

Lower Clarence Arts & Crafts Assn.

ARTY FACTS

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The passing parade during the holidays.

From President Bobbie

I have been a bit out of touch due to hospitalisation.

1. We were unsuccessful in our bid to get a grant for funding repairs to the gallery roof. We are looking at other grant sources and also consulting with the council about adding our roof and painting costs to the next council budget. After all, external maintenance of the building is their responsibility.
2. We have just received the quote for the insurance. I'm hoping to get together with Gloria (and any other of the committee who are interested) to go over a few questions I have, probably in early August.
3. The property for the proposed new service centre is currently for sale. I will be trying to contact the council to find out exactly what this might mean for us. I suspect it means development is still a couple of years away.

Bobbie Winger

Get well soon, Bobbie.

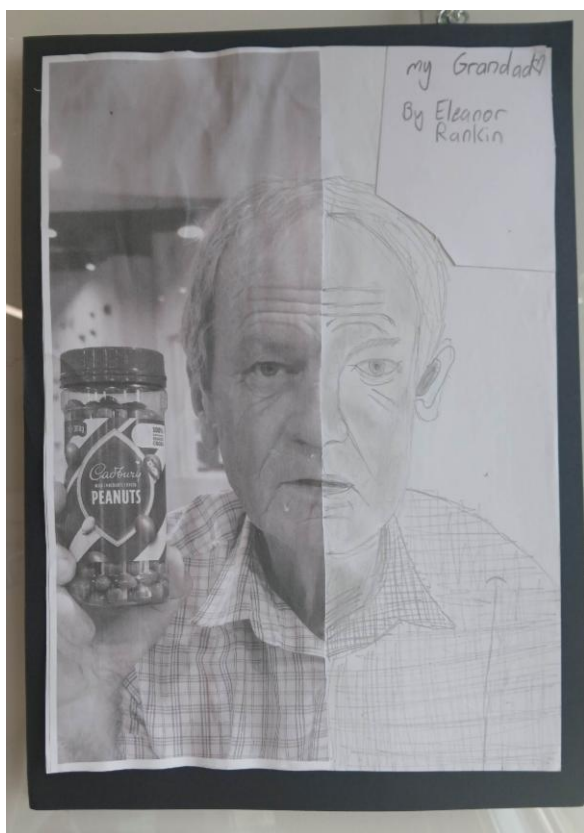
Artist of the Month, Fay Griffiths

I have enjoyed arts and crafts for as long as I can remember. Throughout my working years, creative pursuits often had to take a back seat to the demands of work and family life, but they remained an important interest.

Since retiring 11 years ago, I have been able to dedicate more time to the hobbies I love. Knitting and needlework are particular passions, and I find great satisfaction in creating handmade pieces and continuing to develop my skills. Arts and crafts provide both relaxation and a sense of achievement, allowing me to express creativity while preserving traditional crafting techniques.

For my display, there will be baby wear and home wear for the nursery – quilt covers, floor mats and pillows.

Crafting has been a constant thread throughout my life, and retirement has given me the opportunity to fully reconnect with this lifelong passion.



Valley Hope and Pacific Valley Christian School's Art Showcase

Our members' room is showcasing the work of the students of this school during this month. The standard is high and the work diverse. Portraits from the upper levels join the junior and support classes in painting and sculptures.

Call in and you may well find a delighted student showing of their work to family.

We are so fortunate to have such talent on show at Ferry Park.

Vale Pat Jenkins

Pat was the last founding member of the LCACA and her contribution to it is ever present as we continue to function as a strong and diverse group, in a 'home' that is the envy of many!

She was the founder of the Iluka Art Group, which went on to become the incorporated body, The Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association, over 50 years ago.

In the late 80's and early 90's, along with Phyllis Austin, Pat led the quest for a home for the Association and they never wavered in the pursuit of seeing their vision achieved. I think this quote from Pat's President's Report from the AGM in March, 1993, sums up her attitude

'Our application for a Federal grant in 1991 was refused, so our year commenced with much wailing, moaning and letter writing to the powers that be. This campaign was very successful. Harry Woods, our Federal Member, assures me that he just couldn't go through all of that again! So we now have our money.'

Her achievements as a landscape and portrait artist are well known and her work is in several regional galleries and many homes around the country.

She will always be remembered by the members of the LCACA,

She was a force!

Vale Pat.



Penny Stuart

The Founders' Memorial Trophy

The group reviewing the Phyllis Austin Award have put forward this suggestion in honour of those who began the gallery and LCACA. It will continue in much the same format (a number of tweaks) for members to exhibit their best and most innovative work. Look for details later in the year.

A new honour board will be made and The Platypus will be housed under a perspex cover for protection, with the winner's name displayed during each year of competition.



Farewell, Carol

The Embroiderers farewelled Carol McKinnon (front right) at a morning tea of coffee and cake to wish her all the best in her move down south. Carol has been involved in this group for quite some time and has been a good friend to all.



Upcoming Exhibition Opportunities

Grafton Regional Gallery has welcomed this month the arrival of a work by acclaimed British-Indian sculptor, Anish Kapoor. Pictured left is “Hollow” which will be on display for two years as part of the Australian Government’s Sharing the National Collection program.

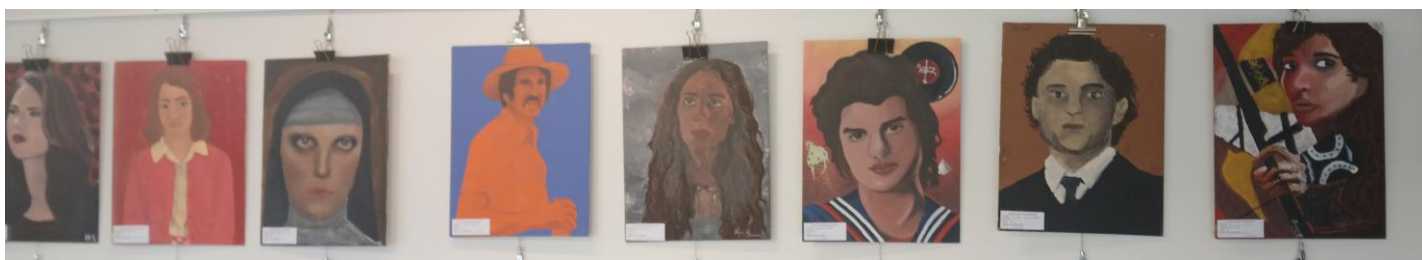


To celebrate this, the Gallery is accepting applications from artists at all career stages (16 and over) who reside in the Northern Rivers region in two exhibitions which engage with the Kapoor sculpture. Those selected will exhibit their work alongside “Hollow” in a dedicated exhibition space during 2027.

Solo Exhibition and Group Exhibition will be held over the next 18 months. Contact GRG for details on the **Solo exhibition. Closing date is 4pm Sunday, October 4. F**

Ferry Park Gallery and Maclean Framing will have some of the limited number (120) of circular canvases and entry forms for those interested in participating in the **Group Exhibition**. Completed canvas boards and entry forms must be delivered to Grafton Regional Gallery by **3pm on Friday, September 18.**

FPG volunteers are asked, when giving out the canvases and entry forms, to take names, contact emails and phone numbers of artists. No money is involved.



More from our Student Exhibition.

Congratulations, P&Qs

Another huge success by the Patchworkers and Quilters on the weekend. A mammoth 180 entries were received in competition, with two prizewinning quilts that show the diversity of the entries.



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