



LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

**GENERAL MEETING –
THURSDAY 25TH JULY 2019
9:30AM AT LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE**

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Please note Meeting to start at 9:30am

PRESIDENT:

Greetings Everyone. It has been an interesting few months since taking on the role of President after the AGM this year. Last year, I attended a few of the monthly meetings and gradually stepped into the role of Secretary, halfway through the year, having never been on a committee before in my life. I also did some volunteer shifts at the gallery and found it to be a pleasant place to be and an opportunity to meet new and interesting people.

I have a genuine interest in art and crafts, as I have done watercolour painting over the years and have always appreciated craft work and admired creative people. Just recently retiring from 50+ years of Nursing and Midwifery, I came to Leongatha with my husband, who also has retired. I was invited to go to the Painters Group, which I have found is a friendly and supportive group of talented ladies, helping me to settle into my new life in South Gippsland.

I am excited by and aware of, how important it is, for the gallery to flourish and I have listened to suggestions and ideas that people have thought of to make the Gallery more noticed. Sweet Life Cafe relocated to its new premises at the roundabout at Michael Place and they are open at the weekends. I spoke with the owners who have a vision of creating a social hub, with their cafe and our gallery as a focus point. They actively recommend people to come and visit the Gallery. She asked that we face the small sandwich board towards the cafe, so people see the sign. On 1st May 2019, we changed our opening hours so that we could be open most days that Sweet Life is open. **The Leongatha Gallery is now open Wednesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm.** This of course all depends on volunteers and I would like to thank all those who give of their time so generously.

I also thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Display Team. Colleen Touzel recently took on assisting with Display and Karen Pedretti who has done a Great job as Display Co-ordinator over recent years has decided to resign at this stage. Thankyou Karen for all your guidance and expertise.

Our next monthly meeting is on 25th July at the Leongatha Community House, 16 Bruce Street and starts at 9.30am. We would welcome anyone who would like to know more about the running of the gallery.

Trish Rosel

Creative people don't have a mess, they have ideas lying around everywhere!

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

As of March 2019, at the AGM, the role of Treasurer was passed on to me. Tric Hill has been an amazing Treasurer for the Leongatha Art & Craft Society. I want to personally thank her for her support, guidance and patience in training me as the new Treasurer. I have huge respect and appreciation for what Tric has done in this role and she has done it so humbly.

As of June, I have solely taken over the active role of Treasurer. Calculating and recording the members commissions was a fascinating process and I'm happy to say are completed and all waiting for their collection. Originally, the commission envelopes were stored in month by month order. However, we noticed a build-up of unclaimed commissions dating back to 2017. So, after discussions at our last meeting, we decided to put them into Member Number order instead. As some of you will be aware, I recently made a courtesy call to all members who had unclaimed commissions just to make sure everyone who had sales knew they were there. If you ever have any questions in regards to this, I invite you to email me at leongathaartandcraft@gmail.com.

I am keen, once I feel confident in current processes, to research ways of simplifying the volunteer workload at point of sale and creating a paperless environment. This change will only happen if we can keep the process easy and user friendly. The goal in mind is to reduce human error which will in turn make the role of treasurer more efficient and streamlined. Of course, this may be a lot further down the track. For now, my focus is to create an easy experience for our volunteers that does not require complicated technical knowhow.

I would like to ask all members to print clearly on their stock pages and labels making their figures clear as e.g. 3's and 8's can often be misread. Also, please secure sales tags to the sales page with sticky tape.

I am enjoying the role of Treasurer, as it's a new learning experience for me. It is giving me great insight and understanding into how a retail operation works. Thank you to all the members for their support and encouragement in this new role.

NOTE: MEMBERSHIP SUBS OF \$25 ARE NOW DUE AND WERE PAYABLE BY JUNE 30TH, 2019

Rebecca Rosel

WOODWORKERS:

Four members spent several inspiring hours at the Australian Woodturning Championships Exhibition at Moorabbin on June 15th. Entries were from remarkably talented and laterally thinking turners from throughout Australia. The presentation of a very diverse range of exhibits, entry cards and award certificates showed them to good advantage. We really appreciated the friendliness of the volunteers and their willingness to answer questions and share information and 'tips of the trade'.

Currently we are working on items for our mini exhibition in the Gallery and our working display in the courtyard for the Daffodil Festival. We will be setting up in the Gallery on Tuesday August 27th and need those items by 10.00 that morning. Tent set up will be on Thursday 29th. Courtyard display will be open Friday 30th 9.00 to 5 pm, Saturday 31st 9.00 to 5.00 pm and Sunday Sept. 1st 9.00 to 4.00 pm.

