

# ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association  
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## From President Penny Stuart ...

Apologies again for the cancellation of this month's meeting. We will definitely meet in May, with plenty to discuss!

Many thanks and congratulations to all of you who contributed to the great success of the 8 x 8 for 2024. It has become a jewel of a show for us, which people look forward to, as entrants, families of entrants, viewers and community, evident by the large crowd who turned out for the presentation night and the junior presentation the following day. Pam and Jean, once again, did such a fabulous job of pulling the show together and were so on top of all that data entry! Also, the entrants, judges, patron, hangers, treasurer, social media documenter, interested viewers and buyers...not to mention our winners and people who show up and bring cake on the busy setup days...'it takes a village'! All of the 8x8's have a story and it was great to hear some of them at the Presentation.



It was sad to hear from Publicity Officer, Di, that The Independent will no longer be able to produce a free weekly paper and it will now incur a cost of \$2. I am hoping that we will be able to have The Independent on sale at the Gallery and that we will continue to support this local business.

We are progressing with the planning for the proposed exhibition to mark the 30 Years of Ferry Park Gallery in August. We are looking to gather work of LCACA members and Gallery exhibitors from March 1992 to March 1995. The gallery was actually operational from Dec 1993. The next planning meeting will be held at the Gallery on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. It would be great to see all those who attended the last meeting and anyone else who might be interested or have information for us.

**Penny**

## **Artist of the Month: Jacqui McLeod/Bonnie Bide**

Jacqui McLeod is the fibre artist behind the Bonnie Bide designs.

Jac has always had a passion for fibre art. As a young child her grandmother taught her many different creative techniques and they bonded over their shared love for yarn art and creativity.

Throughout her years, Jac continued to grow her fine-art skills, combining traditional techniques to create textural pieces of modern art. This exhibition showcases captivating interpretations inspired by undersea textures and the natural beauty of the Clarence Valley.

Explore stunning weaves and unique compositions this textile art display. This exhibition is one not to missed.



## **Publicity and Social Media**

Social media works! And the more people who know about FPG, the more the word gets out. I am amazed at how many people who live locally have never been to the gallery or only come in when they have visitors!

The good news is... we have over 1000 followers on Facebook and just on 500 on Instagram.

So, please follow us at **Ferry Park Gallery Maclean**, on both platforms. Like, SHARE, and comment on posts so those who follow you will get all the Ferry Park news.

Bonnie Bide's exhibition and the 8x8 are gathering lots of attention on both platforms.

## **Suz Monin**

### **Gallery Coordinators:**

Congratulations to all the newly appointed Committee members. We both are looking forward to another fabulous year ahead as Gallery Coordinators.

Congratulations to all the 8 x 8 winning entries, it sure is a fabulous exhibition both in the Open and Junior sections. There has been lots of visitors to the gallery commenting how fabulous this exhibition is. So much talent, young and old. It was a fabulous opening despite the weather. Some members have work atm at Coldstream Gallery, Ulmarra, for the Plunge Festival. Please pop in and vote for your favourite piece. Congratulation also to Jean and Suz for their combined exhibition at Cowper Art Gallery and Studio.

Well worth a visit also.

Di has an upcoming workshop for the Plunge Festival at her home studio. Contact Di if interested.

Our Artist of the Month is always a drawcard for the gallery. This month is a wonderful display of Jacqui's unique Bonnie Bide fibre works. Well done, Jacqui, I am sure any visitor to the gallery will admire your work. Your display looks fabulous.

We still have the month of June vacant to be Artist of the Month,so, members, it is a great opportunity to showcase more of your talent. You can combine with another member if you wish. Application forms are available or just see Jean or myself.

Just a reminder to replenish stock for other members if you are on duty and some of their work sells. There is more stock for most members in the back room. Artists, please bring in new work for us to change over as some of the art on the walls have been there for over 6 months!! Also the sliding racks are quite full so please take any older work home, especially if you have more than two.

Looking forward to a fabulous year ahead and fingers crossed these N.S.W. holidays coming up will bring in plenty of visitors to our wonderful gallery.

## **Karin and Jean**

## 8 x 8 Small Works Exhibition

Wow! – Its all over – well, very nearly.

First of all may we say a big thank you to all who helped make it a success - Penny and Suz for their hanging skills, Judge Margot, Junior Judges Sandy and Ali, and all helpers who gave up their time on hanging day, Friday night and Saturday.

It was gratifying to see so many people attending Friday's presentation night, particularly the dignitaries, with two Councillors giving the exhibition extensive publicity through Facebook posts. Saturday afternoon the gallery came alive with the chatter of so many excited children, and I think we all got caught up in the excitement of the moment.

Although junior entries had decreased, due to the limit of 25 entries per school, the open section saw an increase in numbers this year compared to last year. This is encouraging and shows that the exhibition's popularity is still high. We had wondered if delaying till

after Easter would affect attendances at the prizegivings, but apparently not, and in spite of sales being lower than we had hoped, it looks as though we have made a slight profit, with hopefully more sales still to come

The exhibition will remain on display for another three and a half weeks, and then it will be a very busy day, on Monday 6 May dismantling and packing away.

**Pam & Jean**



## Associated Group's Reports

### Art:

It's been a busy time for a lot of our group with the 8x8 exhibition, the Wooli Easter art exhibition and the Cowper exhibition. Several members have sold works and, of course, in the 8x8, Vicki Munro and Kim Ward were awarded second prize and a highly commended respectively. Congratulations, both of you.

A few members are participating in workshops being held during the Plunge Festival. We are also tucking into our portrait challenge for the end of the month using tips gleaned from Harry Westera's demonstration.

Numbers continue to be strong. We do not meet on the 16th due to the Maclean Show using the hall.

**Sandy Burnett**

## **Patchwork and Quilters:**

Our Easter Airing of the Quilts was a huge success with 200 people through the door. Over \$2,700 was raised and we will bring it up to \$3,000 and donate the funds to Maclean Hospital Auxilliary.

Our group is looking forward to being Artist of the Month of May and we already have a variety of handwork.

Yours in stitching

**Chris Bale**

## **DON'T FORGET THOSE IMPORTANT REMINDERS!**

- **Check those doors, please.**
- **Be kind to the air-conditioners and only use them when you need to.**
- **Always have someone minding the desk. Customer service is our priority.**
- **If you don't want your work photographed or on social media, put a notice on your display.**
- **Remember the EFTPOS rule: Circle the amount and APPROVED on the slip, AND SIGN IT, before you let the customer walk out the door with the goods, please.**