

President's report

Marlene, Gloria & I met with Dave Morrison from Clarence Valley Council regarding the closure of the Tourism Office. I later met with Louise Gumb and clarified that:

- 1 Set of table and chairs to go
- Info sign from top of building to go and will be replaced with a sign for Ferry Park Gallery. Also the sign on front of desk will be removed.
- there will be an officer on duty in Maclean Council Chambers at all times - refer people seeking information to them or advise them to use the "chat" button the hub.
- more space available for us to use

The new signs have finally arrived (3rd try) without damage. Thanks to Jan for designing and ordering them and to Alan Bishop and Ron Moore with fixing them to the building.

Christmas display in the Artist of the Month is now on display - well done.

Phyllis Austin Award display is now in the members room. Thanks to Julie and the entrants.

Office need to be kept clean and not left to the people on duty next day.

Allan King
Acting President

**No General Meeting
in January 2018**

Dancing with the Flame:

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN LAMPWORK

14 October 2017 - 21 January 2018



Congratulations to Ferry Park exhibitor & LCACA member Su Bishop on her work being featured in an exhibition at the National Art Glass Gallery of Australia, Wagga Wagga.

The exhibition, 'Dancing with the Flame' features approximately 30 of the best flame work glass artists in Australia and New Zealand, including a couple of overseas based Australian flameworkers.

Five of Su's pieces – four necklaces and a glass sculptural piece has been selected for the exhibition. Su's work also featured on the front cover of exhibition brochures.

Flood preparations.

In the event of flooding at Ferry Park, there is an expectation that all exhibitors collect their own stock. You will be notified via email when to collect.

If for some reason you are unable to collect in person it is incumbent on you to arrange for this to be done for you. Christine Snee has a list of people who are able to come in and raise plinths etc.

If you are able to help in the event of a flood please email info@ferrypark.org to offer you assistance.

Exhibitors' Reps

We often get told by customers how much they love our gallery and are they are surprised to hear that it is totally run by volunteers. Every time we go to the gallery there seems to be someone doing a special job. So THANK YOU to everyone who has put their hand up to help with a job this year. On Tuesday last week Ron and Alan were helping Jan put up the new signs which are sure to catch the eye of visitors as they go up the ramp.

And talking of volunteers; without Marlene and Gloria none of us would be paid for our sales each month. They work tirelessly to ensure that we are paid promptly so another big THANK YOU to them as well.

By now you will have read about the Tourist Information Centre closing. Please ensure you are aware of the new procedures especially opening and closing. You need to be punctual and not rely on your fellow worker to open and close the gallery alone. This is a safety issue, now that the TIC is unmanned.

The new weekend rosters are just about finalised. Please check your rostered day and if it doesn't suit you, arrange to swap with someone and change the roster on display, as per your contract.

Suz and Penny

Gallery Co-ordinators

With the changes to the tourism area we will have some very welcome extra display and office/storage space. With that comes extra responsibility for ensuring the whole area is secure on closing. You will have had some correspondence about that. If not please contact our secretary for a copy.

A reminder to clean your display area each time you are on duty. All sorts of stuff falls out of that grass ceiling material along with dust from the roadworks, if left, your items and shelves appear dirty. Remove all items, damp cloth and total wipe down is recommended. Also an opportunity to rearrange your display and it freshen up. You can use the red trolley.

When bringing items into the gallery for sale, you may not duplicate what another exhibitor is selling.

If you have any ideas for free advertising of the gallery we would like to hear them.

Special thanks to Allan Bishop and Ron Moore for installing the new signs and other help around the gallery. All signs for the Tourist Information Centre are to be removed and replaced with our own which will make our gallery more prominently visible from outside.

Thank you Julie McKenzie for organising the Phyllis Austin Memorial Trophy.

6 Junior Artists are very happy with their gallery sales. Bev Schofield has recently hung the next round of paintings and photography on sale for the next 6 weeks. We had some editorial content in the local papers for the Christmas Display and Junior Art.

