



## LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

**GENERAL MEETING –  
THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2019  
9:30AM AT LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE**

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THINK GALLERY**

### Please note Meeting to start at 9:30am

#### PRESIDENT:

It has been an interesting year so far, as we have changed the opening hours of the gallery from the 1st May 2019, with the idea that we should aim to be open at the weekends, when the Sweet Life Cafe is open and also with an aim to make Leongatha more attractive for visitors to spend a little time, particularly at weekends. Not many businesses are open in Leongatha after midday on Saturday, so anything we can do to make it more attractive to people calling in on their way through to other destinations and for locals too, is worth it.

One of the challenges of operating a gallery is that it runs on volunteers and we are very fortunate to have a good number of dedicated volunteers. Recently, we have several new members, who are willing to do duty, which is really appreciated. There are still days when a morning or afternoon or full day is not filled. Hopefully, as we acquire more members, this will happen less. Obviously, it is essential to have the gallery open during the hours of operation.

Leongatha Gallery hours are Wed to Sunday 10am to 4pm.

Another aspect of this rather beautiful gallery space is the importance that it continues. In order for it to continue, we need a few more people who are willing to participate in the running of it. This year we have operated on a skeleton crew. Thank you to everyone that has contributed.

What many don't know is how close it was at the 2019 AGM that the Leongatha Gallery would not be able to continue.

Our monthly meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Leongatha Community House, 16 Bruce Street.

Any new attendees will be very welcome.

*Trish Rosel*

A Picture is a poem without words. *-Horace*

## TREASURER REPORT:

The role of Treasurer is a big one but also a very enjoyable one. I like numbers, financials, calculations and learning new things. I live a very nomadic lifestyle. I love to travel and see new places. I went overseas to Bali, Singapore and Vietnam at the end of April and arrived home around the middle of June. Then in July I was living on the other side of Melbourne in Portarlington until November. There was a big question about how I was going to be able to continue being the Treasurer. The President of the Gallery, Trish Rosel, has gone above and beyond and taken on another role as an unofficial assistant Treasurer. She sends me a copy of the Sales Record sheets at the end of every month. I can then do the monthly financials and send back final figures. Trish has then very kindly been doing the banking and Member Sales envelopes. We are looking at finding someone to take on Assistant Treasurer to allow the President to focus on being President. Trish is also Display committee, so she's practically been living at the Gallery.



Thank you to all members for printing as clearly as possible on their stock pages and labels, making their member number and price tags clear. For duty volunteers, I know for some, a sale can feel a little daunting and you may feel rushed. Please take your time at point of sale and do it at your own pace. Everyone has been doing such a fantastic job taking care with their handwriting, making sure all entries are legible and remembering to secure sales tags to the sales page. It has helped immensely in reducing common human errors and has made the job of Treasurer that little bit easier for me and also for volunteers on duty.

As some of you will be aware a few months back, I made courtesy calls to all members who had unclaimed sales envelopes. We still have over 20 awaiting collection from as far back as July and August. Obviously, making, creating and submitting your art ranks as a higher value than receiving the money from the sales of your wonderful pieces. **\*\*giggles\*\*** So, as another kind reminder, remember to check the Member Sales Box for any sales next time you visit the gallery. Remember to sign it off in the book and have the duty member initial it also.

Thank you to all the members for their support and encouragement in this new role.

*Rebecca Rosel*

## WOODWORKERS:

We had a very successful Daffodil Festival working display in the courtyard with lots of interest from visitors and excellent sales. Total woodwork sales from the courtyard and Gallery were over \$1100. The novelty fungal items in the mini exhibition in the Gallery provided something different. "The Wooden Artefacts from Yesteryear" jogged memories and promoted comment. (Thanks to the Historical Society for the loan of several items for this feature.)

Current project work is towards the Korumburra Horse & Tractor Rally next year, and to supply suitable Christmas stock for the Gallery. We are always looking for new ideas and suggestions. Woodturning lessons are available for beginners. Meetings are the second Monday each month and hands on nights Tuesday of the following week and again two weeks later.

