry will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for juniors. Look for further details in the next newsletter, when entry forms and canvases will be available.

There have been some additions to the New Members Package...please remember that when giving out membership forms, no money is to be taken for prospective exhibiting status, until that application is approved. But Ordinary member applications which have been nominated and seconded by LCACA members can be paid for, since there are no other conditions to Ordinary Membership.

Congratulations to our exhibitor, Elizabeth Slater on being selected as a finalist in the 2016 JADA Drawing Award.  
Penny and Suz

### CVC ELECTION

During the month Jenny emailed candidates in the local government election for the Clarence Valley Council with five questions relevant to the future of Ferry Park Gallery and the LCACA during the life of the next Council.

A summary of responses was put into a matrix and emailed to LCACA members in the week before the election. A set of the full responses was placed in the Office at Ferry Park. It is still there if any one is interested.

This was done as a means of educating candidates about our issues at a significant point in our history, with the highway bypass and creation of a highway service centre in the offing. It also gave members a chance to see what candidates had to say about us when pressed.

### Thanks

Many thanks to those members who were unable to attend the meeting to evaluate the Festival in early August, but who nonetheless wrote to us with constructive critiques and advice. All critiques have been referred to the 2017 Festival Committee.

**The next Festival meeting  
will be held on 6th October at 1pm.**

**All are welcome to attend.  
Apologies for the short notice  
for the September meeting.**

A big welcome to Julie King who has joined us, and also volunteered to help in the office from 19th September. Julie's main interest will be in assisting our Festival Coordinator.

# Ferry Park Gallery

## Gallery Co-ordinators

Artist of the month is the Patchwork & Quilters group. A great display comprising large & small quilts and table runners.

We have 2 new exhibiting members. Peter Hill who is a well known artist and Maxwell Lloyd who is a woodworker who makes pens, hat racks & picture frames.

We are sorry to lose one of our exhibitors Leon Miller. We wish him all the best for the future.

Many of our visitors make comments on how well set out Gallery is with such a diverse display.

Sonia & Marcia

## Festival Grant Acquittal

CVC's grant to us for the 2016 Festival is to be acquitted by September 16. The next step will be to seek funding from Council for next years event. It seems likely that we will be looking to Council funding programs other than Events funding which more and more relies on evidence of economic advantage to the region, something difficult for us to prove, even with our data collection, which was pretty rigorous this year.

*A warm welcome is extended  
to our new members,  
Fay Griffiths and Anne Lysaght*

Two of our members, Julie McKenzie and Pat Jenkins, feature in an exhibition called *Chalk and Cheese* which opens on 24th September at the Cowper Art Gallery and Studio.

Call in and have a look if you are passing by.

## People counter August 2016

Number of people visiting our Centre for August was 5168, which is a **large** increase over the 4224 who visited in 2015!

## Note for Volunteers on duty

Please note that for the months of September & October the cost for new Ordinary members will be **\$10.50** single or **\$15.00** for a couple plus the **\$5** joining fee.

*How long since you last changed your work. Remember you should bring new work in each 3 months.*

Our Treasurer & our Festival Coordinator are both globetrotting at the moment. If they are having too good a time they may not return, but we are hoping to see both Marlene and Ali at the next General Meeting **on 14th October**.

## Publicity

Artist of the Month publicity was sent to the Independent & Coastal Views.

Gloria

## 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. All welcome to contribute or attend.