

ARTY FACTS

February, 2024

Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association
Ferry Park Gallery PO Box 194, MACLEAN, NSW, 2463

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Jean Versace

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Jean Versace

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Exhibition Coordinator

Vacant

Minute Secretary

Suz Monin

Publicity Officer/Arty

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Versace

Social Media: Suz

Monin

Junior Art: Jean

Versace

Events coordinator:

vacant

President Penny Stuart's Report:

Welcome, everyone to 2024 and our first meeting for the year. To our affiliated groups, gallery exhibitors and volunteers, I look forward to the coming year with the spirit of creativity and good company.

This year, the Gallery is officially 30, which is quite an achievement, given the setbacks of the last few years. I think this milestone needs to be marked with some form of event, the nature of which is open to suggestion, bearing in mind the workload and the number of willing hands. I am in favour of a small show/event, which can be held onsite and perhaps a small exhibition, including the work some of the inaugural exhibitors eg Pat, Phyllis, June, Irene and Nita to name a few. Please talk to me about your ideas!

I know there have been murmurings around the reinstatement of our Annual Exhibition, so I have called a planning meeting to discuss this and the 30 years of Ferry Park. It will be held on **Thursday 7th March at 2pm** in the Members Room. All interested are encouraged to attend, especially representatives of the affiliated groups. More on this later, but save the date.

Many thanks to Bobbie for bringing the solar installation to fruition! It is almost complete now, and has been a huge task, liaising with the installers, the Council and writing the grant, which we will hear about in May.

The AGM is almost upon us and I would encourage you all to think about a role on the executive. There are many positions, some that are currently unfilled, but all positions are open for nominations. Position descriptions will be displayed in the office.

The 8 x 8 exhibition is rapidly approaching...remind your friends and family to enter and get your works in by the due date, **22nd March**. By the completed works I have seen coming in so far, it's going to be yet another eye opening show!

Penny

Artist of the Month

for February is long-time exhibitor at Ferry Park, **Pam Birrell**, who says:

“I love to paint and I paint what I love!”

Pam’s love affair with art began 20 years ago, with a lesson in watercolour, gradually progressing to acrylic and oils.

Workshops by many artists, including some of Australia’s foremost tutors, have honed her skills and pointed her into new directions. Her first love of subject is florals, many of which can be enjoyed in this month’s display, along with a variety of other works.

Don’t miss her exhibition. She has such beautiful work.



Associated Groups’ Reports:

Publicity and Social Media

Publicity Officer. Di Nixon, reports continued support from The Independent, including an article in Scene magazine.

Social Media Officer, Suz Monin, monitors a pleasing interest in our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Gallery Coordinators

What a fabulous Artist of the Month display we have at the moment. Thanks so much, Pam, for stepping in for this month. I am sure your wonderful display is enticing visitors to view your work and enjoy the rest of the gallery.

We still have vacancies for Artist of the Month in June, so please consider participating as it is a wonderful opportunity to display more of your work. Just see Jean or myself if you are interested, or fill in the form.

A few reminders:

Suggestions or problems regarding displays are welcome. We need happy members.

Folio racks are available for unframed artwork.

Keep the gallery fresh with new work for our visitors.

Check the quality of your work so none are required to be returned; also your own display sites for dust or disarray..

Karin and Jean

Junior Art

Our young artists continue to sell their work at Ferry Park, with paintings going to new homes over the last few months. Although our number of young artists remains small and mostly in-house, we have a new exhibitor from Iluka. Welcome Eligh.

As we do each year, we hope for follow-up enthusiasm from 8x8 participants.

Jean Versace

8 x 8

The canvases for the 8x8 competition are selling well. Now that the schools have resumed after holidays, they have been notified and we hope to have entries from them.

Judges have been approached and have accepted their roles, for which we thank them.

There seems to be a lot of interest in the subject matter, and we have had quite a few inquiries from outside the area, where we have had to make special arrangements for them to enter.

Entries have begun coming in already and we have set aside space for the more delicate 8x8s.

Pam & Jean

Art

First day back for the year was held this week with a display of Still Life works by members. Next week **Lynne Gherke** will be giving a workshop on drawing pets. This is eagerly awaited by members.

Harry Westera will give a demonstration on **portraiture** in March.

Suz and Jean

Patchwork and Quilting are also back in action despite the humid conditions, with organisation for their Easter Show well in hand. As well, members are looking forward to being Artists of the Month in May.

For any new members or those who would like to have a go, we meet every Tuesday from 9 till 2 at the Maclean Uniting Church Hall. Our next in house workshop will be on 5th March with Dianne Conroy.

Chris Bale

Spinning and Weaving

There are six members meeting at present. The Illarwil Hall is to undergo renovations and we will be looking for a new venue as that takes place.

