

ARTY FACTS

JUNE, 2026



It can be an upside-down world beside the Clarence.

Bobbie's comments

Since our May meeting a number of initiatives have been undertaken.

1. LCACA submitted an "Expression of Interest" for a Community Building Grant to repair and repaint the roof of Ferry Park Gallery and paint the building. This is a new and longer process this year, as only a limited number of applicants are invited make an actual application. We decided to ask only for enough money for the roof work, as this program tends to award smaller grants. I attended a couple of grant writing workshops; hopefully some of the lessons will stick. We approached CVC to do or pay for part or all of the work to be done. They replied that they do not have the money in this year's budget. We requested for the costs to be added to next year's budget, but have no outcome from this request yet.
2. The member's room walls have been patched and painted. Sorry to anyone who was confused by the late change of date for the work. Many thanks Bill Grainger, Pam Birrell, and Alan Bishop who all contributed to the work in varying degrees. Special thanks to Peny Levett, a very neat and speed painter who worked both days. In tribute to all members who helped out, please refrain from using blutac if possible, as it often takes the paint with it when it is removed. Paint for touch-ups is in the cupboard where the tools and picture hanging hardware are also stored.
3. We are also trying to find out from CVC where the plans for the new service centre are up to, and what CVC's future plans are for Ferry Park.
4. At the moment, we are in the pleasing position of having more members applying to exhibit than we have space for. There is a waiting list process for new members or members applying for a second medium, so please have patience if we cannot fulfill your request immediately.

5. We had two successful group visits to the gallery, one from Valley Hope School and one from the "Circle of Friends" from Iluka.
6. The 'Winter' Exhibition in the Members Room is a fascinating and professional exhibition. Thanks to Suze and all her helpers. May the Member's Room Exhibitions continue.
7. Potholes in the parking lot have been filled, perhaps thanks to the many members who submitted "report it" forms to CVC. Maybe they worked.

Bobbie Winger, President

Artist of the Month: Brenda Brown

Brenda has a Bachelor of Education in Home Economics as well as three Majors in Textiles, Nutrition and Health.

She worked as senior teacher in Victoria until her 40's when her failing health forced her to resign her position. She then went into business for herself, having two shop fronts, one in Bendigo and one in Castlemaine where she sold craft supplies, taught and tutored senior students.

Brenda moved to Iluka looking for a warmer climate and continued to work for herself. She set up a free craft group at Iluka library where she continued to teach.

She joined the Ferry Park Gallery in December 2023 and gave up working for herself

She still continues to teach but only through the Spinners and Weavers group who meet here every Tuesday – a group through which she has found true friends and soulmates.



Some Notes from Our Co-ordinators

A reminder is needed to keep your display area clean and tidy. The gallery does get dusty and the 'organic' roof lining doesn't help.

We have had several exhibitors reporting loss of stock, so it is becoming a problem. We are all reminded to be attentive to our visitors in the gallery and be sure there is someone at the desk at all times. We all need to be vigilant.

There continues to be confusion at the desk around price tags not able to be read:

two tags displaying different prices and prices changed on the tag. If there are two price tags on an item, the lower price must be charged.

Please check that your tags clearly show your **ID number, then the item number, then one price.** Easy!

Example: 123 – 15

\$45

Penny and Karin

Members' WINTER Exhibition.

Exhibiting members' lovely work is on show in the Members' Room for a couple of months.

From delicate woollen crochet to timber and paintings, it's well worth spending a while appreciating the skills on display.

A huge thank-you to Bobbie, Bill and Penny L for their work in repainting this room. It's fresh and beautiful.



Phyllis Austin Award

A group of six members, led by Maria Paull, will bring back further suggestions for the continuation of this exhibition under its current or a different name. A comprehensive submission was discussed at the June meeting.

Grafton Regional Gallery Exhibition Opportunity

Next month, the gallery will be hosting new and exciting artworks from the National Gallery, to be exhibited in 2027. Regional artists will be invited to submit a response to one of these works. To this end, there will be circular canvases and entry forms available from several valley outlets, including FPG and Maclean Framing. We will be required **ONLY** to hand out canvases and entry forms.

Because of an embargo on information, stipulated by the National Gallery, full details are unable to be revealed just yet. Look for more in the next Arty Facts.

Only **120 canvases overall** will be offered (free of charge), so if you are interested, get in early.

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