



Ballina Arts & Craft Centre Inc.

THE CRAFTY ARTIST

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Promoting Art & Craft in Ballina & District

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Members. With the AGM behind us and the new office bearers bedding in to their administrative tasks, we can get back to building our program of events for 2016-2017.

Jeff Bell chaired the election of office bearers, which wasn't easy because meeting numbers were down a little due to the impact of "cruise ship" flu so we had to wait until after the meeting for someone to take on the secretary position. Lorraine Spring who has kindly taken on Secretary/Public Officer again from Edna Moss and Lyn Cole our new treasurer, taking over from Barry Magnay, are already busy sending in those annual returns to Fair Trading Dept. and Insurance. Barry has valiantly agreed to be Vice President again and Helen Dunn is continuing with editing of our monthly newsletter and she has also offered to assist with membership files. We thanked Edna and Barry most sincerely for their inputs as Secretary and Treasurer for 2015-2016. At the next meeting on Monday May 4th we will finalise office bearers for our exhibition committee.

Congratulations to BACCI members who were successful exhibitors in Ballina Art Society's exhibition at the Lennox Community Centre on the weekend. It was also a great opportunity to preview this venue, which is a roomy and attractive space. I hope you are busy creating new works because there is also the Hospital Auxiliary Craft Fair at the Lennox Community Centre in June, The Lismore Craft Fair in early August, that Janet Hassall is collecting entry information on and of course Alstonville's Quota Craft Fair in late August. Along with all the wonderful crafts, these functions are also an excellent opportunity for our painters to exhibit small works, greeting cards and other small items such as bookmarks and art paper.

Helen Dunn was hostess for the Art Practise session at her lovely house on Saturday. Thanks again Helen. I would like to see more people coming along with a smallish creative project. It's so good to have to work more spontaneously. I always learn what not to do with some of the materials I take along!

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Please make a big effort to come to the May meeting and get involved in ideas exchange and planning of future activities.

Membership fees are now due and I hope you have found some new members to enrol this year.

Happy Creating,

Di Bell

LENNOX NEWS

Almost too much to talk about this month, and the scary thing is it is nearly half way through the year again.

Melissa Wright and Lesley Ryan are having a "Duo solo" exhibition at the NRCG from the 11th of May to the 19th of June. Titled Animals, Birds, Figures and Fabric. Lesley Ryan is presenting work focusing on animals and birds placed in unusual fabric landscapes, using antique children's book as backgrounds. 1950s magazines and cups of tea with Lesley inspired a series of drawings, carborundum prints and sculptures by Melissa Wright. Opening night Thursday 12 May 5.30 to 7.30 pm.

The Lennox Lions is holding their annual Town and Gown Art exhibition on the June long weekend to tie in with the "I Love Lennox" festival. The exhibition will be held in the auditorium of the primary school. Everyone is welcome to enter. If you need an entry form contact Helen Kidwell on 014897902, BUT I will put a copy on our Facebook page. Entries due by Friday 27th of May. Money raised is going to the Lennox Primary school.

The Border prize is early this year and there has been a bit of a panic on with the local artists, due date for entry forms has passed but, the exhibition runs at the Tweed gallery from 6th May to Sunday 10th July.

There is some pretty good art prizes going on around the country but this year it is time again for the Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award. \$40,000 prize money, entries due 5 August, a hard one to get into but worthwhile having a go!!! Go online for entry forms.

Your roving reporter Lesley Ryan
PS My trip to Japan was fabulous, the beautiful handmade paper!!!

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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

Next General meeting

May 2nd at 5.30pm Cherry Street Sports, Ballina

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