We wish all members a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Sonia Stanton & Jan Armstrong

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People Counter

November 2016 - 3326

November 2017 - 3412

Working Bee

There will be a working bee at Ferry Park on Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th February.

There will be plenty of work so many hands needed. If you are able to attend please email info@ferrypark.org

Embroidery Report

Hello everyone. Although I don't submit a report every month, our members are still busy week after week, working on their individual embroideries. It's a real "hats in the air day" when someone completes a project, as they often take several months to finish.

The Saturday morning, and Monday afternoon groups have had a very successful year with the help of Susan Casson-Porter. Sue spent several months on a trip "up North", and I haven't spoken to her myself since her return as I too have been away caravanning for several weeks. I am not sure when she plans to head off again. Since her return the Monday afternoon group have 2-3 afternoon sessions where Susan has been able to bring them up to date.

The Wednesday ladies are enjoying doing their own thing, either with silk ribbon embroidery, or fine embroidery with embellishments. Most of the ladies are the stage where they can proceed on their own, while Lyn and I are on hand to help them out with the "difficult bits", or guide them with new techniques. Lyn and I now have the opportunity to do some stitching ourselves as we enjoy the company of the group, where the camaraderie is great. Happy days for us all.

On behalf of all the embroidery groups we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and all the best for 2018.

Pam Le Couteur

Publicity

Apologise for the late Arty Facts, I'm juggling working full-time and a small family, I also made a quick trip to Dubbo for Christmas. Hope you all had a great Christmas

Due to my time being limited I will be passing over the editors duties to Ali Merrin.

I will continue to help out with design & forms for the Arts Festival.

Bec Davies

Publicity Officer/Arty Facts Editor

Fay Boyd.

If you are interested in Fay's workshops for 2018 please go to her website, she is offering a \$200 discount for members.

www.fayboydsfineartschool.com

Patchwork & Quilters

The Patchwork and Quilting group celebrated Christmas at a luncheon at Maclean RSL Club on 21st November, a very enjoyable afternoon, which saw Robyne Plater announced as the Betty Harris award winner for this year.

The Wilga Bolton Award honour Board was installed in the Member's Room at Ferry Park our members were joined by Wilga, with her daughters, Christine and Lisa and LCACA President Allan King for morning tea.

The group is now in recess till 16th January, we wish everyone a very Happy and safe Christmas.

Happy stitching
Linda

Art Group

Last week we went to the nursing home and took Irene to the Old Tea Room Studio where we guided her to enjoy getting her hands into paint to create an "acrylic pour painting"

The following Tuesday she will proudly take her creation to hang in her room. We had our last art day till next year when we meet for a get-together New Year lunch on the 13th February. Art days start back on the 20th of February at the Old Tea Room.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas.

June Alexander

2018 Arts Festival

New forms can
be downloaded via

clarencriverartsfestival.com.au

Clayworx Report

Merry Christmas to all and a joyful New Year from us all at Clayworx.

Our potty group had a lovely Xmas lunch at The Tavern. Joined by our fair firing lady Nicole Rodgers without whom we would have been Kiln-less. However 2 members are about to start firing up Kilns in the new year! Wonderful news.

We have 2 new members on the horizon.

We have had some great firings of late & everyone has been on deck. We are potti-ing along nicely, Clayworx is looking forward to a productive New Year.

Regards
Tina and Michelle.



Lower Clarence
Arts & Crafts
Association Inc

2018 8 x 8 SMALL WORKS COMPETITIVE EXHIBITION

In My Mind's Eye

imagined or recollected scenes, dreams or ideas

Ferry Park Gallery March 23 - April 28

Entry forms & 8x8 Canvas:

Available at Ferry Park Gallery
Maclean & MacMarkets
January 6th

Entry Fees:

Open \$10
Youth (under 16) \$5

Entries close:

5pm Friday March 16 2018

Maclean Picture Framing & Art Supplies

1/249 River St. Maclean. (near Travel agents)

Stockists of Sennelier art supplies

Annual Exhibition Sponsor.

Discount framing to all LCACA members

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 are required to attend at least three meetings a year.