

TADAS NEWS

WE'RE BACK!!!

Welcome to the new edition of TADAS news. What a strange few months we've had, so many changes to the way we live. Learning all about social distancing, washing and sanitising our hands a thousand times a day, counting squares of toilet paper to make it last longer and being isolated away from our family and friends.

I'm curious how everyone spent their time in isolation. Did you, like many clean the house from top to bottom, clearing out cupboard after cupboard. Or maybe you took advantage of the quiet time to catchup on your art-work and read a few books to pass the time. Or perhaps you were like me who floundered for quite some time, unable to settle to any task with one day flowing into the next wondering if things will ever be the same. Most of my time was taken up with face-timing or messaging with my kids and grandkids, although I did manage to start a few artworks, they are yet to be completed. But that's ok, I'll get back to them over time and if your are like me you will to.

Confucius said "It doesn't matter how slow you go as long as you do not stop"

We look forward to seeing our many members as we slowly get back to some sort of normal.

Christine St Flour (I tried being normal once, the worst 5 minutes of my life.)

BACK IN TIME... June 2010

Long term Member Helen Morrison was the featured artist for June. Judy Rodgers was our Art Director and Mary Manser was Hostess.

ROBERT DOYLE ARTIST

In June 2010, A tribute evening for renowned artist Robert Doyle was held at the gallery, with a few of his works on show and for sale. Cheese and wine was on offer for guests to enjoy.

Robert Doyle hails from the clan of Australia's most talented and inspirational artists. His father Roy B. Doyle was also a highly talented and recognised artist, having received international acclaim for his illustrations. The renowned Australian artist D'Arcy Doyle was also Robert Doyle cousin.

He was a founding member of both Toukley and Tuggerah Lakes Art Societies. There is an interesting article on TLAS website if you would like to know more, or just google Robert Doyle Artist



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

For some of us this has been a time of rest, recuperation and refocus, for others a major battle with health issues and loneliness, for some boredom and frustration. We all have had a wide range of experiences and respecting each others perspective has been my major learning. As most of us are reconnecting with our loved ones, family and friends, the gallery is getting set for a return with a few changes to the way we usually do things. This is to ensure everyone's health and well being.

I would like to thank the many members who turned up in the last 10 days, for their hard work and dedication to the massive task of cleaning and reopening of our gallery.

Your energy and passion is a credit to the Society and the gallery is looking and smelling amazing. It is bright, fresh and ready to hang some amazing work that has been produced during the shut down. From the back store room to the kitchen drawers everything has been tidied, COVID washed and polished, cobwebs removed and windows shining. A particular credit to Michelle and her team for an amazing job cleaning our kitchen. It looks fantastic, **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

The General meetings will be looking a little different as we can only fit a small number keeping to the 1.5m social distancing rules. Hopefully these will restart in August or September so more news on that soon.

The Annual General Meeting has been delayed until at least Monday 4th October and voting etc may need to be managed differently due to the social distancing requirements. There are a number of positions becoming vacant and non committee roles as assistants so if you are interested in helping out with the administration of our Society please let me know. Roles include Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, as well as assistance with newsletter, workshops, beginners classes etc

ROSTER and duty at the gallery will look a little different as we need to undertake daily clean, social distancing and register our visitors details. I have asked the volunteers with 15 hours commitments to undertake all office duties and most of the kiosk duties as we ensure the safety and well being of our members and visitors. An additional two volunteers for the kiosk are being sought.

In the mean time the members who are fit well and able to undertake duty at our gallery please book for duty in either kiosk or customer service roles, training will be provided if needed.

The duty requirements also look a little different as we need to undertake a daily clean to all touch surfaces, sign in visitors and ensure we do not exceed maximum capacity. Hours are now 9.30 to 1pm, or 1pm to 4.30pm to allow time before and after visitors to prepare our gallery. It would be appreciated that members who are fit and well undertake 2 shifts per month as there will be members who cannot undertake their duty for the moment due to health risks.

I really look forward to catching up with everyone very soon.



Wendy Symons
President

**CREATIVE PEOPLE DON'T HAVE A
MESS, THEY HAVE IDEAS LYING
AROUND EVERYWHERE.**

EXHIBITION INFORMATION

As these are somewhat unpredictable times the decision has been made to hold off on the Art Competition till later in the year. So, our next exhibition will be the normal BI-MONTHLY changeover, with extended delivery times to avoid too many people delivering at the same time.

ENTRY FORMS DUE: by 4pm 21st June 2020 by post, or email as gallery will be still closed

DELIVERY 10am to 3pm Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June, please nominate a time to deliver so we have only a few paintings arriving at any one time as they will need to be cleaned on arrival.

Peoples Choice will be suspended for the time being, hopefully in the coming weeks we will be able to resume this once again.

Linda Malone

Art Director

The only time I feel alive is when I'm painting"
Vincent Van Gogh



Workshops for Toukley Art Gallery 2020

Workshops are recommencing in July with the following workshops confirmed. For the moment we can have only 8 participants and 1 tutor to ensure social distancing. There are places available for the workshops listed below and tutors later in 2021 will be confirmed shortly. All participants are \$20 as we have been sponsored by Central Coast Council to provide workshops to be socially inclusive.