*Glenice Emmerson*

*They say you learn from your mistakes. That's why I'm making as many as possible. Soon I will be a genius!*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Are you a current volunteer in the Gallery? We would like to get to know those who would feel comfortable training a new volunteer and having them buddy with you when you are on duty. Also, I invite you to update us on your preferences around doing duty. Do you prefer to volunteer by yourself, with a second volunteer or both?

We currently have 70 members of the Gallery and 34 Friends of the Gallery. Annual Membership Subscriptions are due 31st March every year. If you have missed this date and wish to renew your annual membership it's not too late. You can pay via bank transfer or pop into gallery and pay via cash, cheque or card. The annual membership subscription for 2019-2020 is \$25.

Again, for any questions email [leongathaartandcraft@gmail.com](mailto:leongathaartandcraft@gmail.com)

We have had a lovely increase in new members who have been volunteering and submitting wonderful new work to the Gallery.

*Rebecca Rosel*

## PAINTERS

The Painters Group have an Exhibition at the Leongatha Hospital until the end of January 2020. So far, 13 paintings sold.

Florence's students and the Painters Group are having another exhibition in the old Henrietta's building in Bair Street. It will be held from 29th November to 7th December. Last year was a very successful exhibition.

The Painter's Group will also be having an exhibition in the Fish Creek Hotel from 1st January 2020 for 3 months.

We continue to meet at the Guide Hall in A'Beckett Street in Leongatha each Tuesday from around 10.30 to 2pm.

*Painter's Rep Robyn Henn*

## DISPLAY

In October the Display Team with the help of Mike Touzel and Hector Velez, made some changes to the gallery layout. We have had some positive feedback with comments such as it looks more open and bigger. We have attempted to create a gallery space as people enter the gallery and a less cluttered look. We hope that the changes will give the gallery a new energy.

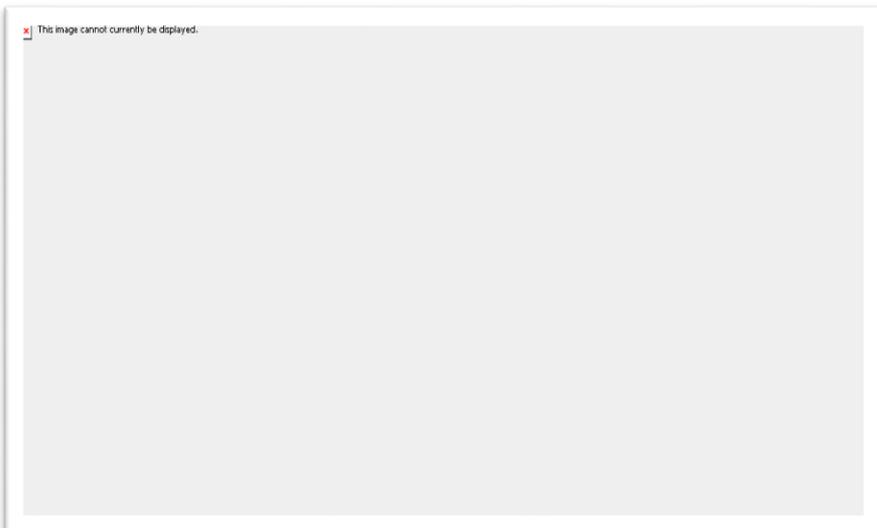
Meg Viney Bell was good enough to give us the benefit of her expertise prior to us redesigning the layout of the gallery and we wish to Thank her for her time and suggestions. She has many years of curating experience and we were fortunate to have the benefit of her advice. All the changes have been done to achieve positive results. We are also looking at ways to improve storage and rotate stock more effectively.

We welcome Christmas stock; some is already displayed.

*Display Team Colleen Touzel  
and Trish Rosel*

## ROSTER

Many thanks to those members who find a few hours a month to do duty, it is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, we do need more members to help, to take the load of some who are having to fill vacant days more often just to keep the gallery open. Remember if the Gallery is not open, we cannot sell your amazing artwork!



*Jenene Evans*

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