



LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

**NEXT MEETING –
THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2017
10AM AT LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE**

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PRESIDENT:

Christmas Greetings to Everyone,

I have missed a few meetings due to being away for work and then on holidays. I did get to visit a few galleries in Tasmania and New Zealand, some staffed by volunteers and some by owners. A draw card was having an artist actually working on art, something I have always envisioned our members participating in. Please feel free to nominate yourself for a day.

Welcome to new members Daisy Antoniou – Painting, Margaret Johnson – gemstone Jewellery, Kay Read – Painting, Jenny Damon – Cards, and anyone that I have missed.

The new toilets are now finished and we have disability access again, thank goodness.

The Daffodil Festival was an outstanding success; many thanks to those who volunteer in the Gallery and on the door to the hall, without you our Gallery would not have the wonderful sales.

We are closer to having our new DL Cards, at one of the meetings Jo attended and showed us the progress.

We had a visit from the Phillip Island Gallery and some members went to lunch with them, a reciprocal visit is planned for February 2018. Anyone is welcome to come along. Carpooling would be a good idea.

I would like to see more members attend the members meetings held once per month. The gallery belongs to all of us and all of us need to have a say in decisions that affect everyone. At the moment decisions are being made by at the most 6-8 members. This is not fair on these few or on the balance of members. We need your input.

As always we need volunteers to have the gallery open, if we are not open we cannot showcase your beautiful work and sell it.

The year is nearly over and Christmas is fast approaching. There are a few items in the Gallery Christmas related.

New Phone has own message bank, you will see the number of messages on left, 0, 1, 2, in red. Please answer and pass on or attend to, instruction book behind phone. ☺

Regards Karen Pedretti

TREASURER/PUBLICITY REPORT:

Hi everyone, time for a little update on sales at the gallery.

Sales at the Gallery are down somewhat on last year. Unfortunately, we are not reaching our capacity as we are missing so many opportunities when the gallery is not open for business. The saving grace was the Daffodil Festival, when we were able to capitalise on the activities around us, and make sure the Gallery was manned. The great results were due to the fantastic efforts of very diligent members over this period, thank you so much and well done to those people in both organising/planning and manning the Gallery during this busy time!

Christmas is our next peak, in terms of revenue, so please make an effort to put your name on the roster, even perhaps by way of catch up if you've missed one or two dates in the past...it will certainly be appreciated. Coming up, cards and Jewellery and toys sell well, and just recently we have had quite a run on paintings. Christmas decorations are a hit at this time of year of course, and gifts appropriate for overseas posting.

A snapshot over August/September; in order of highest number sold:

Cards,

Knitted / Felted Items,

Ornaments/hanging items,

Jewellery,

Paintings, Scarfs, Wooden items,

Toys,

Sewing/heat bags etc.



I hope everyone has a great Christmas and New Year, with finally some good weather as well.

Patricia Hill

WOODWORKERS:

Thanks to all members who made our working display and exhibition so successful at the Daffodil Festival. Thank you Raeleigh Soderlund for your skilled assistance in setting up our display in the Gallery. Two fine days and lots of visitors helped to boost sales. John McColl's arrowed goblet created a lot of interest, questions and suggestions. Eric Miles' red gum hollow log lamp was much admired. Members' sales in the courtyard and the Gallery were our best yet. Well done all!

Plans are under way to store our milled timber, and some club projects are nearly finished ready for the Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally in early 2018.

Please take your new Christmas stock to the Gallery a.s.a.p.

The next hands-on nights are Tuesday November 21st and December 5th. Our Christmas BBQ will be on Monday December 11th, from 6.00 pm, BYO. Following that night, there will be no Club activities until the 8th of January meeting.

Glenice Emmerson

PAINTERS:

Our painting group and Florence Stone's group had an exhibition at Korumburra recently, great exhibition with some paintings sold. With Christmas coming soon it's a great change to have some paintings at the gallery.

Theresa Bateman

ROSTER NEWS:

A huge thank you to all who do their share of duty, we appreciate your time very much. Unfortunately we are getting very short on volunteers to help with duty, meaning the gallery is not open!! Please consider trying to find a few hours a month to help, if the gallery is not open, we cannot sell your wonderful art work, resulting in customers being a little frustrated when they come to gallery to find it closed!! Finally a happy, healthy, safe Christmas and New Year to all.

On another note, we are interested in thoughts of members regarding opening times for the Gallery, do you have any preferences or thoughts, maybe opening Tuesday's would suit you better or maybe Saturday afternoon and Sunday. We are hoping that these extra times might suit people better to be able to help with duty. Please reply by email, in person or post to Karen Pedretti, Glenice Emmerson, Tric Hill or me.

Jenene Evans

DISPLAY COMMITTEE:

There are a few knitted items with no 'Care Instructions' attached. Members please check your knitted items and provide care instructions, including size, wool or acrylic identification. Customers like to know.

At the moment the Display Committee have been finding a lot of art work that has been at the Gallery since 2015 and early 2016, Members are reminded to check that their artwork hasn't been in the Gallery for more than 12 months with the exception of cards.

There is a lot of artwork and member's containers on the black shelves, and the first two top shelves of the painting slots waiting to go home. Could members please call in to check if any of your artwork is there, as you all can see we are running out of room.



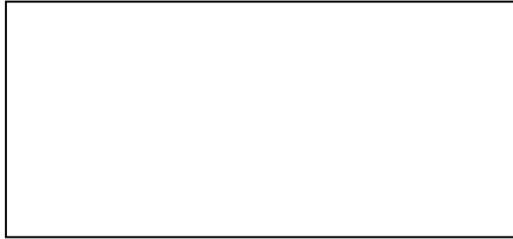
*Alysia,
Karen & Teeny*

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Cheers Jenene Evans