

ARTY FACTS

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Message from the President

We didn't hold a meeting in August in accordance with decision last year to reduce meetings to Bi-monthly unless there was something that couldn't wait. At the last meeting I mentioned that membership numbers had reached crisis point. Thank you to those members who have put their hand up to do additional roster days. This, combined with a couple of new exhibiting members (welcome back John Le Couteau) has filled most of the gaps. Sales are still down on previous years due to Covid and the new highway but seem to be picking up.

We are investigating our options for increased signage at the gallery, on the highway and on Big River Way. A fair bit of red tape is making it slow progress but we will keep going. We are also making better use of online publicity and marketing by joining the new Clarence Valley Directory and Google My Business.

The Executive is currently negotiating the terms of our 10 year lease with Council and looking for a better deal on our Insurance. So, despite what the rumour mills are saying the Gallery is here to stay.

The woodworker's display is attracting a lot of local interest and having a positive influence on gallery sales. Don't forget to encourage your creative friends and family to come and join our Association and exhibit at our amazing gallery.

I'd like to thank that small group of dedicated members who work so hard to keep the place running. We couldn't do it without you!

Ainslie Langshaw



Artists of the Month
of September

Jackie Nichols
Lynne Gawne

Gallery Co-ordinator's report – Lynne Gehrke

Since re-opening after the COVID-19 shutdown, the gallery has looked great. The Artists of the Month have been doing a great job with their displays. Applications are now called for Artist of the Month displays for 2021. You can share with another displaying member, but both members will need to fill out separate forms. Also, I ask that all artists who have work displayed, to please rotate the replacement works that are hanging in the office, so I have new work to display. Works should only be displayed in the gallery for 3 months at a time and I do record each month how long a work has been displayed. Some works have been on display since last year with nothing in the office to replace them with. Leaving new works that I can hang will help change the "face" of the gallery each month. This helps give the gallery a fresh look and feel and helps to keep the gallery an interesting place to visit for our customers.

Exhibitors Reps' Report. Pen and Suz. Our compliments to the Gallery Coordinators since the Gallery is looking very fresh and full of interest right now and there has been a very positive response from our visitors, who are slowly finding their way back to us.

To help us get more people in, please like our Facebook page and then when you see a post from **FerryParkGallery** you can share it with your friends to get the word out far and wide.

Congratulations, Lynne and Jackie on your stunning Artist of the Month display for September. The painting and pottery works complement each other, making an exciting front of gallery.

The Clarence Valley Woodworkers' have put together an amazing display in the foyer which is creating much interest, and sales have been good to date.

Please check to see if you are rostered on for a weekend duty...it could be a Saturday or a Sunday. This has been an unusual year and every member has been rostered on to do a duty. Thank you for your patience with any changes that have been made.

When on duty, please follow the cleaning and personal hygiene procedures and remind visitors to sign in.

OTHER BITS.

- ❖ Please like and share our social media posts
- ❖ COVID Inspectors are visiting local businesses for compliance checks.
- ❖ First aid box – a new first Aid Kit has been purchased and is now on the shelf in the office
- ❖ Changes to Big River Way – Big River Way hasn't been handed over by Council to the NSW Government yet so we are waiting to see who we will need to contact about any proposed changes to the entrance to Ferry Park.
- ❖ The Patchwork and Quilters Group members are currently working on embroidered patches to assemble into children's quilts for Christmas charity distribution
- ❖ Thankyou to CVC for waiving our rent and outgoings during the COVID closure
- ❖ The Clarence Valley Woodworkers Display is in the Gallery foyer for September
- ❖ Phyllis Austin Award is approaching, time to get your entries ready.