

ARTY FACTS

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From V-P Penny Stuart's opening remarks (July 8)

The slow process of flood recovery rolls on...the bureaucratic wheels turn ever so slowly, but we are making some progress.

We applied for and were granted a \$10,000 flood grant from the Commonwealth Bank and we have had verbal confirmation that our insurance claim has been approved, with conditions. We await further contact from the assessor. We have begun to order some new display furniture to replace shelves etc. destroyed by the floodwater.

We have met with the new Head of Facilities from Council, at the gallery, and have given her the guided tour of our gallery and discussed the lease and other issues with her.

Congratulations to the Art Group for their 'ABC' Exhibition in the Members' Room...it is delightful, quirky and full of surprises! Make sure you see it!

I would like to acknowledge the contribution to the LCACA by a founding member, Isobel Wingfield, who passed away recently. Isobel was one of a very strong and proactive group of women who never gave up on the concept of a 'home for the LCACA' and worked tirelessly to make the dream a reality. Vale Isobel and thank you.

... and in May ...

June Alexander's contribution to LCACA and Ferry Park Gallery was discussed. After many years of service to this organization, she is no longer able to be an active member, but has left us with a folder of original artwork for her bookmarks and cards, which we will continue to make up and sell at the Gallery.

She has also provided valuable archival material which needs to be digitized and filed for future reference.

Suz Monin has begun this process and would greatly appreciate some assistance.

Our Artists of the Month in July are Yvonne Stewart and Pam Whitney.



Yvonne says:

“I was taught to knit by my grandmother at around 5 years of age and have been passionate about this craft since then. My family and friends have received many items that I have made over many years but now I am sharing my passion with others. I enjoy experimenting with colours and textures and therefore use different types of yarn to achieve unique effects, making each of my garments a one of a kind. These yarns include wools, cottons, acrylics, silks and bamboo to name a few. I also enjoy knitting picture knits and cables and look for stitch designs that suit the style of the piece. I am also interested in making all styles including children’s knits, garments and various accessories.”

Pam’s story:

“I have not had any formal training in bag-making and have learnt it all by following on-line tutorials and expanding that knowledge to make the product my own. I enjoy custom-making specific items for people and love it when the client expresses their delight in my products. As a single Mum of three young children and a full-time worker, I am only able to do my craft when I have a little spare time, but it is my way of relaxing and being creative.”

Volunteers are reminded that our opening hours are 9am to 4pm.

Reports from the Meeting

Publicity:

Publicity Officer, **Di Nixon**, continues to liaise with The Independent and local radio stations and will update these and the community noticeboard in the shopping mall at Yamba. **Suz Monin** has offered to look after the Facebook and Instagram social media advertising.

For members wishing to publicise shows or events on the LCACA website:

We are happy to post information about your show or event.

Please direct emails to info@ferrypark.net and include the following information:

Name of Event or Activity

Location — Street Address

Time and date of event (i.e. opening and closing dates and hours that the event is open)

Photographs if you like (preferably .jpg)

Any documents, entry forms etc. that you want people to download

Name and email or phone of a contact person

Links to any other website if needed.

Thank you.

Bobbie Winger

Exhibitors' Representatives:

A reminder to all workers and duty officers:

We have been having problems with the Eftpos machine :: PLEASE take care using EFTPOS

Check amount before customer leaves :: Check amount entered on machine

Circle the amount entered on merchant copy :: Circle "Approved"

Sign the merchant copy

Gallery Coordinators:

Changeover of Artist of Month - from horseshoes to Winter woollies! Yvonne Stewart and Pam Whitney's arrangement sets the tone for a warm-up, with plenty of knitted goods for the cold weather we are experiencing at the moment, together with some lovely bags and purses.

Applications are now open for next year's A.O.M., so if you have not displayed this year, get your name in while there still is a choice of months.

Good to see the new card rack has arrived – no doubt it will be filled very quickly!

We have the usual a request for exhibitors to bring in new work to keep the gallery looking fresh and attractive. We have trialled a change to the window display, with an easel featuring some eye-catching artwork, flanked by the two jewellery cabinets.

Thank you to Jacquie McLeod for helping with me last week to hang her macramé installation in the side window where it will be noticeable to people as they leave the restaurant. We hope it will entice them to come in and browse!

With the raffle quilt now gone, perhaps we could think of a way to feature some of the patchworks in the foyer, similar to their last display - they always attract interest. If anyone has suggestions we would love to hear them!

Pam Birrell

Because we had no June Arty Facts, **Max Lloyd's Artist of the Month** show missed out. With a lifetime of working with timber and iron in the bush, Max now produces artwork crafted from wood and horseshoes. His display was interesting and diverse. Congratulations, Max.



Junior Art:

Another quiet month for junior artists, although some work from previous exhibitors has been sold.

With the beginning of school term again, I'll send out yet another request to schools to remind their junior artists about our art space.

Jean Versace

Patchwork and Quilting:

Our 2022 Exhibition



LACA's quilters should be justly proud of the work that was displayed at the Showgrounds last weekend. Such a wonderful array of colour and skill, with their dedication clearly there for everyone to see.

The beautiful quilt at the left, "Robin's Flight" by Glenys Wallbridge, was judged Best in Show. More photos and full results will be on the website.

It was heart-warming to see the junior work on display.

The Patchwork and Quilting Group would like to thank Ferry Park Gallery for allowing us to display our raffle quilt in the Gallery and to all the helpers who sold tickets for us. The money raised from the raffle quilt goes towards the prize money for our Exhibition.

Many of our members have been making charity quilts for those people on the North Coast who have been badly impacted by the 2022 floods. These will be delivered to a group in the Lismore area to be distributed to those in need.

Our Far North Coast Quilters' Gathering will be held this year after a three-year break due to Covid. The event this year will be hosted by Patch & Chat group in Grafton and will be held at the Grafton Showground Barn on 13th August. This is an event we always look forward to and is enjoyed by all.

Claudette Hough.

Tuesday Arters

Recently a special lunch was attended by all to wish Ainslie all the best with her new adventure.

In the past month we have welcomed two new artists to our fold. Rita Gaul and Lindy Treasure are both new to the area and have connected with our tribe. Lindy has been volunteering at Ferry Park Gallery and we hope that Rita will soon be an exhibitor.

Special thank you to members who donated works to the Flood Relief fundraiser held in Maclean recently.

The Art Group is featured in two exhibitions for the month of July. Our very special **Alphabet Exhibition** is now on display in the Members' Room at Ferry Park Gallery. Learning the ABC has never been so much fun!

Maclean Library reopened in early July (after renovations) with a display of postcard-sized works from the members in the Scobie Cabinet. These **Little Gems** might be small but they represent the diverse styles and media enjoyed by members. Please visit each venue and tell your friends about these exhibitions.



Little Gems at the Library



Alphabet Exhibition at FPG (Q-U)



Farewelling Ainslie at The Yamba Tavern

The Art Group meets each Tuesday morning 9- 12 at the Old Tea Rooms at Maclean Showground. Contact is **Suz Monin** 0434430754.