

# ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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Karin Brear

Jean Versace

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**Facts:** Di Nixon/Jean

Versace

### Social Media: Suz

Monin

### Junior Art: Jean

Versace

Events coordinator:

vacant

Exhibition Coordinator

Vacant

## From President Penny Stuart ...

It's been a fairly quiet couple of months, with nothing major to report, just all the usual housekeeping issues at the gallery, cash register, doors, alarms and rosters, which all keep Gloria way too busy!

Can I remind all exhibitors that it is their responsibility to find a replacement if they can't work. If you don't have a roster with contact details of the other people on your day, please print yourself one, from the roster notice board in the office. Each roster day has a roster charge person, who you can contact, as a last resort. Also, please make sure you make up your missed days...it all helps the smooth running of the Gallery!

The Independent now has a charge of \$2. The purchased papers will be kept on the front counter and there is a button on the till to enter the sales.

The '30 Years of Ferry Park' Exhibition planning is coming along and we are now getting close to a list of works for the show. We have applied to Clarence Valley Council for a small grant, the Community Initiatives Program, which, if successful, will assist with promotion of the event and some catering. Thank you to all who contributed to the last planning meeting...your input is very much appreciated.

Please note the 'Callout' in the newsletter for artwork and pottery of a few of the early exhibitors. There are also items required for the afternoon tea opening on 3rd August.

**Sadly, Nita's husband, Les Barnsley, passed away last week. He was a life member of the LCACA and a familiar face at our exhibitions, helping out, over many years. Our sincere condolences to Nita and her family.**

**Penny**

## Artists of the Month: Patchworkers and Quilters

Maclean Patchwork and Quilters was started in late 1989 by Wilga under the umbrella of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association.

We still have three of the original members. Today the group has 38 enthusiastic members.

We are very active in the community and regularly make and donate quilts to charity.

Over the years we have Raised and donated \$20,000 to Breast Cancer and Daffodil Days as well as donating \$6,500 to the Maclean Lower Clarence Hospital.

The group has monthly in-house workshops as well as outside tutors for workshops.

New members are very welcome to join the group, which meets every Tuesday, 9.00am to 2.00pm, at the Uniting Church Peace Hall in Church Street Maclean.

They cater to all levels of expertise, from beginners to experienced quilters.

**Come to Ferry Park to enjoy their display and find that perfect gift.**



### Publicity

A Mothers' Day special feature gave us two ads and an editorial. We are working towards a two-page spread for the 30 Years of Ferry Park celebration. **Di Nixon**

### Social Media

We now have over 1000 followers on Facebook and 500 on Instagram giving the gallery lots of exposure in the local and wider community. The recent Junior Artist feature post gathered over 4000 reaches on Facebook.

### Suz Monin

## Gallery Coordinators:

What a fabulous Artists of the Month display we have for May. Thanks to the **Patchwork and Quilters** group. It's certain to entice visitors into the gallery and hopefully lots of Mothers' Day purchases.

Welcome to our new members. We look forward to displaying your work.

If any artists would like to display their work in folios, we have two display racks now to put them in. Also a reminder for artists to bring in new work so we can change the art display in the gallery. Some have been on the wall for more than 6 months!! Our regular visitors, I am sure, would love to see new work on the gallery walls.

A reminder for members to check their quality of workmanship as there have been some cases of items being returned as faulty, which doesn't look good for the gallery. We have a reputation of quality and unique arts and crafts to uphold for our regular and new visitors.

If anyone has any problems or suggestions, please feel free to let either of us know. We can't help with unhappiness or those brilliant ideas you may have if you don't speak to us or the committee. We are doing our best to keep all of our members happy.

Thanks everyone for looking after your displays and restocking if need be. The gallery is looking wonderful, so keep up the great work. **Karin and Jean**

## Junior Art

The Junior Art Space is full and colourful. Two more young artists have joined us since the last meeting. There is now beautiful photography, as well as more cats.

Sales continue slowly but steadily and perhaps the enthusiasm for student art that was so evident during our 8x8 exhibition will continue. I look forward to the problem of juggling space in the future. **Jean**

## 8x8 Exhibition

Well, it is all over for another year! Twenty-one 8x8s were sold and we made a small profit! Thank you to all who helped to make this year's exhibition so successful. Your generous community spirit was evident from beginning (and long before that) to the end.

The response from the public to the joys, creativity and quality of this annual event was as high as ever. The junior sections greeting visitors in the foyer set the mood for the rest of the show and the gallery overall. Thank you all. **Pam and Jean**

## Associated Groups' Reports

### Art:

Numbers continue to remain steady each week averaging 18 participants to the social creative gathering. Last week we had a show and tell of the portraits we have been working on for several weeks. Once again it was encouraging to see the broad range on offer: several grandchildren and self-portraits featured. The current theme is anything Asian- inspired so there's bound to be a wonderful viewing in a few weeks. **Sandy**

## Patchwork and Quilting

Being Artists of the Month is a real buzz for our group.

On Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, we are holding a friendship day-come-biggest morning tea from 10 o'clock. All are welcome and we will also be presenting the Hospital Auxiliary with the funds from our Easter quilt show

Yours in stitches, **Chris**

### **'CALLOUT'**

**for the '30 years of Ferry Park'**

**celebrations**

**We are still on the hunt for work from some of our original exhibitors...if you have any work by these people, or any clues, we would love to hear from you!**

**POTTERY by**

***Jan Gumbley, Maggie Parkhill or Leonie Skinner***

**ARTWORK by**

***Irene Nowell (bark painting), Joy Lang***

**PHOTOGRAPHY by**

***Hec Dougherty***

**For the Opening Afternoon tea on August 3<sup>rd</sup>,**

**we would like to borrow cup, saucer and plate sets. We would also love some hands up for homemade scones and slices!**

**Let us know if you can help.**

**Penny and Suz**