



THE CRAFTY ARTIST

Newsletter of the Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

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President's Message

Hello Members

Well, here we are at mid-year already and looking forward to our winter exhibition in the Richmond Room 8,9,10 July.

In the meantime we are grateful to a keen group of members who are exhibiting their work in the Ballina Hospital Auxiliary's Craft Show at Lennox on Saturday June 25th. We're pleased to be able to give some support to such a worthy local cause.

We are continuing to streamline procedures so that future tasks are made quicker and easier for members. Our treasurer Lyn has been very busy streamlining our banking procedures and dealing with all the protocol necessary to acquire eftpos facility for us. Don't forget that our website, www.bacci.com.au, managed by Mark is fully operational for you to use. Our email is ballinaartsandcraftscentre@gmail.com, if you are emailing membership and entry forms or info exchange, rest assured they will be received and processed by the relevant office bearer.

It is good to see a few more members coming along to the once a month art practise sessions on third Saturday of each month from 1-4pm at a member's house or chosen venue. Yesterday, we enjoyed another plein air session hosted this time by Edna.

The view across North Creek to East Ballina and Missingham Bridge is a nice landscape with good tonal variations. It's good fun to have a cuppa and chat together as well.

I hope you are cruising along well with your creative interests. I am always keen to hear from members who have requests for specific workshops and artistic activities.

Please advertise our winter exhibition far and wide so that we can have an exciting and productive weekend.

Congratulations to Margaret Brown who is now displaying her lovely painting of the Heavitree Range, in the Northern Star office at reception.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Lennox Community Centre on June 25th.

Happy Artting. Di Bell.

Our next Monthly meeting will be held on

MONDAY July 4th – 5.30pm

At the Cherry Street Bowling Club.

All members and friends are welcome to come along.



Reminder:

Our winter exhibition will be held in the Richmond Room 8,9,10 July.

Please be sure to invite friends and family to come along, all support will be appreciated.

Exhibition Report and Lennox News

Lennox Head Town and Gown exhibition went off without a hitch, despite the worst storm of the year!! Quite a few members exhibited and sold work, including Di Bell and Lesley Ryan. The money raised will be going to purchase iPads for the students of Lennox Primary School.

There seems to be a local resurgence in plein air painting. So why not enter the NSW Parliament Plein Air Painting Prize. The entries for the NSW Plein Air prize open on the 22nd of June. Artists are invited to enter up to two paintings done en Plein air of a NSW subject. The winning artist will receive \$20,000 and the work will become part of the NSW Parliamentary Collection. Visit www.pleinair.com.au for more details and entry forms. What have you got to lose!!

“Frida Kahlo” is hot... quotes the NSW art Gallery, as they prepare for the first exhibition of her works. Paintings by Frida fetch enormous prices and she is easily the most commercially successful female artist in history. She started university, enrolled in medicine, but a terrible bus accident put an end to that and so she started her art career. She had very little formal training but by the end of her life she had achieved substantial artistic recognition. She died in 1954. Exhibition opens on June 25th in Sydney.

Closer to home, the Border art prize continues until the 10th of July, you can't put off going too much longer.

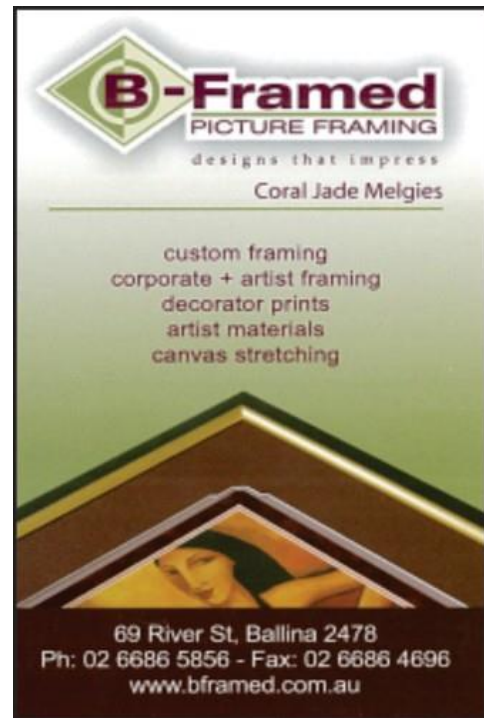
Entries for the Caldera Art exhibition are now open but you have till the 16th of September to enter up to two works. Artists are strongly encouraged to use their work to promote the regions biodiversity and/or to address specific local environmental conservation issues.

Roving reporter

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

July 4 - 5.30pm
GENERAL MEETING

July 8,9,10 - WINTER EXHIBITION
Richmond Room.