



## President's Message

Hello Members,

Hope you are enjoying the mild Autumn weather, which has afforded us bonus outdoor activities this year.

May and June will be very busy months for us as we prepare for the craft fair in Lennox next month ( stay tuned for entry forms next week) and our Winter Exhibition on the 8,9,10<sup>th</sup> of July, a week after the election!

The Exhibition Committee is in full swing preparing brochures and advertising for the Winter Exhibition. I sent you all a copy of the job schedule and if you have particular skills which would be of benefit to any part of this process, we would appreciate your coming on board to lend us a hand. We are still calling for nominations for the position of Exhibitions Coordinator.

We were saddened to hear that John Gilmour, one of BACCI's founding members passed away in March. John played a very active role in the development of this organisation and we extend our deepest sympathy to John's wife Gay and family members.

We continue to offer Art Practise sessions on the third Saturday afternoon of every month. Only good things come from artists spending time together and exchanging ideas. Making creative decisions can be very exacting at times and receiving support from other artists can take a lot of the agony out of the creative process. Weather permitting; we should have a wonderful plein air session in Pam Paterson's delightful garden Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>.

The next meeting is on June 6<sup>th</sup> and I am hoping to precede this meeting with an exhibition committee meeting at 5pm. Hope you can make it. There's always lots of planning to get through.

In the meantime, Happy Creating.

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

**MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> – 5.30pm**

**At the Cherry Street Bowling Club.**

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



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## Exhibition Report and Lennox News

Firstly it's time to congratulate our members who were selected as finalists in the 2016 Border prize and they are: (drum roll....) Ian Sillar, Deb McFarlane, Darien Midwinter, Mark Davis, Paul Button and Lesley Ryan. BACCI is well represented and we should be proud of that achievement. The exhibition is on display until the 10<sup>th</sup> of July. If you don't feel like lunch at the Tweed gallery café I've heard good reports about the Mooball Pub.

As well as the Border prize there is an exhibition of work by iconic Australian woman artist Wendy Sharpe, worth a look, she's had residencies in Antarctica and in Mexico for the Day of the Dead festival, and is quoted as saying "I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list"

Ryan + Wright continues at the NRCG until the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, I am presenting work focussing on animals and birds, placed in unusual fabric landscapes, using antique children's books as backgrounds. 1950s magazines and cups of tea with me have inspired a series of drawings and carborundum prints and sculptures by Melissa Wright.

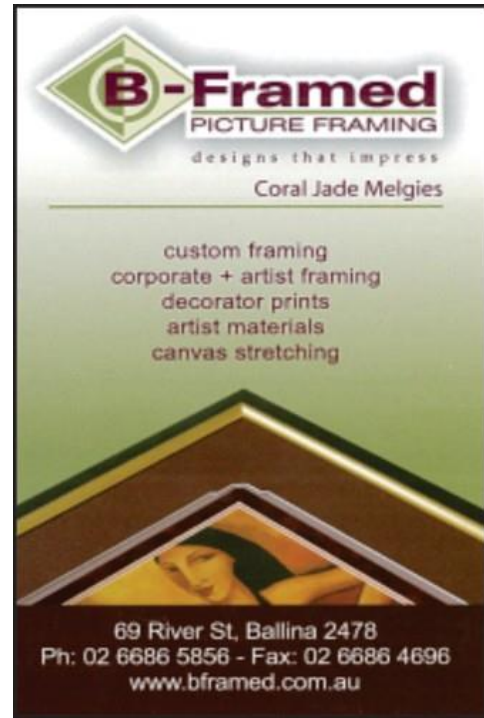
The beanie exhibition at NRCG is something to behold as well... our "Crafties" will be marvelling at the ideas and variety of beanies. Entitled "Colours of the Country" from the Alice Springs Beanie Festival it is a fabulous idea.

Our member Rena Hurley is currently showing some work at Club Lennox, so go along and support her and the Club. The Club has been most generous in allowing BACCI members to exhibit.

Last but certainly not least, the annual Town and Gown Art exhibition is on at The Lennox Head Community Centre. Entries need to be in by 27<sup>th</sup> May, and artwork ready for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. A copy of the entry form is on our Facebook page. There is also provision for children to enter this year, so if you have a budding Van Goth, get them to enter and have some fun, (no entry fee for children).

Your roving reporter

Lesley Ryan



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A fee of \$25 per month will be charged.

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Anyone interested Contact Helen Dunn  
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### **BACCI**

Secretary

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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**

June 6<sup>th</sup> - 5.00pm Exhibition Committee  
5.30pm General MEETING

July 8, 9, 10th - WINTER EXHIBITION