We are hoping to have a small display of wooden domestic tools from yesteryear.

Glenice Emmerson

There are no MISTAKES, just opportunities for MORE TEXTURE!!



Please, pretty please! Help! In order to have hundreds of visitors to the Gallery during the Daffodil Festival, on Friday 30th, Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September, we need to fill the duty roster for the door from the courtyard to the Memorial Hall. All you need to bring are warm clothing and a warm smile. The Yellow Roster sheet to be filled in is on the desk at the Gallery. (In each of the last 17 years we have had between 550 and 600 visitors through the courtyard to the Gallery during the three days of the Festival.)

PAINTERS:

There have been a number of Exhibitions over the last few months. Foster Gallery in April was very successful, 13 exhibitors with 9 paintings sold. Ann Todd Foulds did an amazing job co-ordinating and preparing for the exhibition. Flo's students have an ongoing exhibition at Fish Creek Hotel, it started early in April and is continuing until September. Some of Flo's students also come to the Painters Group on Tuesdays.

Bev Mitchell one of our Painters Group, had her own exhibition at Meeniyan Gallery called 'Once Upon a Farm' and sold 14 paintings! Congratulations Bev.

Mirboo North Art Show went well Mother's Day weekend 10th, 11th and 12th May. Paul Farries sold a painting and several of our group entered that Exhibition.

Ann Todd Foulds work is featured in the Gallery at the moment. Ann won 'Best Local Watercolour Artist Award' for her painting 'Hydrangeas' at the Leongatha Rotary Art Show 2018. That painting that won the award hangs in the gallery with a few of her other floral paintings.

Several members of the Painters Group entered the A4 Exhibition on Herring Island in March. 451 distinctive A4 sized artworks were submitted for the Herring Island Summer Arts Festival created by 152 contemporary artists from across Australia. These art works were on display from 23rd March to 22nd April.

The Painters Group continues to meet at the Guide Hall in A'Beckett Street in Leongatha on Tuesdays from 10am until 2pm or so. The wood fire is lit each week by Graham Elliot, Thank you Graham.

Robyn Henn, Painters Group Rep



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

Members are reminded that if their artwork has been in the Gallery for more than 12 months, it needs to be taken home, except for cards.

DISPLAY COMMITTEE

The Miniature Display has been set up and looks great. Overall the Gallery is looking great. The New showcase with lights has made displaying beautiful craft look wonderful. People are drawn to it when they first enter. Display has been toying with the idea of trying to get decent lights set up in the two tall cupboards, any ideas welcome. The lights need to be fairly bright as they would also need to be battery operated.

Congratulations to Bob Hickman on his winning entry at the Mirboo North Art Show, the Gallery also has a great display of Bob's work on the back wall.



We have lost a great contributor of beautiful work to the Gallery in Kim Probitts. Kim had quite a few commissions from having her work in the Gallery. We wish her well on her trip back to Queensland. Karen will be keeping in contact and will hopefully catch up when on trips to Townsville. If Kim said that if there are any cards in the Gallery that haven't been collected they are to be donated to the Gallery. Thank you Kim.

The Display Committee Work as a team keeping the Standard of Items on display in the Gallery to the maximum, and this is due to the High Standard of Art and Craft that is being supplied by our beautiful members.

We are looking forward to the Daffodil Festival and hopefully to have some new and exciting items for the Gallery. Maybe the Miniature can be on display in an area for some time, therefore encouraging more miniatures.

Karen has decided to step down from her role as Co-ordinator of the Display Team and in her role on the Display Team.

Karen Pedretti

Colleen Touzel

Trish Rosel

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LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT GALLERY PRESENTS

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EXHIBITION
OF
MINIATURES

FREE EVENT

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Cnr of McCartin St
& Michael Place,
Leongatha

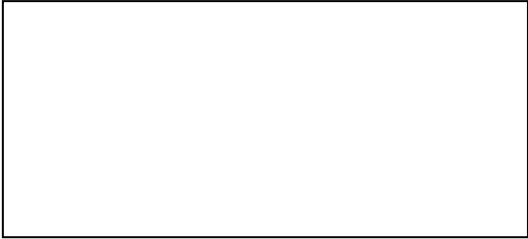
JULY 3 - 31, 2019
10AM - 4PM
WED - SUN

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