

Arty Facts

February 2018

Lower Clarence
Arts & Crafts
Association

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Diary dates

AGM: Friday 16th March

Nominations close 4pm
Friday 2nd March

8 x 8

Small works exhibition:
March 23rd - April 28th

Entries close: 5pm Friday
March 16th 2018

**Clarence River Arts
Festival:** 13th - 15th July

AGM
FRIDAY 16TH
MARCH
MACLEAN RSL
11AM
FOLLOWED BY NIBBLES



February Artist of the month
Karin Brear & Jim Morrison

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Acting Presidents Report

A working bee was carried out but still more to do. So if you missed out you can help next time.

We still have not received information from Council regards use of extended area vacated by Tourism. We need confirmation of terms and conditions before using this area.

The executive have been busy bringing the "Roles Statements for elected positions of the LCACA Committee" up to date. This has now been completed. A big thank you to Ainslie.

People are again asked not to alter the settings on the Air Conditioners.

Members need to abide by conditions of contract and not do activities without permission of Committee e.g.

- do not display posters/flyers of outside bodies other than Arts & Crafts on notice board
- Complaints to be made in writing or to a meeting. Do not phone or email individual persons. Remember we are all volunteers.

The Phyllis Austin was again a great success although the attendance on Presentation day was down.

The Annual Meeting will be held on 16th March. Nominations for positions are now open until 2nd March. Nomination box and papers on the sign on desk. Consider if you would be able to fill one of these positions.

A King

Exhibitors' Reps' Report

A big Thank You to all the exhibitors who turned up to give a hand for the working bee held last month. Stands were painted, upstairs was cleaned out, old junk was thrown out and the back of gallery had a spring clean. There will be another working bee scheduled so if you weren't able to help in January, you could help out then. And a gentle reminder to exhibitors to dust and wet clean their areas each month while on duty.

The 8 x 8 entries are selling fast with only 25 yet to sell. Completed entries are due at FPG on 16th March, so if you are going to enter, now is the time to pick up your canvas. Once again, we have entries from near and far. Our little exhibition has a HUGE following

We hope everyone is settling into the new routine of opening and closing the building and helping the visitors. Thank you, exhibitors, for your extra efforts, enabling the new arrangements to run smoothly over the very busy holiday period.

We seek your input and ideas re the ongoing success of our Gallery...you are welcome at our monthly meetings, 9.30am on the second Friday of the month. In April, there will be a late afternoon meeting, for those who can't attend during the day.

Suz and Penny

Artist of the Month Vacancy

We do have a vacancy for June 18. If you have not been AOM in 2017 you can apply, forms in the office. (Items must be for sale)

Artist of the month statements need to be presented in good time for early publication to maximise media coverage

Reminder to exhibitors to clean out old pages in the folders used when booking goods in, especially the 800 folder

Gallery Coordinators

Artists of the Month for February are Karin Brear and Jim Morison. Both of these artists are highly skilled at their craft. Jims wonderful woodwork pieces, trays, bread & cheese boards, Lazy Susans and unique wall mirrors are some of the items. Karins pastel, mixed media, acrylic paintings and cards.

Gallery exhibitions: The Phyllis Austin Exhibition is now closed, thanks to Julie Mckenzie for organising and hanging. Congratulations Shirley Spencer for the sale of your painting 'Brooms Head Brumbies'

Housekeeping: We have mentioned a few times about cleaning your display. Being on duty is not just about attending the counter. The Gallery Co-ordinators do not have time to clean every display on change over day, so things just get grubbier. The geckos are regular visitors and leave evidence. When changing the bin liner in the kitchen please do not use shopping bags, they split and leave a mess in the bottom of the bin that no one wants to clean. There are tie top bin tidy bags available. Please do not bring any more boxes or plastic bags in to the gallery. The yellow bin near the information desk should be put out to the café end fortnightly on Thursday afternoon for Friday pick up and brought in. A notice will be placed in the day book.

Facebook and Instagram for *Ferry Park Gallery* are updated regularly. Please like the pages to give everyone a boost and get the message out there.

There is a separate facebook page for *Ferry Park Sellers* for those who wish to keep in touch with each other, helpful if you need to swap a roster day.

Wall Art: Some of the wall hung items have run over the 3 month time limit, please check the date on your items tickets and bring in something new to hang.

Visitors photographing artworks: It was decided at the general meeting that it will be individual artists prerogative as to whether to allow their items to be photographed. There will be signs available in the office of uniform size for use in your display area. Thanks, we hope you have a good month.

Sonia Stanton & Jan Armstrong

The Patchwork and Quilters have made a start on the raffle quilt for the Lower Clarence Arts Festival and are hoping to complete it during the next few weeks, mostly during our meetings. Two of our members will go to Grafton next week to deliver quilts which the group have made, to be donated to the Hamlin Fistula Foundation, a very worthy cause in Ethiopia which is dedicated to restoring the health and dignity of women who have survived the horrendous, and preventable, childbirth injury: obstetric fistula. Most of our members are now back from holidays and I looking forward to a busy and productive year.

Linda Hollis

President

Welcome to new members Catherine & Phillip McGuire and welcome back Alison Martin

Items from the General meeting

- If you have any suggestions on how we use the area in the Foyer vacated by Tourism please place them in the suggestion box.
- Jim Morison has kindly made us a "donation" box to be displayed in the Gallery
- The stall at MacMarkets was again a great success. Having a presence there builds good community links and awareness of Ferry Park as well as our events. Numerous 8 x 8 canvasses were sold on the day, entry forms for the Festival were given out plus a couple of new member packs taken. Hopefully these will result in new members.
- Please keep the office tables tidy and free from clutter, it's not a good look from the gallery.

Spinners and Weavers

- Our Christmas Party was held at the Cardiff Alpaca farm with a delicious morning tea and lunch. After a short break over Christmas we resumed early New Year.
- We're expecting our scarf exchange wool in the mail any day now, so we'll be busy with that, also the wool for the Exhibition raffle.
- We are pleased to welcome the Pottery group to our hall at Ilarrwil. They are going on Monday's, we are Wednesday's. It's great to see the hall being used more.
- Nita

The Council have a DA on display for the removal of the Ferry and Cane barge which are in a state of disrepair.

At this evening's Maclean Chamber meeting (Monday 12th) there was a presentation of what can be achieved with the Old Ashby Ferry and Cane Barge. The photo below shows a model with the main drive wheel from the ferry and the front of the cane punt mounted on concrete walls. There would be photos/information about the history behind these vessels as well as some local history.



People counter

December 2017: 4150 - December 2016: 4742

January 2018: 4860 - January 2017: 6698

Because we are now collecting visitor numbers, it is important that members on duty use the number clicker so we can gather accurate figures.

