



LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

NEXT MEETING (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING) –
THURSDAY 24TH MARCH 2016
10 AM AT LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

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NOTE: SUBS NOW DUE \$20

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PRESIDENT

Hello Members

We are well into another year – **let's make it better than ever!** Our gallery is looking great with some new and interesting items, displayed to best advantage by our display team. (Remember when you bring in new items; leave them in the back room for the girls to display – *no exceptions*. They have themes and ideas and update the gallery weekly, so your work is assessed on a weekly basis.) Thanks to Alysia and Karen – you are doing a great job.

It was a joy to have Kellie Smith's exhibition of her drawings. The feedback was very positive. It is a shame Kellie was not there to hear them! We have decided that for future exhibitions we will have a comments book (just for exhibitions) for visitors to record their thoughts, which can then be copied and passed on to the exhibiting artist.

Manning the gallery continues to be a concern. Please ensure you find a replacement to do your turn if you are unable. It is up to each member to keep our gallery open for the advertised hours. It is to everyone's benefit. Thanks to Jenene for doing our rosters each time (as well as the newsletter).

Our next meeting is the AGM and I would encourage you to come. (10am at the Leongatha Community House, 16 Bruce St.) This is the way you can really have a say in the way the gallery is run. *All* meetings are open to *all* members and the committee appreciates input and suggestions from everyone. There are nomination forms for office bearers in the newsletter, so please give serious consideration to becoming more involved with *your* gallery! **Remember too, annual subs are due this month.**

Thank you to all the committee members for their help and support over the past year. In particular, I would like to thank Tess Flaherty for stepping in to do the payments each month in Heather's absence. It is a big job and I think none of us realised the amount of work Heather did behind the scenes! On behalf of all members, Heather, I wish you increasing good health this year.

Noelle Walker President

PAINTERS

Kelly Smith's exhibition of pencil portraits at the gallery has been very well received, lots of interest. Well done Kelly, beautiful work.

As this goes to print Irene McConville is having an exhibition of watercolour paintings at Jindivick through to March 30th. She has been very successful so far having sold 6 paintings. Also holding an exhibition at the moment with her sister is Pauline John who has also had some sales.

Congratulations to some of our members (and Florence's students) that had some success at the recent Korumburra Art Show. A few of our members will be entering the Inverloch Art Show (March long weekend).

Gallery sales are minimal, although lots of cards sold.

No trips planned as yet – still meeting at the Guide hall Tuesdays.

Happy Painting, *Robyn Henn.*

DISPLAY COMMITTEE

We would like to thank our members for the great range of artwork and craft items. It has been a pleasure to showcase our local talents. Keep creating everyone as more art work is always needed.

During December 2015 and January/February 2016, one of our young members, "Kellie Smith", held a pencil portrait exhibition. It was quite successful and brought a lot of young people to our gallery.

The Display Committee would like to thank the following people who helped us to display our artwork successfully.

To Pat Dale for her advice and expertise in helping us to display your artwork.

To Karen Pedretti for keeping our face book page up to date.

To John for keeping our webpage updated as well.

To Jenene Evans for keeping us informed with this wonderful newsletter and the painters display cards.

To the mystery members who always read our notes and complete the jobs that we run out of time to do. A big big thank you from Karen and Alysia.



Members need to know that if they wish to put labels on their artwork, the Display Committee has set the size of the labels that is required. The size is 5cm x 3cm. Members are to refrain from placing personal business cards amongst the art work. Business cards can be placed in the business card holder on the front counter.

Members are still taking it upon themselves to rearrange the display. **THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISPLAY COMMITTEE.** Where a hole exists due to a sale or the item being removed members are then allowed to fill that spot and that spot only.

We do not appreciate our efforts being undone by artists moving their own work to where they want and also placing unauthorised signs on their pieces. If you have a large piece of art work to display it has been suggested that these items be brought in on a Tuesday afternoon so that the Display Committee can add it into the gallery as there is a lack of room for large items to be stored out the back awaiting display.

