



THE CRAFTY ARTIST

Newsletter of the
Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

JULY 2025

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Winter has arrived, bringing with it cold winds, frosts, and very low temperatures at night. However, the days have been filled with light and warmth, especially when one finds a sheltered sunny spot.

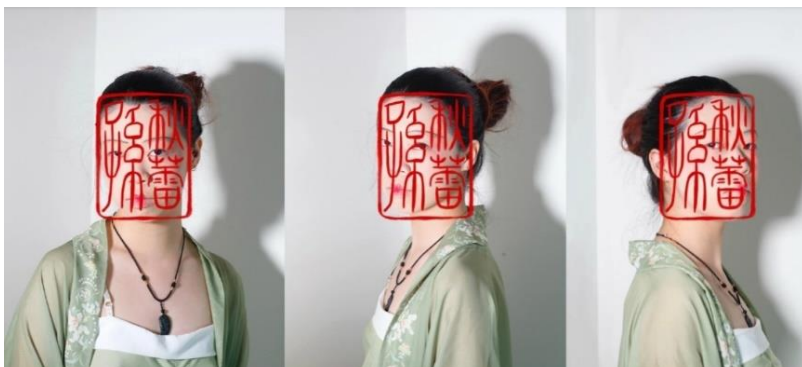
The arrival of the whales on their annual migration is always a delight and spotting them from our stunning coastline is a true pleasure.

With the arrival of the winter solstice, which was on Saturday, 21 June, we can look forward to longer days and shorter nights.

At the beginning of June, we (my partner and myself) travelled to Brisbane to see a performance of Swan Lake by the [Ballet Preljocaj](#), with Tchaikovsky's timeless score, combined with modern beats and contemporary arrangements, performed live by the [Queensland Symphony Orchestra](#) at [QPAC](#). It was a sublime, beautiful performance and I feel privileged to have seen it.

The next day we went to the [Gallery of Modern Art](#) where a new exhibition is being installed for the end of the month.

However, on the second floor we saw the '[Creative Generation Excellence Awards in Visual Art](#)'. Each year this award recognises and celebrates the artistic achievements and creative talents of senior high school students from across Queensland.



Across a diverse range of media, materials and techniques these young artists use art to give voice to the thoughts, feelings and concerns of their generation. This particular exhibition can be viewed until 31 August. It is a fabulous exhibition, and these young people show a great maturity in their artistic rationale, giving the viewers much food for thought. It was difficult trying to choose the favourite, with different mediums being explored and used. I certainly would encourage you to spend some time to view it.

At our last meeting Nicoleen Angello offered to do a Show and Tell for our next meeting and for our August meeting Jenny Unwin will present us her work. I would hope that for our September meeting one of you artist and craft people may volunteer to do a show and tell. Thank you.

*Have a great creative
month and stay warm.
Françoise*



WHAT'S COMING UP?

Next monthly meeting is:

Date: Tuesday, 1 July 2025
Time: 5.00pm for 5.30pm start
Show & Tell: Nicoleen Angello
Location: Boardroom
Cherry Street Sports Club
Cnr Cherry & Bentinck Streets
Ballina

LENNOX NEWS

Coloured pencil has been one of my favourite mediums for many years. It is portable, easy to clean up and easy for precision and control. Today, artists quality coloured pencils are lightfast and are designed for longevity.

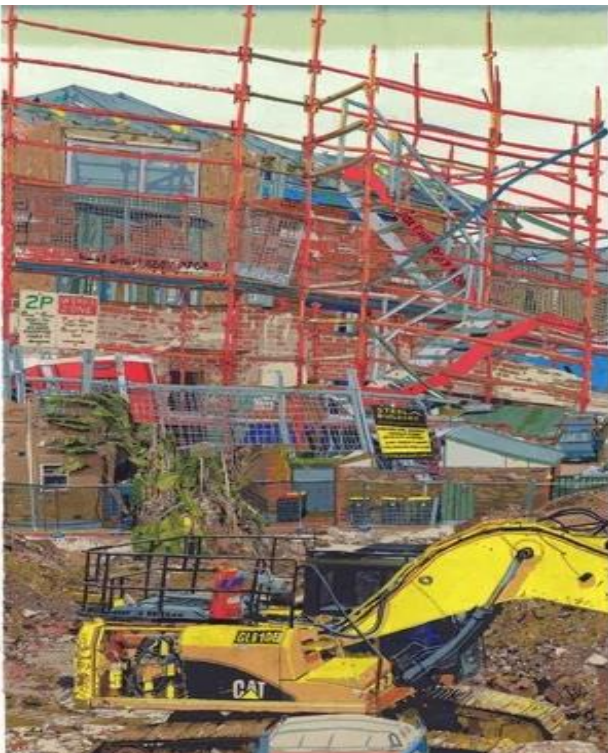
This year the winner of the Dobell prize for drawing was Rosemary Lee, with her coloured pencil drawing "24-1". Hopefully this will raise the profile of this wonderful and overlooked medium.

This award winning drawing depicts Sydney's urban landscape in a constant state of flux- construction sites rise, old buildings fall, and the city reshapes itself each year.

The drawing focusses on the suburbs of Ashfield and Summer Hill, an area undergoing rapid change, the judges praised her ability to weave together the two landscapes ,the construction site and the demolition site. Every time I look at the image, I see something new.

This drawing was selected from 965 entries and 56 finalists. There are some stunning drawings in this year's prize and really worth visiting if you get the opportunity. You can also look online also to see this masterful collection of works.

