

ARTY FACTS

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Message from the President

I hope all our members and their families have managed to get through this difficult COVID 19 time. And it doesn't seem like its over yet.

Wisely, some of our exhibiting members have chosen to continue their isolation and defer their return to the gallery. I hope we see their faces and work back at the gallery in the not too distant future. Unfortunately, we have also had a number of members resign – Pam Morgan, Bec Davies, Josie Priddle and Julie Wallace. I wish them all well for the future. New recruits are few and far between.

We have reached crisis point with our membership. Membership has been declining over recent years but it has now reached a point where we can't cover the rosters for 7 days a week. The majority of Roster Officers are already putting in a lot of extra days as are a few very committed members. So I'm asking all members if they can help with a recruitment drive by encouraging friends or family to join LCACA and undertake some rostered duty.

The Executive would also like members to let us know whether they can do 1 additional day of roster between now and the end of the year. Non exhibiting members would be most welcome to join the roster or be available to fill in as required. Due to the reduced number of visitors we will continue with the 3 pm closing time for now. Please become familiar, and comply, with the Covid safety procedures that have been implemented in the gallery. Irrespective of our personal views, we (LCACA and members) are required by law to comply with these standards and rules. It's great to see you all back.



Artist of the Month
of July

Yvonne Stewart
Pammi Stewart

Outcome of Roster Officer Meeting re Membership Numbers

Membership has reached a critical level and action needs to be taken to attract new members. At present the Roster Officers and a few other members are attempting to cover the vacancies in the roster. At a recent meeting the Roster Officers recommended:

1. A trial of 'job sharing' where members can share duty allowing them to work 2 half days a month rather than 1 full day a month. The trial will run until the end of the year. Guidelines and application form to be drafted.
2. All members (exhibiting and non-exhibiting) will be asked to contribute 1 day on roster between now and the end of the year.
3. An overall recruitment drive will be undertaken to attract new membership (increased press advertising, pamphlet to be distributed to businesses and other groups/galleries, use social media to encourage new members)

The July General Meeting supported all of the above recommendations

Patchwork and Quilters: We have been very busy making quilts for the bushfire victims around Nymboida. With the covid lockdown we have had time to do a lot more and took up thirty nine (39) two weeks ago. They were all laid out on tables for the recipients to choose. Their reactions were beautiful and some of their stories heartbreaking but there was a lot of positivity amongst them, even though there are struggles ahead. We are at present trying to whip up 17 to 20 quilts for Rappville within the next couple of weeks as they are very much needed. So far we have come up with 10. Hopefully the people of Rappville will be sleeping a lot warmer soon, knowing they have not been forgotten. Airing of the quilts was cancelled this Easter like every other fund raising event, maybe next year. We have been meeting in the Baptist Church Townsend for the last couple of weeks. We still haven't had word on the hall yet. So lovely to see some of the familiar faces again.

OTHER BITS.

- ❖ Thanks to Kaye Grayson who has done a great job putting Arty Facts together. Arty Facts has now returned to the Publicity portfolio.
- ❖ Ferry Park Gallery opening hours will continue to operate 9-3pm, until further notice
- ❖ The 8x8 Exhibition finishes on Saturday 18 July and works are to be collected on Sunday 19 July. 12 works have been sold so far.
- ❖ Some emails are being returned, please check your junk or trash folders. Any IT advice would be welcome on this issue.
- ❖ Please like and share our social media posts
- ❖ COVID Inspectors are visiting local businesses for compliance checks.