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| • Donna Gilbertson – Sat 25 th July | Abstract portraits in acrylic. |
| • Tanya Hoolihan – Friday 7 th August | Botanical watercolours. |
| • Mignon Parker – Sat 19 th September | Acrylic art. |
| • Jo Stanes – Sunday 18 th October | Abstract with foil features. |
| • Cat Soper – Friday 6 th November | Watercolour skies, clouds, trees & more. |
| • Pat Edwards – Sat 5 th December | Xmas table centrepiece & Xmas cards. |

Most Workshops for 2021 are yet to be confirmed

- **Scott Denholm** – Sunday 19th April 2021 Abstract seascape in acrylics.

Jenny Rogers



Workshop Co-Ordinator

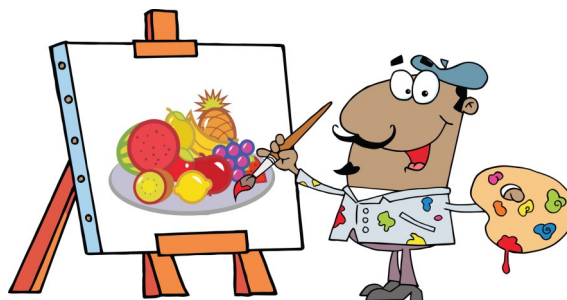
Academy Groups:

Drawing Tutored Group

Tutor Richard Jeziorny

Time Tuesday 10am - 1pm

Starting back 7th July.



Painting Tutored Group

Tutor Peter Tassell

Time: Wednesday 9am - 12pm

Starting back 8th July

Due to the new restrictions **Booking is required**

please call the gallery after **1st July** to book your place. At this stage we can only have a maximum of 8 people, plus tutor.

We appreciate your understanding with this.

Beginners/ Intermediate: Classes are back on Friday 3rd July 10.30 to 12.30. Sue Johnson will be co-ordinating these very popular classes. Each person who has already booked and paid for class will be contacted this week to determine if they still wish to participate and any places available will be advertised shortly .

Watercolour Beginners: This will replace class cancelled in March July 3rd, 10th, 17th

Term 3 Beginners have a few places left, avoid disappointment and book asap.

DRAWING with Belinda Biggs 24th, 31st July & 7th Aug

ACRYLICS with Donna Gilbertson 14, 21, 28th Aug

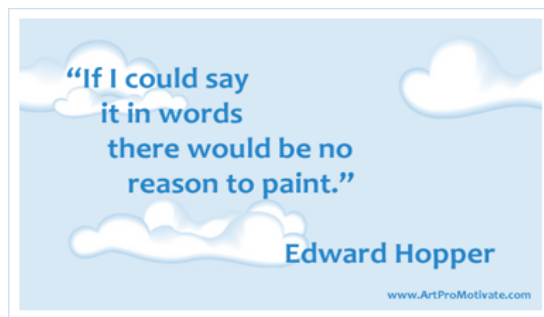
WATERCOLOURS with Pat Edwards 4, 11, 18th Sep

NEW ... INTERMEDIATE CLASSES:

Acrylics with Donna Gilbertson

Term 3: 1-3pm Friday afternoons

- 24th, 31st July & 7th August
- 14, 21, 28th August
- 4, 11, 18th September



Reminder: ROSTER DUTY

The duty requirements for Kiosk and Customer Service need members to book into the roster from 1st July 2020. The duty roster is unavailable at the moment, so please add your name to our roster list in the gallery, ask the office staff for assistance with this.

Morning Shift is now 9.30am to 1pm to give time to prepare the gallery for visitors ensuring social distancing and cleanliness.

Afternoon shift is 1pm to 4.30pm. Whilst the requirement is for 3.5 hours duty per month, it would be really appreciated if members who are fit and well undertake 2 shifts per month so we can keep the gallery open and running.

(Please help us keep our gallery a safe and healthy environment.)

Kid's Art Competition 2020

Due to the recent lockdown, unfortunately we have had to postpone the Kid's Art Competition until Term 3 with a Presentation date after the term.



We will resend out all the information in time for the start of Term 3.

We are planning for Kid's Art Classes to begin in Term 3, and these will be advertised in the near future.

Anne and Sue

Kids Art Co-Ordinators

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal has been deferred to September 30th and reduced to \$20 owing to time lost due to the closure of the gallery. The renewal date and cost will return to normal from July 1st 2021.

Our amazing Life Members, who have worked so hard over the years (and in some cases still do) for our society are exempt from paying fees.

Our current membership is 118, this includes 8 Life Members.

As always we welcome new membership to

TADAS

Sonja Fabian

Membership Secretary



RAFFLE PRIZE

Another beautiful painting has been donated for our Raffle Prize, many thanks go to long term life member Tony Ditcham for his generosity.



Don't forget to buy some tickets and help support your society.

GENERAL MEETINGS

These are on hold for the time being, but we are hoping to get back on track as soon as possible.

Feedback is always encouraged and if you have an issue or concern, please direct it to a committee member.

Email to: toukleyartgallery@gmail.com, addressed to the relevant committee member.

If you would like to share your art with us or some interesting news I'd be happy to feature it in any upcoming newsletter. I'm also inviting ideas and suggestions to improve on this.

You can email me at TADAS, Att: Chris S.F. Newsletter with yours thoughts.

In the meanwhile keep on drawing, painting and being creative.