Painters need to be reminded that there are now uniform labels for their work. These are located in the stock book drawer behind the desk. Could they be filled out and placed with artwork out the back on the incoming stock shelf so the display committee can arrange them in the gallery according to frame and subject.

Painters need to check the labels on their paintings as the sun has faded some of them dramatically. Due to the hot weather this summer backs of paintings have been lifting. Could painters please come in on a Tuesday afternoon to check their works with the Display Committee!

The Members Notice Board seems to be working well. Members please check the board above gallery stock shelves when you are next in the gallery for notes that may concern you.

More notes are appearing on the front desk again. These need to be placed on the notice board out the back.

We are also in the process of updating the **name tags** again. If you don't have a name tag and would like one could you please leave your name on a note on noticed board and we will attend to it as soon as possible.

New stock is needed and we are challenging our talented members to do something different from their usual field. Please remember that all work submitted is to be original.

The next Gallery Open Night will be held during Creative Gippsland in May 2016. Further information will be available closer to the time.

The Display Committee consists of Alysia Norton and Karen Pedretti with Jenene Evans, Peg Elliot, Kelly Smith (Display Committee Support) and Pat Dale (Mentor and Advisor).

Alysia Norton & Karen Pedretti

WOODWORKERS

At our Annual Meeting in February office bearers were re-elected – Eric Miles - President, Don Couper – Secretary, Glenice Emmerson – Treasurer.

Annual subscription \$40 of which \$20 is the LACS membership.

Meetings are at 7:30pm on 2nd Monday each month with work nights Tuesday the following week and again 2 weeks later. Recent work nights have been busy preparing club projects for our working exhibition and display table at the [Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally on March 19th and 20th](#). Members will be operating the wood lathe and scroll saw. Visitors will also be encouraged to create their own Pyrography masterpieces.

The next work nights will be on Tuesday March the 22nd and April 5th. The next meeting will be on Monday April 11th.

Glenice Emmerson



ROSTER NEWS

Many thanks again to those that help with duty. We understand members have busy lives and some have work to go to, but if you feel you could spare a few hours to do duty once a month, or fill in at odd times when you are available it would be very much appreciated.

Members also please remember to help while on duty by sweeping, including leaves outside gallery, dusting or cleaning if need be, this is a huge help to the display committee, who put in their time to display your items, it is everyone's responsibility to keep our gallery tip top.

Another reminder to members that the monthly meetings are held at 10am on the 4th Thursday of the month at Community House, please consider coming along, we are in need of more members at these meetings in order to keep the Gallery functioning.

Remember – we cannot sell your work unless we are open to the public.

And as always please contact me if you have any queries.

Jenene Evans

ADVERTISING AND GRANTS

Investing in our Gallery

New Printer.

We now have a flash new black and white printer installed at the gallery. It has a number of functions including printing and scanning both manually and off the laptop. Instructions are displayed above the unit. Or the manual is stored in the draw below.

The Phone/Fax facility is not connected due to it possibly affecting incoming calls if left in the wrong mode, but can be connected/used when needed.

Other equipment.

Currently we are applying for a grant with the Shire of South Gippsland to replace some of our aging and previously donated electronic equipment. The grant, which will be part of the Shire's 2nd round, will be finalized by the end of March. If successful the equipment will be purchased as soon as funds are released after the 30th June, 2016. The Gallery will be contributing half of the cost of the new equipment.

Advertising (letting locals and visitors know where we are and what we have to interest them)

Over the summer months, we had some good advertising with The Gippslander, The Burra Flyer., and a couple of other freebies.

Going forward, we also have something coming up in this season's Coast Magazine, so look out for it, and bring it into the conversation with family and friends by way of promotion. Word of mouth is a powerful instrument!

Patricia Hill Advertising/Grants Officer

**Why are you trying so hard to fit in,
when you were born to
STAND OUT.**

'In the midst of difficulty lies opportunity.'
- Albert Einstein

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Jenene Evans

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Cheers Jenene Evans