

## From our President, Penny Stuart:

The DA for the Service Centre at Maclean, **DA2023/0595**, was approved by a majority of Councillors at the rescheduled Council Meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to all those LCACA members who emailed Councillors with their thoughts on the effects of the proposal on the surrounding environs and on nearby residents and small businesses, including ours.

The process of giving a deputation to council has been a big learning curve for me and if nothing else, after the disappointing outcome, the thoughts of the LCACA are noted.

Welcome to our new Members and our new Exhibitors, Jacky Poulter and Melanie Pannack. We wish you both a productive and enjoyable time as members of the Association and exhibitors at the Gallery.

The 8x8 is done for another year and thank you, again, Pam and Jean and all who contributed in so many ways to this annual favourite!

Congratulations to Artists of the Month for May with their stunning display.

## Artists of the Month:

### Bec Davies (Just Add Salt):

I'm a graphic and web designer by trade, but my creative journey has led me to the world of ceramics. A lifelong maker, I rediscovered clay eight years ago through a local course, and I've been hooked ever since. My practice has grown to include hand-building, slip-casting, and, most recently, wheel throwing, which has become my main method of making.

In January 2024, I began a 30-day daily throwing challenge, and it completely shifted my approach. Since then, I've been working consistently at the wheel, developing my style and refining my techniques. I work from my home studio, located not far from Ferry Park Gallery, where I spend my spare time making.

All my ceramics are functional and food-safe. You'll find mugs, cups, plates, bowls, vases, and other bits and pieces in my collection. I use a variety of glaze combinations and playful patterns to decorate my work, and I'm always thinking of new things to make and add to my collection. I just can't stop creating.

Instagram @just.add.salt

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#### Jean Versace:

I began life in the bush in Central Queensland where I spent many hours exploring the paddocks and creeks, interspersed with holidays at the beach. I've kept those loves close to my heart.

My artistic subjects relate to the countryside, watercourses and the coastline, with a particular love for my new life in the Clarence Valley.

Through the enormous support of my family and friends, I've found greater confidence in

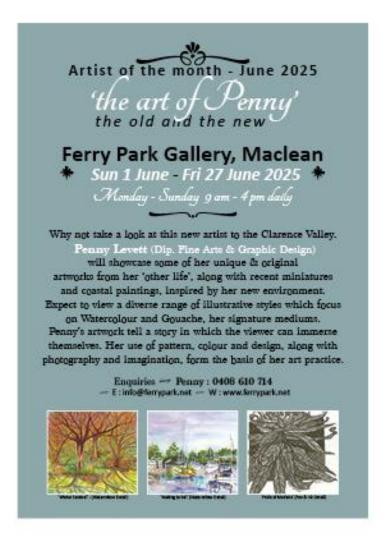
exploring the direction of my art. This has also been especially possible through the local and online workshops I've taken since my arrival in the Valley in 2018.

The paintings displayed are acrylics and mixed media.



# LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

Ferry Park Gallery Committee is calling for nominations for Life Membership for 2025. Please consider this within your groups, as well as within our overall membership, and submit name/s and reasons for your nomination, for consideration at our October meeting. This is an important part of our association in which we honour those who have played vital roles in the fellowship and operation of the gallery. Please give this your sincere attention.



# 2025 Small Works Exhibition (8"x8")

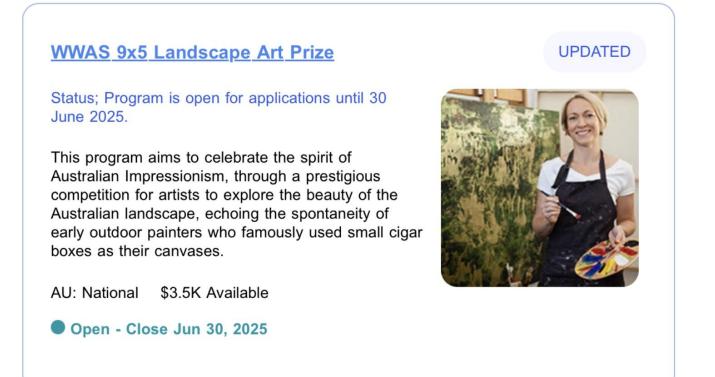
The exhibition is down now, except for a few paintings still waiting to be collected by their owners.

The award for the viewer's choice went to "The Source of Our Future", a family portrait painted in oils by Janette Hvistendahl of Currumbin Waters - our exposure is spreading interstate!

It's so nice to be appreciated!

The following comment appeared on Facebook from Myra James:

What a joy to visit the 8x8 Exhibition—so well organised and full of talent! A big thank you to the team behind the scenes who made it all happen so smoothly. From start to finish, everything was beautifully presented. The artworks—by both young and not-so-young artists—were full of creativity, skill, and heart. The winning entries were especially impressive and truly deserving of recognition. Congratulations to everyone involved!



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