

ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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Suz Monin

Publicity Officer:

Di Nixon

Arty Facts:

Jean Versace

Social Media:

Suz Monin

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From Our President, Penny Stuart:

What a successful Opening, last Saturday afternoon, for the 'The Thirty Years of Ferry Park Gallery'! Past and present members and exhibitors, families and friends, gathered, reconnected, enjoyed the display and the delicious homemade afternoon tea. We have had some terrific feedback and thanks from people attending the event and I do hope the celebration and the associated newspaper promotion will be a strong reminder that we are here, operational and offer great facility to the community, thanks to the insight and efforts of our founders.

Thank you to everyone involved in the organization of the afternoon. It was a great team effort and I truly appreciate all of your input. It made for a most wonderful event and a demonstration that this community enterprise is in a very strong position. As I said in my speech, it has been a pleasure and a privilege.

We are in discussion with Jacqui McLeod, in her role with Clarence Valley Council's Tourism section, re updating and upgrading the Tourism bay at the Gallery. Jacqui will be speaking at the meeting today, but if you have any suggestions, could you please forward them to me.

Finally, a reminder to all our volunteers at the gallery, that customer service should be at the top of our agenda, here, every day. As seen this week on local social media, people do not tolerate what they perceive to be poor customer service. I would ask everyone involved to do your best to at the counter, with our clientele.

Penny Stuart

Artists of the Month: Max Lloyd and Michael Jameson

Welcome to the joint exhibition with Max Lloyd and Michael Jameson as Ferry Park Gallery Artists of the Month for August.

Max and Michael have the same trade-related background as boilermakers. They share the same love of the Dragons NRL team and they both have a fine appreciation for a nice piece of timber.

Max has been a woodworker for 30 years and you will find his quality handmade pens/cases, side tables and horseshoe décor pieces, hat racks, clocks and coffee tables all on display. He finds it difficult, these days, to find horseshoes, so if you know of some

Prior to Michael's retirement in 2021, he had always been connected with practical work and hobbies involving various tools. It was only natural that, when he retired, he invested in a CNC router to keep his hands and mind active. He learned the software applications of the machine and how to enhance products made using his woodworking skills. The end result is that Michael's timber products have a point of difference. Apart from using the router, Michael also enjoys creating cutting boards, tissue-box covers, turned bowls, dovetail-jointed boxes, kids' toys, etc. There's something for everyone in this display. Don't miss it.



Thank You, Richie

Members of LCACA met with NSW State Representative, Richie Williamson, to thank him for his help with the installation of solar panels at Ferry Park Gallery. We received a Community Building Partnerships Grant of almost \$7,000 to help pay for the installation of our new solar systems.

These systems will reduce our energy costs, and help meet Clarence Valley Council's goal that "50% of the Council's electricity demand be met from renewable resources by 2030 and earlier if feasible, principally through on-site solar and renewable energy PPAs." (Source: CVC Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction and Renewable Energy Targets Report 2018)



Associated Groups' Reports:

Publicity:

The \$1560 quote from *CV Independent* for our 30th anniversary spread was at a good discount and we got three pages of copy instead of two. Imagine our surprise when the Invoice was only \$1100. Good response by advertisers. Letter was sent to the editor to thank paper. Good cross promotion by CVI and LCACA. We had articles in the paper about 30 Years and Solar Grant. Radio interviews with Bobbie at 2TLCFM and with Penny (still to come) at Radio 2GF also added to our publicity.

Di Nixon

Social Media:

It's been a busy month on social media advertising and then reporting on the 30 Years of Ferry Park Gallery celebration. These posts have gathered many hits, as has the artist of the month and the solar rebate posts.

Suz Monin

Gallery Co-ordinators:

Time seems to come around so quickly having to write another Gallery Report. Thanks to Michael and Max for a great display of their talent. There are certainly many unique items for our customers to purchase and admire.

Congratulations to the gallery for such a wonderful display of beautiful art works, crafts and quilts of the gallery's founding members, marking 30 years since Ferry Park has been open. Such a huge milestone and we are still going strong. Thanks to Penny and Suz for the hanging of all the works, such a fabulous display. It certainly took a lot of time and patience. The opening was a huge success. Well done to all involved.

We have available for Artist of the Month 2025 -- Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July and Aug. If anyone is interested, please fill in a form. You can combine with another member. It is well worth the opportunity.

Congratulations to the artists who have previously sold works. To all artists who haven't brought in new artwork lately, please bring some in so your older artworks can be changed. Some of the artworks have been up for months! Thanks everyone for keeping the gallery shipshape. Any ideas or suggestions for improvement please see us.

Welcome to our new members and welcome back, Alan. Keep up the great work.

Karin and Jean

Tuesday Arters:

It was an impressive showing of our Black & White themed artwork on Tuesday.-such an assortment of styles & topics. There is certainly something special about the simplicity of black and white. We really appreciated the visit of two members of the embroidery group, thank you for your support. Our focus is now centred on the September exhibition in the Old Kirk at the Yamba Museum. Suz is a great organiser & has things under control. We appreciate her zest & admin skills. Thank you also to Lindy for persevering with the flyers, posters and banner design & printing.

Sandy Burnett

Junior Art:

The Junior Art Space has remained as was this month. With other paintings available, the display will be reshuffled at the next gallery changeover. It's good to have some in reserve to keep the space fresh.

Jean Versace

Patchwork and Quilting:

Not much to report this month but there are a few dates to remember-August 27 bus fares to the Brisbane quilt show will be collected cost \$45.00. September 17th is our 35th birthday celebration, past members are most welcome. October 9th bus trip to Brisbane quilt show. Yours in stitches,

Chris.

Spinners and Weavers: Enjoying Tuesdays at Ferry Park Gallery.

Embroiderers: We work away at our own pace happily on our many & varied projects.

UNCOLLECTED 8X8 ARTWORKS

There are still just a few left, now in the blue plastic basket in the office shelves. Please check there when the stragglers come to collect their work. Thank you, everyone.

Pam and Jean

Christmas Display for December:

Members who wish to display in the **Christmas Artist of the Month** may put in works other than their usual medium/s. All must complete a Proposal form and return it to the Secretary by 2nd October (available now at the office) with a response by Committee by 31st October.

This will, we hope, ensure our Christmas display has greater diversity of art and craft this year.

REMIND ALL YOUR FRIENDS, PLEASE ...

I know, if you're reading this, I'm obviously preaching to the converted, but, please ask your friends, our members, to check their emails regularly.

There are monthly information emails (minutes and Arty Facts and, e.g., the Christmas display's new expanded field) as well as personal messages in some instances, plus invitations and the like.

If you feel you've been forgotten, check the spam and the trash or whatever inappropriate place an email might have landed.

If your email is in our system, you should hear from us regularly.

INFORMATION

- There will be a meeting soon about our role in relation to the delivery of **Visitor Information**. We'll let you know of time and date by email. If you can't attend and have thoughts, can you please contact me, in person or via info@ferrypark.com?
- When at the Gallery, for duty or meetings, can you please use the back car park? This allows Oliver's and our own customers to find a space easily.
- **Customer Service is all important these days** and can be so easily criticised on local public forums. Please ensure the desk is manned at all times and our visitors are suitably greeted and assisted!
- Dates for your diaries:

August 27th :

Payment due for the bus trip to the Quilt and Craft Fair (Thursday 10th October)

Saturday, 14th September:

Opening of the Art Group's Exhibition at the Old Kirk, Yamba, 2.30pm

Tuesday 17th September:

Patchwork and Quilters 35 Years Morning Tea at the Uniting Church Hall 10 am