



THE CRAFTY ARTIST

Newsletter of the Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

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Promoting Art & Craft in Ballina & District

President's Message

Hello Members,

Our last meeting was well attended. Thank you to all the members who are giving up their time to participate and help us to resolve some very important club issues being negotiated at the moment.

Our Grace Cruice Memorial exhibition closed on March 13th. Again we'd like to thank gallery staff for the wonderful thematic display of our work and the Ballina Sing Australia Group for their delightful performance on opening night. Congratulations to members who sold some of their work, and to Maria Heaton whose painting of a street in Rotterdam, "Sunlight Delight" won the People's Choice award, closely followed by one vote to Margaret Brown's "Heavitree Range". Barry and Rowan's woodwork pieces were well voted for too.

Our next meeting is coupled by the AGM. Please make a big effort to be there and to nominate for an executive or committee position. I can assure you, a year serving the club goes by very quickly! I have been doing my best to streamline these positions in order to reduce the work load of each one. BACCI's future as an incorporated club is so dependent on having a group of energetic self-starters as office bearers. A big thankyou goes to new member Lyn Cole for assisting with the minutes.

I extend a very special thankyou to this year's executive and exhibition committee for all their tireless efforts, especially where their work has involved acquiring better computer skills for the sake of our organisation, as has been the case, for example, with the Newsletter formatting by Helen Dunn. Exhibition committee coordinator Lesley Ryan

has devoted a lot of her time, energy and experience to ensuring BACCI's survival as we have headed into the "digital" age! I'm sure we all agree, that it is well worth following Lesley's example to gain some computer skills to quicken information exchange, streamline organisation of exhibitions, and produce high quality hardware such as art labels.

Annabel and Pauline's Teaching Studio at Creative Artisans Gallery in Wigmore Arcade proved to be a very pleasant and comfortable venue for our club practise afternoon on Saturday. It was quite inspirational to be surrounded by so much fabulous art as we worked. Several members are also offering their lovely house and gardens for club practise sessions in the future. So stay tuned. Again, I'm keen to hear from members who have a need for special workshops, events and venues.

With the next meeting and AGM behind us, we will be busy preparing for the winter exhibition. Thank you to all the members who participate so willingly in setting up these club and charity exhibitions. We look forward to an even better year for BACCI in 2016-2017, and I wish the incoming Executive and Committee all the best for a highly successful year.

Sincerely,

Di Bell

Our next meeting will be The AGM held on

MONDAY 4th April – 5.30pm

At the Cherry Street Bowling Club.

All members and friends are welcome to come along.

Exhibition Report and Lennox News

I'll be away by the time you are receiving your newsletter, so it will be a short note from Lennox this month.

Our local Archibald finalist Angus McDonald is holding his first local exhibition for 10 years at the Tweed gallery; it's worth another trip to that wonderful gallery. A bus full of 50 Lennox locals made sure it was an opening night to remember.

NRCG has 4 new exhibitions, all opening from 16 March till 10 April.

Bryon Bay Classic is on over Easter and this year the Border Art Prize is earlier.....

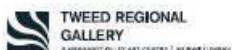
Friday 6 May, 2016 to Sunday 10 July, 2016

The Border Art Prize

The Temporary Exhibitions and Boyd Galleries

The Border Art Prize is a joint initiative of Tweed Regional Gallery support the endeavours of artists living and working in North exhibition is held annually with the Gallery venue alternating each

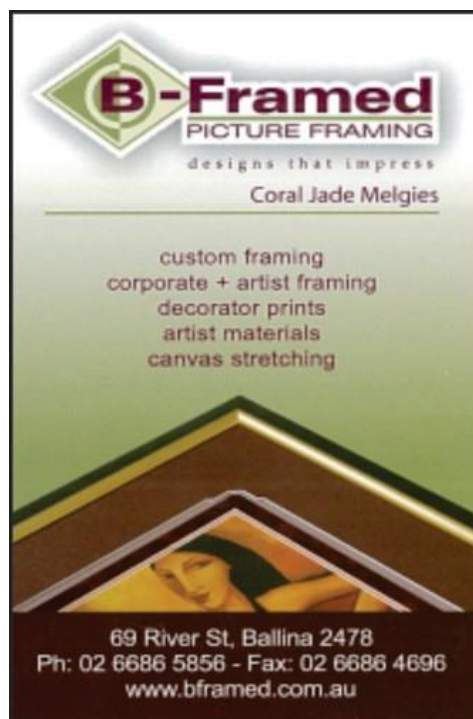
The Prize offers a First Prize of \$3,000, Second Prize of \$1,500 teacher, Shirley Kennedy also funds \$1,500 in Encouragement awards. The exhibition is open to all media and subject matter well-known and emerging artists. The exhibition typically includes sculpture and reflects the breadth of artistic practice in the region



The Border Art Prize 2016 is proudly supported by Tweed Shire Council, the Tweed Regional Gallery & Margaret Olley Art Centre Inc. & artist/teacher Shirley

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General Meetings of BACCI are held on the 1st Monday each month at the Cherry Street Bowling Club at 5.30pm.

CALENDAR 2016

April 4th at 5.30pm
Annual General MEETING

