



# THE CRAFTY ARTIST

Newsletter of the Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

2016

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## President's Message

Hello Members,

Doing this job certainly makes the year disappear quickly! A big thank you goes to all those people who contributed to our beautiful winter exhibition in the Richmond Room on 8, 9 and 10<sup>th</sup> of July.

People's Choice was won by Darien Midwinter with her lovely oil painting "The Road Home". Lucky Door was won by Julia Drury an artist in Ballina Art Society and the raffle prizes were won by Keith Scott of East Ballina, Bill Howard, our life member, and Darien Midwinter, in that order. Again, we sincerely thank our loyal sponsors Mark at Ballina Art and Framing, Coral at B-Framed, as well as Stasi at The Gallery Café, Ian at The Cellar and Lesley Ryan, for their donations to these prizes. It was great to have the Mayor, David Wright and Deputy Mayor, Robyn Hordern with us to officially open the exhibition. We also enjoyed sharing the occasion with our special guests Del Strong, water colourist, and Karen from Hope Haven, which will be the recipient this time from our raffle proceeds.

A few ladies braved the weather to come to art practise at Darien's beautiful home with its uninterrupted view north to Queensland. What a pity it was too cold and wet to sit outside and paint the view! Thank you to Darien for being our hostess. The next art practise session will be announced at the next monthly meeting.

I hope you are thinking ahead to the craft events in August. Janet Hassall is coordinating entries for the Lismore Craft Fair in early August and Deb McFarlane is coordinating art and craft entries for Quota Craft Fair, Alstonville in late August. Entry forms Lismore have been sent and entry forms for Quota will be available soon. There are a few good ideas being

floated for future activities so be sure to come to the next monthly meeting and join in the planning.

Again, I'd encourage you all to make good use of the BACCI website and Facebook page for info exchange and displaying your work, and there's certainly no shortage of websites you can subscribe to which display your work for sale. After all, the internet has become the biggest gallery with the biggest showroom!!

Please don't hesitate to request activities and workshops which will contribute to our development as fine artists .

Happy Arting. See you on Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at the next monthly meeting.

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**Our next Monthly meeting will be held on**

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> August – 5.30pm**

**At the Cherry Street Bowling Club.**

**All members and friends are welcome to come along.**



## Exhibition Report and Lennox News

August is turning out to be another busy month. PAN (Practising Artists Network) is holding an exhibition at the Lone Goat Galley in Byron. Opening is Friday 19th of August and exhibition runs until the 31st of August. Several members of BACCI are involved in this exhibition. Come along and enjoy the work which is a themed exhibition based on a poem by Robert Gray, "Winter"

Lismore Art Club is holding its annual exhibition from Thursday 4th August to Sunday 7th August in the Lismore Workers Club. I'm very pleased to have been invited to judge this year's selection of works. Opening night is Thursday 4th of August and you are all invited to come along.

Of course the big art news this month is the Archibald with Retina Fauvel-Ogden winning the Packer Prize for her portrait of "George" from Masterchef. The portrait of Barry Humphries won the big one, painted by Louise Hearnan. This year, 50 of the finalists were women.

Bentley will be over but good luck to everyone who makes the trek out to the Wild West.

Ocean Shores: Entries close July 31, - again might be too late, but exhibition is open from August 26 till 28th.

TURSA Art Prize, quite a few of our members have had success in this one. Entries due by Thursday 16th September. Entry forms are available from Mark at Ballina Art and Framing.

Jacaranda Drawing Prize (JADA) entries close on 4th August.

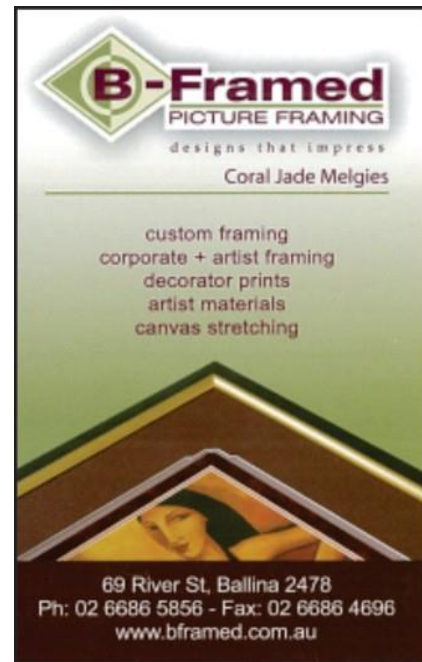
Outside the shires we have the Mosman Art Prize, NSW Parliament Plein Art prize.

Eutick Memorial Still Life Award (Coffs Harbour) Closing Date 19 August 2016. Entry forms are all available online.

Tin CAN is holding an Art Exhibition at the Tintenbar Hall, on 23rd, 24th and 25th of September. Entries close on 9th of September. You can email Tina Farrow on [farrowtina@bigpond.com](mailto:farrowtina@bigpond.com) for an entry form, or ring 0409827094. Lesley Ryan

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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**

August 1<sup>st</sup> - 5.30pm General MEETING

August 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> - Lismore Art Club Annual Art & Craft Exhibition

August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – Alstonville Quota Club Craft & Garden Fair