

ARTY FACTS

AUGUST, 2026



From President Bobbie

I apologize for not being able to attend the second monthly meeting in a row. I hope to be around for all of the meetings at least until the end of the year.

Honey Clarke has mounted an enchanting exhibition of her artwork. I was very particularly taken with the studies of chickens that beautifully captured their personalities. We also have an interesting exhibition of works from the Valley Hope and Pacific Valley Christian Schools. This kind of outreach encourages younger artists and raises our profile with the local community.

We received notification of the Club Grants Program, which we hoped to apply to for the roof refinishing and painting of the Ferry Park building. Unfortunately, as tenants of a council owned and managed building, we were excluded from applying. We forwarded the grant guidelines to CVC in hopes that they would apply on our behalf but have not yet received a response.

Suz Monin and I both attend workshops on creating short videos to publicise local businesses. These might be useful on our website and social media platforms. Anyone who wants to be a social media star please step forward.

I hope you have seen the notices from Faye Griffiths regarding the bus trip to the October Quilt Show in Brisbane. This is a fascinating and colourful show that includes many textile crafts besides quilting, and a large display of quilts. You don't have to be a quilter to enjoy it. Thanks to Faye for organising this.

I have discussed one or two items with Gloria as I won't be there to comment on them.

1. We have a proposal to replace the tinted glass in the front doors and entry area windows with clear glass. This would improve our visibility to potential customers. I support this idea as we do

have the funds to do it. Although this is actually a CVC responsibility, it is cosmetic and mainly of value to LCACA. As the council claims to be short of funds for work on the roof and other necessary maintenance issues with the building, I think it unlikely they would ever get around to doing this.

2. Gloria has proposed that we move some funds from our operating account to term deposits. I support this move as it puts our funds to work for as opposed to just sitting in a bank account.

Bobbie Winger

Artist of the Month, Honey Clarke Art

I've painted and cartooned for as long as I can remember. It's a source of pleasure, amusement and a record of time.

In the days of yore, I used to entertain students with live illustrations as I taught. I've created stories and cards; illustrated manuscripts; designed sets for school musicals; produced portraits and in general played with paint and ink.

I love capturing the things that I see through a multitude of mediums. At present I'm fascinated with sumi-e (Japanese ink art) and experimenting with abstraction so that the viewer's mind takes over.

It is not just the art itself that's thrilling but the swish of the brush and the sound of ink or pencil on paper. I'm always curious to see what the result will be when I let my mind and hand take over. Pure magic.

Like the other arts and crafts here at Ferry Park, this work is real art from a real human being. No two pieces I do are ever the same. Many of the subjects have been inspired by day-to-day experiences. What you see before you represents my impressions of the beautiful Clarence Valley I live in. You can find more on my website at honey-clarke.com or follow me on Instagram @honeyclarkehq.

Enjoy!



A Reminder from Fay: Quilt Fair Bus Trip

Members, as you are all aware, there is a bus going to the Brisbane Craft and Quilt Fair, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank, on Friday, 16th October, 2026. The cost of the trip will depend on how many people go on the day: cost of the bus is \$3,300.00 for a 53 seater bus. This is divided by the number that go. At the moment we have 27 names on the list and this will be closing on 19th August. Payment will be required by 26th August, 2026.

To put your name down or for further information, faygriffiths1234@gmail.com

Fay

FPG Housekeeping

Indistinct/too small/untidy/unreadable tags are continuing to be a problem for those on duty trying to sell your work. Please check that your items are clearly and cleanly identified. Confusion may mean your miss a sale and it also gives a poor impression of our professionalism.

Checklist on Duties

There is a list of reminders for volunteers to complete daily on a green sheet hanging from the drawers near the till. This covers lighting and, until it's updated, don't forget all the glass cabinets have lighting to be turned on, including the strip lights at the front window. Don't forget the lights near the riverside, which sometimes are forgotten (near Junior Art).

Borrowing Items

A book is now available in the office if you wish to borrow items from the gallery (e.g. stands, plinths). However, this loan must be approved by the committee, so requests must come in in time for their use to be authorised.

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.**

Ferry Park Gallery and Maclean Framing 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.

LISMORE SHOW SOCIETY TURSA ART AWARDS

Entries are now open for the following awards:

OPEN SECTION TURSA Acquisitive Prize. TURSA will select a sponsors' choice award with the painting remaining the property of TURSA. The winner will receive \$2000 prize money. A Grand Champion artwork will be chosen by the Judge from all entries with the winner receiving a prize of \$1000. A prize of \$300 will be awarded for each of the following sections –

COUNTRY LIFE

ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY LIVING

LANDSCAPE

WATERSCAPE

TOWNSCAPE

STILL LIFE

DOMESTIC ANIMALS & WILDLIFE

PORTRAITURE

Leah Worboys, North Coast National A & I Society Inc, The Lismore Showground T: **040 353 8800**

E: office@northcoastnational.com.au

W: www.northcoastnational.com.au

Or email Jean Versace on gjversace@gmail.com for full details and entry forms.

“SPRING” in September

Suz has set dates for the acceptance of work for our “Seasons” Members’ Room Exhibitions, with our contributions to be delivered to the gallery by 1st September and hung on Friday, 4th. It may well be our most colourful exhibition yet. Just a note not to make paintings too big: a 60cm limit, please



SPLASH: Don't miss the work by our LCACA painting group, coming up next month.



And immediately following this will be the FOUNDING MEMBERS' PRIZE in the Members' Room. The exhibition will feature until the end of November. More of this in a later Newsletter.

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