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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020

President's Report

Wishing you a wonderful 2020. Hope your Christmas and New Year break has been good for you and yours and the very scary weather and bush fires are safely behind us.

Thank you for your **Presentation on Customer Service** to our lovely Publicity Officer Linda Cornish at the General Meeting this morning.

Our Challenge was Shells –Sim Taylor and Sue Candy won a \$10 voucher to spend at the gallery.

We have an amazing donation of a Koala in pastels for our **raffle**. Thank you Christine St Flour. The monies raised from this and all Donations received from our visitors from our last exhibition and this exhibition will be donated towards WIRES to assist our wildlife in their recovery. Dig deep and support our wildlife in their recovery.

Thank you to Sonja who is keeping our noticeboard and **Calendar of Events** up to date. Its on the members page on our website. Please give Sonja any events for the calendar as she updates this weekly

The **Financial Audit Report for 2018/19** has been completed satisfactorily. Sue and I have copies, a copy is in the Secretary folder should you wish to look at this. Minor changes in how we reconcile our takings have been implemented and we are looking at a streamlined system for the future as our takings at the gallery have grown significantly in the last few years.

Childrens Art Subcommittee have met and have started looking at Art classes from Term 2 for children aged 5-10 on Thursdays 4-6pm and 11-18 on Tuesdays 4-6pm- Details to follow.

Childrens Art Competition closing date will be Fri 29th May

Gwandalan Art Expo is on 27- 29th March- forms available on table by the front door

355 Committee met on Thursday with the CCC looking at big plans for the somewhat distant future, the garden will be cleaned up imminently and we will be getting a bin for the galleries exclusive use and possibly an updated electronic tourism area.

Beginners Classes started on Friday with a full class and was well received. There is already several people on the wait list for next Term. There is a meeting to set this up late February should you be interested in co-ordinating this program. A second volunteer would be appreciated.

The Constitution of our Society has been in place since 15th February 1994 and I thought this was a good time to revisit the first few of its Objectives as they still seem very relevant today

1. Encourage and promote the Arts – hence our lovely gallery open to the public.
2. Encourage the study of the Arts – our library, classes and workshops.
3. Institute exhibitions of the highest possible standards for appreciation and sales

The Constitution is in the office and on the members' site on the website for all members to review.

Wendy

Congratulations! Sim Taylor and Sue Candy Joint winners of our Shell Challenge



Customer Service

I recently conducted a couple of sessions in Customer Service – some ideas and tips that may help your role in customer service whilst providing our customers with a positive experience.

Every person that walks through our doors is a potential customer.

A little ACRONYM to remember is the **GET** Principle.

G – Greet your customer – After all this the first impression which is by far the most important – Good Morning/Afternoon with a Smile!!

E – Engage – Ask your customer – “Are you visiting the area”? The more you engage and chat to the customer the more you will learn about their needs – café, gallery, tourism, membership etc.

T – Thanks – Thank you customer for visiting – if you know they are “local” – “Hope to see you again” – WE NEED OUR CUSTOMERS – They next customer you GET may be the one that purchases your artwork!!

If you were not able to attend one of the Customer Service sessions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email to gallery – I am here to help you SO.... Lets all work together to **GET** our customers.

Linda Cornish

Publicity Officer.

Art Sub Committee Report

Our next exhibition/competition has been moved forward from May to March and from 5-7pm to make it more appealing while the weather is still warm.

Opening - 21st March, 5-7pm

Entry forms are available now as are flyers for publicity.

Categories - Landscape/Seascape, Flora/Fauna, Abstract, Sculpture.

Due to a very generous offer from Wiseberry Real Estate we have full sponsorship for 1st prizes at \$250 per category.

Entry fee Hanging Art \$10 each , maximum of 2 works.

Applied Art, cards and unframed \$5:-

- all work must be original and not prints.
- Ziploc bags are not acceptable (only cellophane bags)
- Unframed original art and prints may only be exhibited once per calendar year
- An information flyer is to be given to all applied art exhibitors at the next changeover

MEMBERSHIP

DECEMBER/JANUARY NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Anson, Peter Anson(assoc.), Beth miller, Glenys Buselli, Ian Dawson, Shelli Ritch, Bex Emerson, Susan Herdson and Joan Pavitt.

TOTAL: 118 MEMBERS INCLUDES: 8 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS 9 LIFE MEMBERS

WEBSITE

Updated to current exhibition. Flyer for march comp on home page; entry form available by clicking anywhere on the flyer.

Workshop Report

We now have a selection of workshops for every month this year.

The best news is that Wendy has put together a really stunning submission to the council for another grant, so if we are successful, workshops will still be affordable.

This was many hours of work and I know we all appreciate Wendy's commitment to making this gallery such a wonderful place to visit.

The spreadsheet of workshops will be uploaded to our website soon.

Many thanks to all the artists who have generously offered to share their creativity and the volunteers who are invaluable in setting up and packing away.



2020 Workshops Acrylics

Tracey Miller	Sat 7 th Mar	Macro Flowers
	Sun 8 th Mar	Portraits
Scott Denholm	Sun 19 th April	Abstract Landscape
Richard Jeziorney	Fri 8 th May	Papier Mache Puppets ½ day sessions
	Sun 10 th May	
Christine Raj	Fri 12 th June	Alcohol inks with Acrylic detail
Marta Llett	TBA June	Calligraphy
Donna Gilbertson	Sat 25 th July	Semi Abstract Portrait in Acrylic
Tanya Hoolihan	TBA August	Botanical watercolours
Mignon Parker	Sat 19 th Sept	Acrylic Still Life Flowers
Jo Stanes	TBA Oct	Seascape/Foil Features
Cat Soper	Fri 6 th Nov	Watercolours
Pat Edwards	Sat 5 th Dec	Christmas Crafts / cards

Jenny Rogers

Workshop Coordinator

Attachments:-

- Tracey Miller Workshop Flyer
- Calendar of events
- Claim the day- Art and Craft Fair
- Women in Art 2020

Exhibition @ Shorethyme

We have been invited to exhibit at Shorethyme Restaurant.

Date yet to be decided perhaps April

Please contact Liz Watts via gallery to show your interest

Peoples' Choice Winner

"Earth"

Donna Gilbertson

TADAS Committee for 2019/2020

PRESIDENT	Wendy Symons
Vice President	Rasheeda Flight
Treasurer	Sue Johnson
Secretary	Chris Robertson
Public Officer	Wendy Symons
Art Director	Linda Malone
Asst. Art Director	Chris St Flour
Asst. Art Director	Silvana Natoli
Applied Arts Director	Jenny Brasch
Workshop Co ordinator	Jenny Rogers
Publicity	Linda Cornish
Newsletter Editor	Elizabeth Watts
Membership	Sonja Fabian
Asst. Art Director	Judy Rodgers
Library	Robyn Fisher
Patron	Jim Lynn

Any member who has an issue or concern are requested to direct it to the appropriate committee member or in writing to: toukleyartgallery@gmail.com for attention of the relevant committee member

Next General Meeting Monday 2nd March 2020

Guest speaker – Shelia Kearns

Mandalong Gallery

Challenge – Birds

Upcoming challenges

- April Water

Upcoming presentations

- April Jenny Brasch (composition in antique painting)

Academy class and Tuesday drawing group have recommenced.

Tuesday Drawing Group with Richard

every Tuesday from 10am – 1pm

Academy Class with Peter

Every Wednesday from 9am – 12

\$5 per session, everyone welcome