

Lower Clarence Arts & Crafts Assn.

ARTY FACTS



So much has happened since our last Arty Facts.

**The Flood
The Annual Meeting
The 8x8 exhibition
(and a bit of a re-vamp for *Arty Facts*).**

There are so many people to thank.

The Flood:

Members and their families attended to raise everything in the gallery to escape flood inundation. Given the amount of rain in the Clarence catchment, it was a distinct possibility and exhibitors were concerned. Fortunately, while the carpark was again underwater, the river stayed well below our floor level. Maclean Fire Brigade came to the rescue and hosed off the mud that had settled, for which we were extremely grateful. When access was possible, we were there again, putting everything back in its place.

A mammoth effort all round and we hope that wall-to-wall mopping won't be necessary for a good few years again.

The 8"x8" Small Works Exhibition:

The Opening of the 2025 8x8, titled "The Source" was held on Friday 28th March, at 6pm, with a swollen river and cloudy skies. The crowd was not deterred.

The exhibition draws such a range of entrants and the Opening night reflected this, with a gallery full of interested entrants and friends.

The Art Group provided a delicious supper and their efforts were much appreciated.

The exhibition is open for the month of April, and there is a wonderful selection of art to be viewed and purchased.

Penny



Penny and Ian presented Jackie with her Award

So many people pitched in to bring this exhibition and its opening to fruition. While both Jean and Pam are co-ordinators, Pam handled all the computer work and more. We are indebted to Penny and Suz for sharing their 8x8 expertise and particularly for Penny for her meticulous hanging of the artworks. Judge, Margaret Lawrence from Yamba, made a considered and most interesting selection of prizewinners and their work is now adorned with ribbons. Thank you, Lindy, for all your photos.

Sandy and Ali were helped by Vicki and John to sort and hang the delightful show of the Junior sections in the foyer. They judged the three groups of art and prizewinners were announced on Saturday to delighted artists and families.

In fact, this exhibition has been supported in so many ways by too many people to thank: participation, communication, catering – it all makes for a memorable occasion. Once again Ferry Park Gallery will be a hub for visitors during the Plunge Festival.

Jean

Congratulations to the prizewinners in each section:

Section 1 Open: First Jacky Poulter, Second Dianne Grinter, Third Jenny Runge, HCs Vicki Johansen and Lyndall Gorrington.

Section 2: 4-7 Years: First Eden An, Second Lexie Morgan, Third Evie Zacek, Hcs Lola Kamung, Laura McKittrick, Freddy McKittrick.

Section 3: 8-11 Years: First Tahnaya Carlaw, Second Evianna Venneri, Third Harry Benfield, Hcs: Abby White, Billie Jamieson, Audrey Mae English, Xanthe Jackson.

Section 4: 12-16 Years: First Jack Benfield, Second Ronin Johns, Third Sami Zacek; HCs: Lucy Rose Hough, Aaliyah Roach, Ashlyn Jackson, Sophie Waters.

Artist of the Month: Maria Paull (MJR Creative Studio):

Maria Paull is showcasing her vibrant tie-died clothing, which features a wide range from dresses and T-shirts through children's clothing to tinies' onesies. As well, crocheted rugs, hats and shawls attest to her creative skill.

She credits her artistic genes to her creative family. She gained a BA in Visual Arts (Honours) and has over 30 years' experience in her field of creativity. Tie-dyeing,

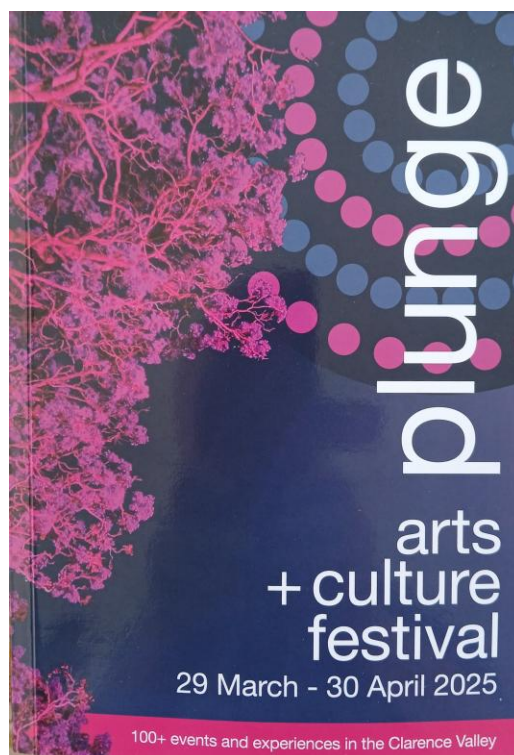
with its unpredictability, dominates this month's display. Be sure to visit the gallery to see Maria's beautiful work.



The Plunge Festival

There is so much going on in the valley this month. Festival booklets are readily available and there is certain to be something for you to enjoy.

- **Exhibitions and Open Studios**
- **Music and Dance**
- **Workshops, Education and Artists' Talks**
- **Local Museums**
- **Art, Craft and Food Marketsouth and Kids' Workshops and Events**



The Till

Lately, cash in the till at opening time has been found to include several \$50, when banking has been done the day before.

PLEASE ensure that there are enough notes of smaller denominations for the next day volunteers.

Overmuch coin is also not necessary.

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