

# ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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Gloria Lee

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Jean Versace

**Exhibition**

**Coordinator**

**Vacant**

**Minute Secretary**

Suz Monin

**Publicity Officer:**

Di Nixon

**Arty Facts:**

Jean Versace

**Social Media:**

Suz Monin

**Events coordinator:**

vacant

## From Our President, Penny Stuart:

Here we are at the end of another year. I would like to thank all of you who exhibit at the Gallery, contribute to the various groups, come to meetings and especially to those who take on the many extra roles, admin, rosters, publicity, social media, gallery coordination, junior art, the newsletter, special exhibitions and more. Also to those who are ever willing to step up to fill the gaps ... it takes a lot to keep this boat afloat!

This has been the 30<sup>th</sup> Year of Ferry Park Gallery and the 35<sup>th</sup> Year of the Patchwork and Quilters Group, which is a credit to the community spirit and dedication that is represented here. I do feel very proud to be part of such a strong and lively Association.

Not a lot to report this month ... we have had a meeting at the Gallery this week with Mayor, Cr Ray Smith, and Cr Lynne Cairns to discuss our lines of communication with Council, after the long delay with our rental payments and confusion with our power bills. They have suggested that we have a designated person at council to follow up on our enquiries and will pursue this idea.

The front of house looks very Christmassy and is proving very popular with our visitors.

Please remember to keep a good eye on the Gallery at all times, when you're on duty and greeting those who come to visit creates a welcoming first impression!

A safe and happy festive season to you all.

**Penny**



## Artist of the Month: Christmas

Our Christmas display is diverse and exciting this year which much new and engaging work. Call in and find those stocking-fillers. You won't be disappointed. These are just two of a host of gift ideas.



## Associated Groups' Reports:

### Publicity:

The 8 x 8 Exhibition will be featured in the upcoming SCENE magazine.

Bobbie will organise the placing of FPG flyers, designed by Bec Davies at no charge to us, at Ballina Airport's information area.

**Di Nixon**

### Social Media:

Social Media users love to see the people behind the work on show. Thank you to those who have given permission to use images.

Looking at the statistics on Facebook we have been averaging about 12000 reaches per month. This is good for the gallery and our artists. We could improve on this and reach a wider audience if everyone who uses Facebook and Instagram likes and shares our posts.

I have put a few stories and reels up but I am yet to master the intricacies of these. I will get there! I would love more photos of members' work. Artists, if you could take a photo before putting under glass I could feature your work. Crafters, photos of single items also help.

Please send to: [smonin33@gmail.com](mailto:smonin33@gmail.com)

**Suz Monin**

### Gallery Co-ordinators:

Wow!! We both can't believe we are nearing the end of another fabulous year at the gallery.

Both Jean and I would like to thank all members, as you all have helped and contributed your effort and time to keep our gallery in tip-top shape. Without all of your amazing unique gifts, the gallery wouldn't be such a wonderful place for visitors and locals to visit and spend their hard earned dollars.

The Christmas display is fabulous: at first we thought Oh NO! how are we going to display everything. We got there in the end and hopefully all members are pleased with the display. So many different items this year. Well done! We have had plenty of sales so far which is great. Thanks to all who contributed to this display and took the time to create such wonderful Xmas gifts. I am sure our visiting visitors and locals will enjoy this showcase of talent.

It's great to see members bringing in new work and keeping their area topped up and tidy.

We would like to thank and farewell two members who are leaving at the end of the year. Thanks ,Max and Michael, for your unique horseshoe items and wood carved items. They have been very popular. We wish you both all the best.

We only have March vacant for Artist of the Month for 2025. If anyone is interested, please let us know or fill in a form. Our 8x8 canvasses are available now, so spread the word to all your friends and family to enter. The topic this year is The Source.

Hopefully, we all will have time to create new and exciting items for next year to showcase in our wonderful gallery. Keep up the fabulous work everyone.

Have a wonderful Xmas and a happy, safe and enjoyable holidays spending time with family and friends. Fingers crossed for a bumper month for sales. See you all in 2025.

