



## **Newsletter of the Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.**

### **President's Message:**

Hello Members,

The year is rapidly drawing to a close but there's some exciting developments and events this month. The Coraki Art Prize, the Alstonville Show and the opening of the new Lismore Art Gallery are all on this coming weekend. Some people are pulling out all stops to go to all three events, but I hope you find the time to come with us on the bus for the opening of the Coraki Art Prize on Saturday afternoon. I have emailed BACCI members with all the details. Some of us have entries in Coraki and Alstonville and we wish them well, with both sales and the awards.

The Northern Rivers Community Gallery has announced their IGNITE STUDIOS project in the building behind the gallery which was previously the fire station. The gallery is calling for artists to peruse their plans and make applications for the use of this building. Again I have emailed all the details to BACCI members to peruse carefully before the November meeting at which we will discuss this exciting proposal by the council and the gallery.

It was wonderful to see more members coming along to our art session in the Scout Hall yesterday afternoon. Again, it was very enjoyable painting together. Paul's engraved clay plaques were delightful. We look forward to seeing them after firing.

# **THE CRAFTY ARTIST**

## **November 2017**

The lucky door prize of framed canvas and three small canvasses was won again by June lucky Hoffman!!

BACCI members have been invited by our members Maria and John Heaton to exhibit some small works for sale at Arts on Sunday, A&I Hall Bangalow on the last Sunday in November when the usual Bangalow Markets take place. Again members have been emailed entry forms and I encourage you to participate in this pre Christmas sale opportunity.

Congratulations to member Angela Parr on her successful solo exhibition in the gallery. Her exquisite bird paintings were much admired and sought after by buyers.

Some of our artists with studios have begun meetings to discuss an art trail project, under the leadership of Paul Button, Sunrise Arts. Paul and Maria Heaton are already trialling this initiative and we wish the art trail group every success. ( More details below)

Finally, please let me know asap, if you are able to attend our Christmas party on the evening of Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Ballina Island Motor Inn. The restaurant needs to know how many of us will be attending.

Next Meeting:

Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>

CHANGE OF VENUE : Downstairs lounge RSL, River St, Ballina. 5..00pm drinks 5.30pm start of meeting.

This is an important meeting as we have to find a permanent venue for next year. Please make a special effort to attend.

## Lennox News November 2017

Okay I'm going to say it, another year has flown past... so fast I still think I have plenty of time to do everything I planned for 2017... but alas that is not going to happen.

It is not going to be a great Christmas for one of my students. In fact, it would probably be the worst Christmas ever. You may have read the article in the Advocate, about Lynda Keane and her young son River. River has been diagnosed with leukaemia, at the age of 3.

To help Lynda with her travel and rental costs, I have organised a raffle. For the first time I'm going to try and sell the tickets online... here goes.....

It is an artist's raffle. The first prize is \$200 to spend at Ballina Art and Framing, on framing or art supplies. This prize has been donated by Mark Davis and Lesley Ryan.

The cost of tickets is \$5.00 each, and the raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of November, just after the Melbourne Cup. If you wish to purchase a ticket or two, please do the following:

Direct deposit into the following account – **with your name** in the comment- I can work out the number of tickets. When I receive the details, I will email you with your ticket number(s). This also confirms I have received your deposit. In other words, if you don't hear from me within a couple of days, I haven't got it!!

Then email me with the details as set out below. My email address is [lesleyryanart@hotmail.com](mailto:lesleyryanart@hotmail.com).

**, \_\_\_\_\_ (number) tickets for the River Keane raffle, \_\$\_\_\_\_\_ deposited into Account of Lesley Ryan by \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) email address \_\_\_\_\_ (your email address)**

(Raffle drawn on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of November,

Prize- \$200 gift voucher to spend at Ballina Art and Framing.

Lesley Ryan Account number:

BSB: 062 – 565

Account No: 1047 3966 )

You can follow the progress of deposits on the GoFundMe site. I will name them ART TEAM. Tickets will also be available for sale from Ballina Art and Framing. I will also publish details of winner in next BACCI newsletter and on BACCI Facebook page.

For those who are going on the bus trip to Coraki, I will have tickets available for sale on the bus.

Other arty news: Tim Storrier has won the Doug Moran portrait prize. He must be pleased the painting didn't get into the Archibald... a lesson to us all to keep trying. Rejection happens at every level.

We are all devastated that Mark Davis is selling the business. He has been such a strong supporter of BACCI as exhibitor, mentor, web site manager, sponsor, courier etc, He is such a very kind, nice guy and again he is supporting the raffle for River. THANK YOU MARK.

Lesley Ryan

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## The Open Studio Art Trail -

### Concept outline:

- Open studio trail for people whose studios are not usually open.
  - Similar to the Mud Trail, but with a broad range of art media
  - Initially keeping the number of studios and area cover small
  - **Possible Dates for The Arts Trail**
  - Weekend **before** Mother's Day 2018 – 5/6 May 2018 plus **Mother's Day itself** – 12 /13 May 2018. As a Mother's Day activity.
  - **Cut-off date** for acceptance of participation – 30 Nov 2017.
  - **We are looking for diversity of mediums, diversity of styles and skills.**
  - **Contact Paul Button 0418 909 203 or Maria Heaton 0438 867 564 for further information.**
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Hi Di

Thought this may be of interest in the news letter...if not too long.Pam

### Why frames should be in the picture when you visit an art gallery

In the depths of the National Gallery of Victoria is a lab dedicated to the restoration and preservation of frames. Often overshadowed by the paintings they hold, they are in fact art in their own right. [Read the full story](#)

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# Sunrise Arts

2017 Exhibition & gallery sale

20 Blue Seas Parade  
Lennox Head NSW 2478



Paul & Esther Button and friends invite you to our annual exhibition and gallery sale of ceramic & wood sculptures, pottery, paintings and silk scarves in a spectacular ocean-view setting.

**Unique, hand-made affordable gifts just in time for Christmas.**

Opening night:  
6.00 – 7.30pm (NSW)  
Fri 17 Nov 2017

Gallery open on 2 weekends:  
10am – 4pm (NSW)  
Sat 18 & Sun 19 Nov 2017  
**AND**  
Sat 2 & Sun 3 Dec 2017



## + Artists:

Paul Button  
Ann Jones (NZ)  
Ann Lee  
Christine Read

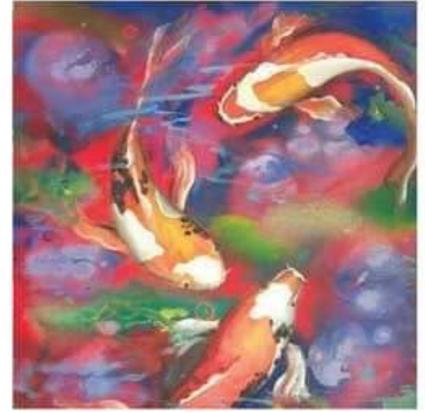
Di Bell  
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MARIA HEATON

## *Maria's Fine Art Open Studio*

**Date:** Saturday every week from 18/11/17 to 16/12/17

**Time:** 10.00am to 4.00pm

**Place:** 128 Platypus Drive, Uralba NSW 2477

Maria is opening her beautiful home studio on Saturday for five weeks.

An Internationally collected and Award winning Artist .... Maria is having a studio clearance. You will have the opportunity to purchase both larger works or smaller "en plein air" studies at realistic prices, perfect for that personal gift.

For a bit of unique fun, each visitor will be encouraged to add a few brushstrokes of their own to a still life in progress. Each visitor who contributes will go in the draw for the painting at the end of the Open Studio.

Should be a "hoot"

