

Lower Clarence Arts & Crafts Assn.

ARTY FACTS

JUNE, 2025



On any given day ... from our Members' Room

From President, Penny Stuart:

Following the approval of the DA for the service centre near Ferry Park, it is time for us to consider ways to promote our precinct as an alternative rest stop to the proposed facility (minus the fuel) or, at least, an additional stop for highway travellers. We also need to consider ways to keep our Gallery an attractive, ever-changing space for our locals and their visitors.

(This was taken a step further during General Business, with suggestions from the floor on ways in which the gallery - including its façade and grounds, the café/restaurant, sale of local products - might be enhanced to draw more visitors to this exciting space.)

Penny also welcomed new member Heather, returning member Michael, and congratulated the Clarence branch of the NSW Knitters' Guild for their beautiful display in the members' room.

A visit by Kindy and Year One students from St Joey's was a great success resulting in a return visit by one young lady who brought her mother to see her 'new discovery'. A visit from older students may also be in the wind.

Artist of the Month: Penny Levett

Penny is showcasing some of her unique and original older artworks from her 'other life', along with more recent miniatures and coastal paintings, inspired by her new environment. Her display encompasses a diverse range of illustrative styles, focusing on watercolour and gouache as her signature mediums.

Penny's use of pattern, colour and design, along with photography and imagination, form the basis of her art practice.

'My environment influences my painting mood and my subject matter, so as a watercolour artist my style of working has changed since moving to the Clarence Valley and this beautiful beach and river location.

'As an active member of the NSW Miniature Art Society I am still focusing on my miniature artwork but am finding myself drawn to paint seascapes and coastal habitat subjects that naturally occur in my daily life, rather than gardens. Many of my paintings and drawings are detailed, yet design orientated in their lines. I don't use computer enhancement to produce my work, preferring the "freedom" of hand work.'



Patchwork and Quilters are to be congratulated on their huge donation to Maclean Hospital Auxiliary. Each year, the group supports the auxiliary through **Airing of the Quilts** exhibition.

Their contribution for 2025 was an incredible \$4000. Dates for next year are already booked for July, with pavilions at the showgrounds to be the venue.

Life Membership nominations will be considered soon, so If you wish to put forward the name of one of our members for this honour, please write a submission for the Committee to consider.

Before our October meeting, please.

Don't Miss the Knitters Guild Exhibition in the Members' Room.

On until the end of the month, this wonderful and colourful array of work showcases the group's skills and knitters' diversity of interests.

When this work comes down, it will be replaced by the **Spinners and Weavers'** display during July, with the **Embroiderers** filling the space in August.

It is so good to see the Members' Room utilised by our associated groups.



Bus Trip Brisbane – Brisbane Craft and Quilt Fair

Thursday 16th October, 2025

Contact Fay Griffiths – Mobile: 0408 462 148 – Email: faygriffiths1234@gmail.com

Bus cost for the day + small bus: \$2,310.00

Bus holds 53 Passengers.

These prices do not include Tickets into the Brisbane Craft and Quilt Fair – Bus only.

53 Passengers @ \$44.00

45 Passengers @ \$52.00

40 Passengers @ \$58.00

Full details were emailed from Ferry Park Gallery this week.

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