**Karin and Jean**

### **Art Group:**

This year came to an end for the group on Tuesday 10th December so we celebrated in style with a morning of Christmas goodies, games and a scrumptious lunch. Our Christmas skills were tested with games of quick thinking and Pictionary; how on earth do you quickly draw Deck the Halls with boughs of holly? Some time was also allocated to life drawing, an activity which we will pursue further next year to sharpen our observation skills.

Thanks to Robyn for keeping the morning tea supplies plentiful, to Jean and Robyn for setting up each Tuesday morning, to Pam Birrell for her financial bookkeeping, to Ali and Lindy for entertainment and activities and to Suz for liaison with council, organisations and, of course, the exhibition! We are so grateful for this amazing group and truly appreciate what individual contributes.

We commence 2025 on February 4th and we wish all members of LCACA a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe this holiday season.

**Sandy Burnett**

### **Patchwork and Quilting:**

Christmas Lunch will be held on Tuesday 17th. We will resume on January 14. **Debra Patch**

### **Embroiderers:**

Our Wednesday group has enjoyed a great year with very welcome new members joining us along the way. Our ladies enjoy a variety of methods of Embroidery, plus very beautiful crochet work including blankets, shawls, a variety of coasters, as well as knitted items.

Lyn Robbie is always available to help anyone with their beadwork and Pam Le Couteur can help anyone wanting to learn Silk Ribbon Embroidery. All our ladies are very talented in their fields and are willing to help others with problems.

Those of us who went to the Brisbane to the Craft and Quilt Show enjoyed a great day. Even though many of the old original stalls didn't attend, at least it's a start, returning hopefully to the original show it used to be before Covid.

The Wednesday group time frame is 9 am to 2 pm or as long as you can stay. Lots of laughs to be had plus the problems of the world solved !! It's all good fun. Contact Pam LeCouteur for more information on 0408112190.

On behalf of all the group we wish everyone a Happy & Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday. May all your dreams come true in 2025.

**Pam**

### **Junior Art**

In a response to my contacting our junior artists, we have new and vibrant work. Check out the photography and paintings showcasing our young artists' talents.

An avalanche of work arrived this week and juggling has all of it on display. Suz is showcasing them on Facebook and Instagram.

Sales continue, which is so encouraging, one very supportive buyer of junior work taking home *three* paintings last week.

**Jean**

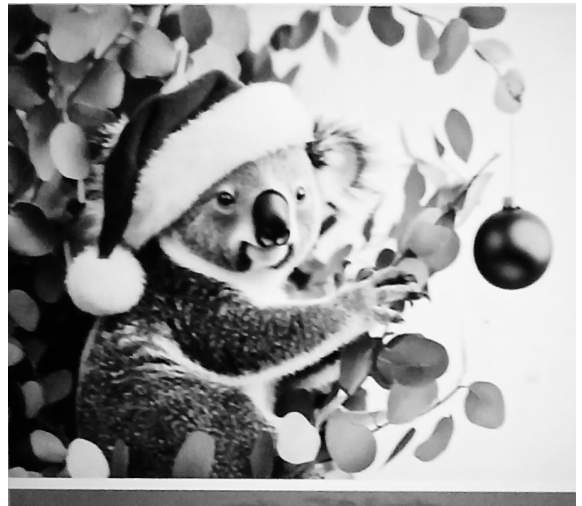
### **8x8 Small Works Exhibition 2025: "The Source"**

Canvases are heading out the gallery doors and we're hoping for a surge before Christmas. Schools have been sent details and our entry in The Plunge booklet is in.

Check that the correct receipt book is used, please. It's not too complicated, but it's different from day-to-day receipting.

**Jean and Pam**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY  
AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR



**To finish the year and set up for next ... a couple of reminders ...**

**When you bring in new work, be sure that what you have put on your sheet  
is what you have actually left to be displayed.**

**If you need to change your roster, please change the one on the wall in the office so we know  
who to expect on duty and let the Duty Officer know about the change**