

# ARTY FACTS

**MARCH 2026**



## From our President, Penny Stuart

At a recent committee meeting, the relevance of the Phyllis Austin Award was reviewed. The award was initiated by the Iluka Art Group, (which became the LCACA) as a memorial to Phyllis Austin, who was a driving force in the push to get a 'home' for the Association. The proposal is to suspend the future annual Award Exhibitions and display the trophy, with notes, in the Gallery, at the end of this year. There will be further explanation and opportunity for discussion in the future.

The installation of the new computer wasn't straight forward, but after further investigations and adjustments by the computer technician all now seems to be well. Hopefully the computer and printer will continue to talk to one another! As well, four new fans have been installed.

Kathy Cheetham conducted another two successful resin art workshops at the beginning of March. She has a list if you're interested in further workshops proposed for September and October. It's a great workshop, very well organized and lots of fun!

The radio broadcast, with FM103.1 Loving Life, to announce the beginning of the Plunge Festival for 2026, is coming up again on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, here at the Gallery. All of our associated groups can take a 15-minute spot to promote their activities. Just contact me, if interested, so we can get you on the program.

The 8 x 8 Exhibition draws nearer ... entries close this Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, and the Opening is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. The Presentation of Youth Awards is Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

The AGM is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am, in the Member's Room. A light lunch will be served afterwards.

Our members are welcome to all our upcoming events!

As this is my last General Meeting before the AGM, I would very much like to thank all of you who regularly show up to the meetings, present your group reports and contribute to the decision making involved in the running of such a diverse Association. Please know that your commitment to the Association is very much appreciated. **Penny**

## Artist of the Month Christine Reale

My creative journey began in the late 1980s with Mullumbimby Potters. In the early 1990s, I expanded into sculpture and later developed a passion for leadlight work. I worked at Byron Stained Glass Studio with Allie and Helen Fall, where I designed and built lead light windows and lamps.

I joined a glass mosaic group in South Murwillumbah in 2008, working in the medium for two years and further broadening my artistic practice.

In 2021, we relocated from Burringbar to Maclean, where I rekindled my passion for pottery. I purchased a small kiln and began creating and selling my ceramic pieces at Ashby and Iluka Community Markets. In 2025, I joined Maclean's Ferry Park Gallery, continuing to share my work with the community.



**Please take the opportunity of becoming the gallery's Artist of the Month. JUNE, JULY, SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER are still available for you to showcase your work.**

## 2026 LCACA Small Works 8x8 Exhibition

**LAST FEW DAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY**

**MARCH 20 is the closing date. 4.00p.m.**

A poster for the '2026 8x8 Small Works Competitive Exhibition'. The background is a light blue landscape with mountains. On the left, there is a circular logo with '2026' and a box containing '8x8 Small Works Competitive Exhibition'. The main title 'MY LANDSCAPE' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, a dark blue box contains the text 'Mind... Place... Community'. At the bottom, it says '27 March - 2 May 2026'. At the very bottom, it lists 'Lower Clarence Arts &amp; Crafts Association' and 'Ferry Park Gallery Maclean'.

**Come along for the opening evening (Friday, March 27) when the Gallery will be crowded with friends and visitors clamouring for the chance to purchase an original artwork.**

**Junior prizes will be given out on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. Join us to congratulate our creative young people.**



We provide the supper following the announcement of prize-winners for the 8x8 Exhibition. If you have a tasty treat you'd like to show off, please bring it along to add to our supper table.

**Patchwork and Quilters** have leaflets on display for their 2026 exhibitions. To launch the Plunge Festival, they will be presenting their

## AIRING OF THE QUILTS

at the Uniting Church Hall, Church Street, Maclean. **Good Friday and Easter Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Funds garnered will go towards the purchase by Maclean Hospital Auxiliary of a Cardio Transducer for the Emergency Department. (Full cost \$7000)

This show will be followed in July with **P&Qs' 2026 Quilt Exhibition**, always a popular event. This will be held at the Rocky Mouth Pavilion at the Showgrounds on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Raffle tickets are available at the desk for the quilt on display in the gallery, to be drawn at 1.30pm on 12 July at the Quilt Exhibition. Tickets are \$2.00 each.

## KATHY'S RESIN WORKSHOPS

Because of the popularity of Kathy Cheetham's rounds of resin workshops, she has booked the Members' Room for more in

**September and October.**

You may put your name on the list in the office or **phone Kathy on 0400706905**

Four groups have already enjoyed a fun and instructive day of making these delightful cheese boards. I've heard so many positive reactions from participants.

The list on the Office corkboard is already filling up.



# L.C.A.C.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nominations for most positions for the Association have been received, although we still have empty spots for Publicity Officer and one Vice President. Please consider offering your services.

The meeting begins at 11.00am this Friday, 20<sup>th</sup>, and will be followed by a light lunch.

## Can you swap your shift?

Because of work commitments, Yoko must change her shift, which falls on the fourth Thursday of every month.

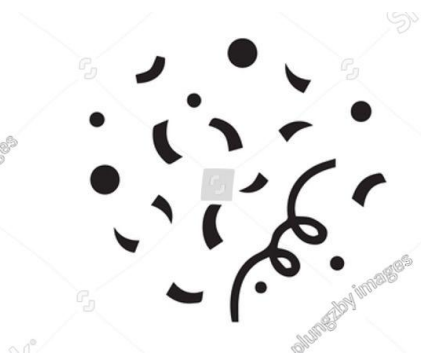
She would like to work on a Monday (preferred) or Tuesday and her replacement would need to be a Duty Officer.

Give some thought to helping Yoko out, please.

*Take advantage, everyone, of all that the*

## **PLUNGE FESTIVAL**

*has to offer.*



### OFFICE BEARERS 2025-2026

<b>President:</b> Penny Stuart	<b>VPs:</b> Bobbie Winger (1 <sup>st</sup> ), Maria Paull (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	
<b>Secretary &amp; Treasurer:</b> Gloria Lee; <b>Public Officer:</b> Gloria Lee		
<b>Minute Secretary:</b> Suz Monin	<b>Publicity:</b> Di Nixon	<b>Social Media:</b> Suz Monin
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