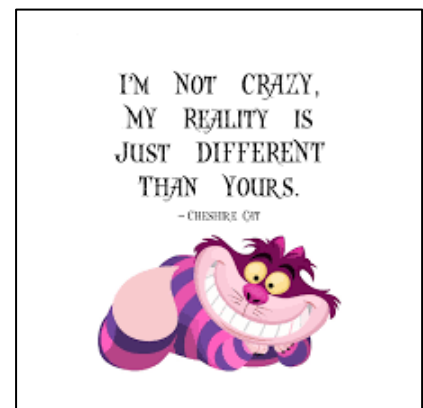
Lesley Ryan



Sanctuary Village: Sip and See 2025

I was once again thrilled to receive the First Prize for this year's art competition at Sanctuary Village, Lennox Head. My oil painting entitled "King Hit" depicts a girl with a king parrot, because I love the interaction with people and nature. I use a quirky interpretation to attract both the viewer and the bird!

Alexa Grunner



CREATIVE ARTISANS GALLERY NEWS

Featured artist(s) for June 2025 are:

1. Caddi Verheij

Caddi was born in Germany and grew up in South Africa. Drawing was always her preferred activity, she found a lot of comfort being imaginative.

When she was 15, Caddi moved to Germany and finished schooling at the age of 18. She Studied in advertising agencies in pre-print production as a graphic designer.

In 1984 she migrated to Australia, became a full-time mum and artist. She gave private lessons to adults and 5–10 year-old children.

All her creativity came together in the last 40 years in mixed media. Painting oil on canvas, with watercolours, acrylic and fabric paints. The latest endeavour is earrings and rock paintings.

'The artist is the happiest when she makes art.'



2. Kim Toft

Kim welcomes you to the world of silk and the animated creatures she paints.

Her love of painting on silk captures immense beauty of coastal and underwater habitats.

'Even after 35 years full time silk painting, it still proves a constant challenge to me, the unforgiving nature of the silk and its' ability to drink such brilliant colour in both the tiny and huge areas.'



Some of her many highlights are: -

- 30 solo exhibitions
- featured artist in the 12th Annual Maul Marine Art Expo, Hawaii,
- 12 environmental children's books which are still in print today
- establishing her own production company
- having her own gallery in Ballina – where she runs workshops,
- and much more.



**Cheers
Pauline Rutten**





RANSW 2025 Workshop Program



In 2025, Regional Arts NSW is running a monthly program of online industry workshops to provide regional artists and arts organisations with advice and guidance.

The workshops will cover a different subject each month, run by different experts from across the industry, and will be free for RANSW Members and \$20 for non-members.

[Become a RANSW individual member for just \\$25.](#)

The workshops will be on the arts ecology of regional NSW, facilitated by RANSW CEO Tracey Callinan.

Tickets are available now (free registrations also required), click on this link ([Regional Art NSW](#)) to view workshops and registration



Lismore Art Club

Hi All

If you're interested in Visual art, then become a part of the Lismore Art Club.

Info on our new look website ...

<http://www.lismoreartclub.com>

Explore your creative side.

New members and beginners welcome.

Linnea Hannan

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Sea Silks Studio – Kim Toft

See brochure attached regarding Kim's next Silk Workshop:

- Saturday 5 July 2025
- 10am to 2.00pm.

BACCI members 20% discount \$110 everything supplied

A brochure for Sea Silks Studio and Silk Workshops. The left side is titled 'Sea Silks Studio The Art of Kim Michelle Toft' and features images of Kim painting on silk and her artwork. The right side is titled 'Silk Workshops' and includes details about the workshop, such as 'Create your own silk painting 30 x 40cm in approx. 4 hours 10am-2pm', 'Cost \$130...everything supplied', and 'All enquiries and bookings info@kimmichelletoft.com'. It also features a QR code and the location: '61 Southern Cross Drive Ballina NSW 2478...on the way to Ballina Byron Airport'.



Ballina Wave Magazine **re 'Artist of the Month'**

Ballina Wave have given a monthly space to a BACCI member, titled '**Artist of the Month.**'

Details needed for article are:

- 200 words about you and your work (it would also be great if you could mention BACCI)
- 2 x JPEG photos (these can be of you and your work or just your work)
- email your Ballina Wave artist profile (as a word document) and your pictures and to Rosie (ballinabacci@gmail.com) by the 1st of the month
- if you are unsure how to do the above, maybe a family member or friend could help you
- please also please email this document and pictures to Maria (mariaheaton@hotmail.com), she will post this on BACCI's [Facebook](#) page
- it would be great if all members could take advantage of this opportunity, **please** email your document and pictures to Rosie (ballinabacci@gmail.com)

Do you have anything to share, (eg art info, travel adventures and/or photos)? If so, please contact Rosie about your story – you can either mail or email your story and photos, (remember to include your name) to:

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Cassino Gallery

To Foster Visual Art & Cultural Experience Through Creativity

If you would like more information regarding this exhibition, please contact:

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CASSINO GALLERY
148 Barker Street, Casino

Presents

TRUCK SHOW ART EXHIBITION

We're inviting artists of all ages, kids included, to take part in our Truck Show Art Exhibition held from July 26th to August 30th 2025 at

Cassino Gallery, 148 Barker Street Casino

Entry forms can be emailed on request from cassinogallery@gmail.com or downloaded from

www.cassinogallery.org.au

Entries should be delivered to the gallery on 19th July. There are no exhibiting fees.

Artworks to have a trucking or roadway theme but can be in any medium. Artworks are to be delivered to the gallery on 19th July between 10am and 2pm. Artworks can be offered for sale with 30% commission of the sale price paid to Cassino Gallery for any work sold.

The final acceptance of all artworks submitted will be at the discretion of the Cassino Gallery.

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