



# LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

**NEXT MEETING (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING) –  
THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2017  
10AM AT LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE**

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## PRESIDENT:

*President's report will be sent out at a later date.*



## WOODWORKERS:

Welcome back to Mathew and Family who have enjoyed their holiday in India.

Also welcome back to work to Jim, looking much healthier and raring to be on the go on the scroll saw at the [Korumburra Working Horse & Tractor Rally at Nyora on Saturday and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March.](#)

The Rally Committee has done a remarkable job in gathering a really interesting collection of vintage vehicles and machinery, steam engines, draught horses, working groups, exhibits, stall holders, activities, food stalls, etc., scattered around the relaxed bush setting – an excellent venue for families, with lots to interest visitors of all ages.

Our Woodies will be there with woodturning and scroll saw demonstrations, the opportunity to make your own pyrography masterpiece and to check out their table of finished articles, including garden trugs and boot-pulls. Don't miss the collection of tiny mushrooms/toadstools, tops and tooth fairy boxes.

*"There is a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in."*

*Leonard Cohen*

Our new wood turners are making good progress under Eric's tuition, and it was beaut to see Anthony trying his hand at turning at the last hands-on night.

Following our Annual Meeting in February our office bearers remain the same - Eric Miles President, Don Couper Secretary and Glenice Emmerson Treasurer. Annual subs of \$40 are now due.

Meetings are the second Monday each month at 7.30 pm. Hands on nights will be Tuesday March 21st and April 4th.

*Glenice Emmerson*

## TREASURER/PUBLICITY REPORT:

The EFTPOS machine is proving to be a great asset for the gallery. Sales involving the card machine are increasing. As with anything new, it takes time to develop confidence when using the machine, and I encourage our volunteers to give it a try if they haven't already. I am happy to pop in and give a lesson or two for anybody needing a hand. It's very user friendly, and can be learned, so don't think you are alone! Please give me a call on my mobile if wanting to schedule a lesson. 0408 816 683. Apart from that, the gallery is travelling along happily, with at times high price tag sales of paintings and other items, together with our always popular sales of craft and knitwear, wooden items, felt and silk, jewellery, toys and ornaments and candles especially over Christmas, and of course our very unique and individual cards. We have many other arty items that also sell well, so the key is variety and choice. When people are looking for something interesting to hit the mark, they come to the gallery, and that's what we like to hear!

*Now, if I can put on my publicity/fellow member's hat, our biggest challenge is to actually be able to sell the art and craft that is so creatively displayed at the gallery by having our doors open as often as possible. It doesn't make good sense to spend dollars on advertising and such, only to find the gallery not open when visitors have come looking for us. Recent renovations around the building of course have been taking their toll as well, but this should be over soon. Is it time to try something different? Any ideas on how to encourage more willing volunteers to fill the roster vacancies will be appreciated. Come on creative members out there, have you got any ideas to share for this or just in general?*

Why not come and do a stint in the gallery yourself? *It's actually quite a pleasant and calm experience, you will have a buddy to show you the ropes for a few sessions, and there is always someone you can phone if needing information.*

*When I was 5 years old, my mum always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy', they told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life!*

**The AGM is coming up at our next meeting on the fourth Thursday in March.** This is a good time to consider a role on the committee, if you are looking for a chance to learn some new skills, or take on more leadership, now might be the time to explore what's involved in running a small to medium gallery. Remember these are impressive skill sets that can be added to your CV when entering the work force. Experience is like gold in this situation, and can be something solid to hang your hat on! And being mentored by an experienced gallery member might be just the opportunity that you've been waiting for. There are so many projects/initiatives that could be undertaken by our little gallery, it really has such enormous potential! Think about it!

Thank you to the current executive committee for the past year; it's been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you all. I look forward to re nominating as Treasurer for the upcoming year, but also encourage anyone else wanting to do so.

*Patricia Hill*

## PAINTERS:

We continue to meet at the Guide Hall and enjoy painting with like-minded people. Peg Elliott had success at the Korumburra Art Show, selling a pair of paintings.

Member's exhibition coming up soon. Florence Stone, Pauline John and 3 others "Italy through our Art" March 19<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup> at Korumburra Federation Art Gallery.

Pauline John at Meeniyah Art Gallery, March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Irene McConville at Leongatha Gallery, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 27<sup>th</sup>, Opening 6<sup>th</sup> May.

We wish them all success at these exhibitions.

*Theresa Bateman*

## DISPLAY COMMITTEE:

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a fabulous Christmas and a great New Year.

We finished off 2016 with a community shopping night that was very successful, and a mini display/exhibition during the open house and Christmas break up at the Leongatha Community house. The display featured a large number of our artists. A big thank you to all the members who made the special effort to man the exhibition and answered any questions about the Gallery and displayed art work.

2017 has also been very busy. As many of you know the Gallery has been closed for a few weeks. During this time painters came in and painted both the Gallery and the back room. The Gallery was packed up and put in the back room while the Gallery was painted. When they had finished painting we came in and either touched up or repainted all the plinth's and started to organise the Gallery from the back room. The painters then painted the back room which required everything to be moved into the Gallery. The opportunity was taken at this time to revamp our displays and front desk.

Thank you to Emily Norton for taking down all the wall art work and hanging system.

Thank you to Alan and Ryan from the Shire who were marvellous in helping us to move the plinth's and glass cabinets around twice.

Thank you to Jack Norton for putting the hanging system back up and rehangng the wall art work.

Thank you to Jenny Warburton for finding us a new white card stand than can hold a variety of sizes.

We would like to welcome three new members Nadia Jeffrey, Jenny Warburton and Robyn Fawcett.

## Future Events

Marlene Houlden & Jenny Jenson Felt and Eco Work Exhibition 1<sup>st</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

Irene McConville exhibition is now 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 with an open afternoon on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May.



**At the moment the Display Committee have been finding a lot of art work that has been in the gallery for more than 12 Months. Members are reminded to check that their artwork hasn't been at the Gallery for more than 12 months. 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 check next time they are in if any of their artwork is there.**

As of March all Display Committee positions will be vacant. The current committee would like to allow other members to have the opportunity to show case our Art Work.

*Alysia, Karen & Teeny*

## ROSTER NEWS:



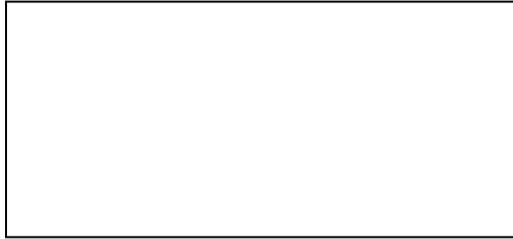
A huge thank you to all who do their share of duty, we appreciate your time very much. Unfortunately we are getting very short on volunteers to help with duty, please consider trying to find a few hours a month to help, if the gallery is not open, we cannot sell your wonderful art work.

*Jenene Evans*

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Cheers Jenene Evans