Nita Barnsley

Phyllis Austin Viewers' Choice:

Congratulations to **Vicki Reston** whose beautiful painting, **'The Runaway'** was the most popular work in the Phyllis Austin competition.

A lovely painting, Vicki.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

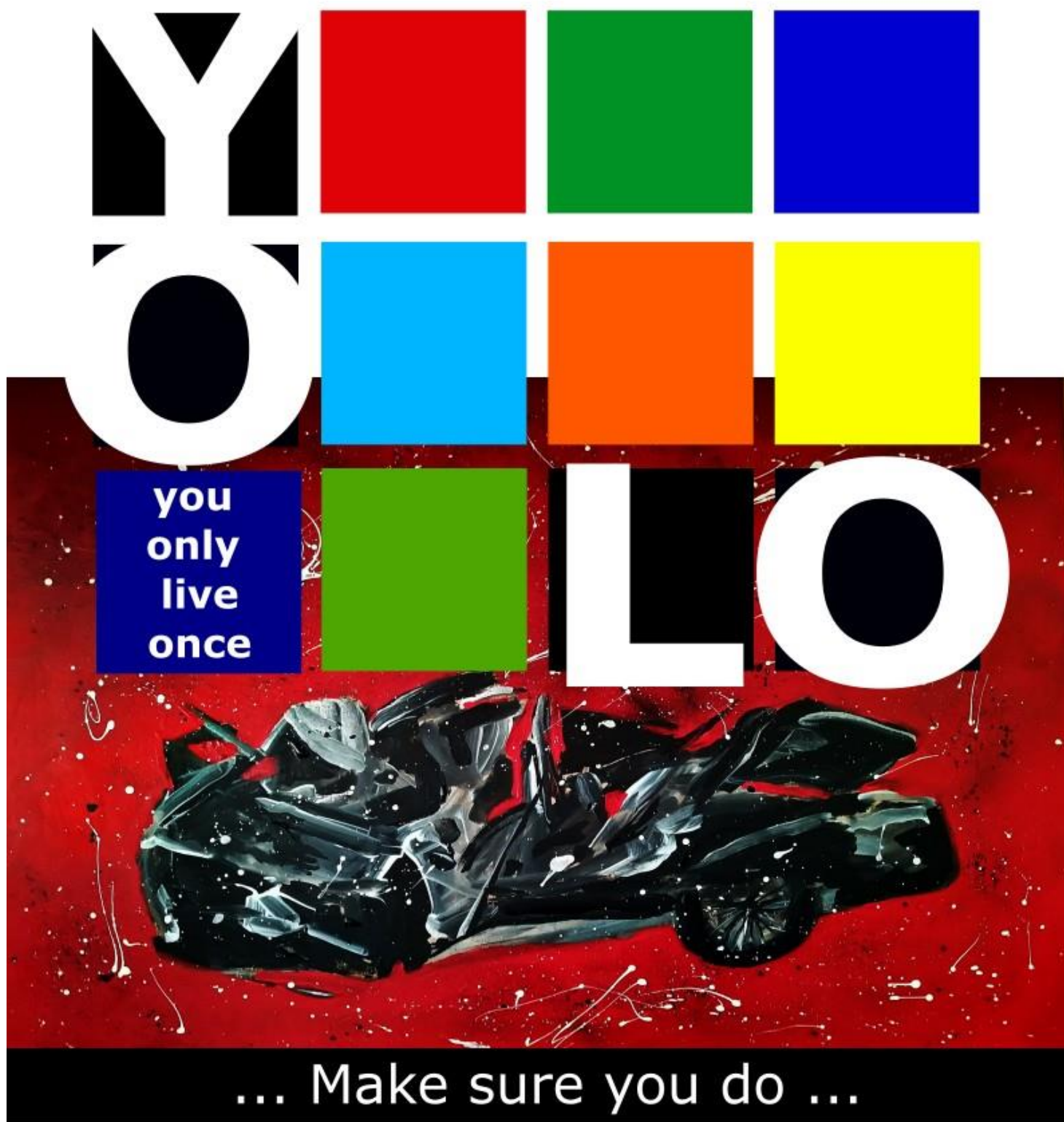
The AGM has been set for Friday 22nd March to be held in the Members' Room beginning at 11am.

Following the AGM a light luncheon will be served.

Nominations are now open and close at 4pm on Friday 8th March. Please use nomination forms that are at the gallery.

Affiliated groups are asked to present an annual report and financial report by Friday 8th March.

Members are asked to avoid entering the gallery outside opening hours. If doing so, please text or call the secretary and ensure that the alarm is reset.



Exhibition of Myra James' recent works

23 February - 24 March 2024

Tues -Thurs 10am - 4.30pm **Sat & Sun** 2pm - 4.30pm

The Old Kirk, Yamba Museum, River Rd Yamba - next to the Yamba Golf Club