

# GREAT LAKES ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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## Presidents Report

### WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Members I have some very exciting news – we are holding a General Meeting on Saturday 15 July @ 2pm prior to the AGM in August to discuss proposed changes to our major exhibitions. The committee needs your input and I'm sure that the incoming committee would like to hear your ideas to enable them to put in place their program. Please come along and have your say also meet your fellow old and new member artists for tea coffee and snacks.

Our gallery has changed a great deal since 2017 – members before this time will remember the old pegboard fixtures painted yellow with the trip over legs and the damn little pegboard hooks which needed hanging people with 3 hands each.

Each successive committee has slowly moved the gallery inside and outside into the modern style it is today with more ideas to improve it and make it better for members.

Many artists from art societies outside our LGA have been so impressed that they have taken photos and got details of contacts so to bring theirs up to our standards. Beside the prize monies - this is why they love putting their art into Forster Gallery.

Let us all support the new committee.

Patricia and I have really enjoyed being part of your committee. It would be remiss of me if my gratitude and respect was not given to my past and present committees – they have given so much time and effort and have been such a pleasure to be associated with - thank you teams.

Thank you Ross

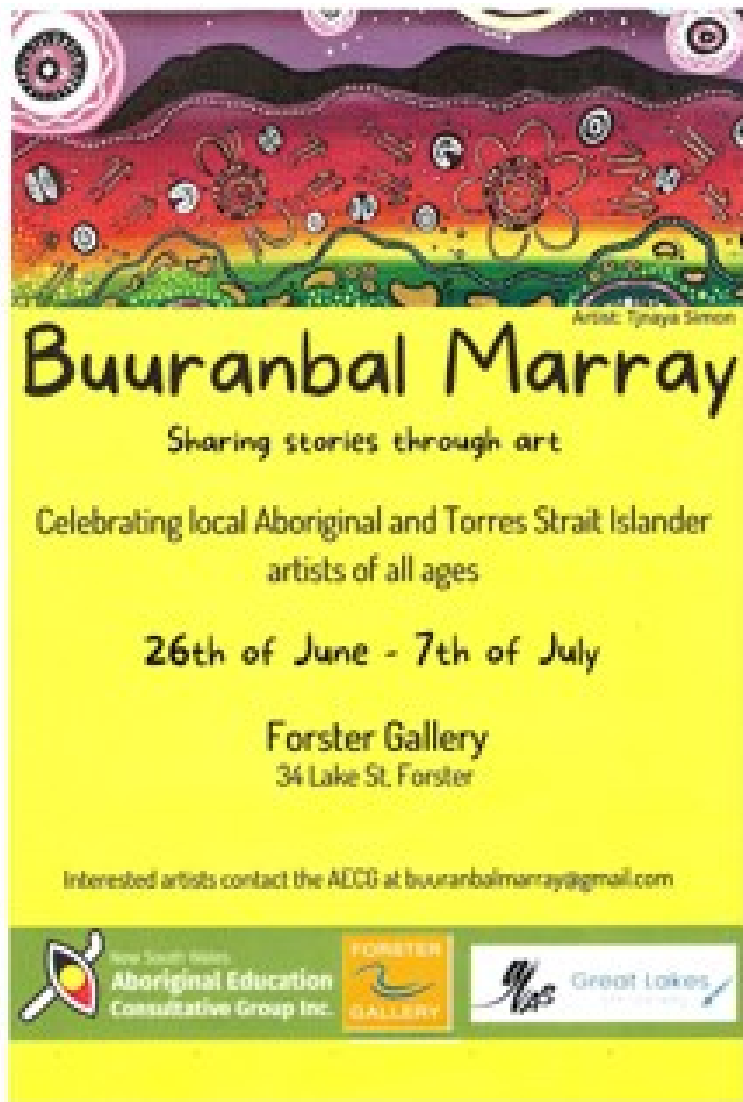
### **Betty Mackinnon (life member of GLAS) holding her portrait, painted by Multi award winning artist and member of GLAS, Marilyn Cranfield.**

Betty Mackinnon was an inaugural member of GLAS, and served on committee for over 30 years. She held the position of President for many years, and when the opportunity to team up with the Bridge Club to build the premises we now call "our



gallery" came along, she joined the joint committee to help plan and supervise the completion of the project. Betty is now 101, and is now in residence at Estia Health aged care facility on the Southern Parkway, Forster. She has always been a dedicated supporter of GLAS, and has been a major sponsor of our open exhibition many times. Betty, we salute you, and thank you for your tireless efforts. We wish you comfort and well being in your retirement years.

Marilyn Cranfield is a multi award winning oil artist, and a long time member of GLAS. Her portrait and still life paintings are renowned locally and overseas, and she has taught classes for GLAS over the years. Marilyn wanted to show her admiration for Betty, and so the beautiful portrait was painted and presented to Betty. Our thanks go to Marilyn for her generous gesture, and we thank Marilyn also, for her contribution to fine art and GLAS.



**On Monday 26 June, 2023 at 12 noon** on Forster Gallery's front garden a Smoking Ceremony with Aboriginal Dancers will Open the Buuranbal Marray Naidoc Exhibition.

As a member of GLAS you are invited to attend.

The exhibition officially runs from 26 June to 7 July but works will be able to be viewed on the weekend before and after.

The exhibition is being prepared by the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and is attracting works by Aboriginal children from our local pre-schools, primary and high schools and some Community Artists.

Pam Dunne has prepared a roster for 10am to 2pm for each day, thank you to all those who volunteered.

On Tuesday 27 June a second 'opening' will be conducted from 6 – 8pm at the Bridge Club for the teachers from all participating schools and for the parents of exhibiting artists.

## Thank you to those members who helped hang the NAIDOC Exhibition



Toni



Chris & Pat



Adrian



Ross

Someone has to supervise!



Maria

hidden behind the paintings



Lorraine & Jenny

Budding builders



**NAIDOC Art Smoking Ceremony—** If you missed it visit the gallery now and invite your friends . The art works are from primary to high school age children also portrait paintings by local artists.





# Members' Meeting

2.00 pm Saturday, 15 July

**GLAS classroom Lake St, Forster**

It's been a while since we have all been together to talk all things Gallery, what with Covid etc.

Join us for a discussion on some ideas that the Committee has floated ahead of the AGM.

After enjoy a cuppa and cake with your 'Arty' friends at 3.30pm

## Items for Discussion

1. Due to the burden of obtaining sponsors and the lack of sufficient volunteers to share the organizing, a proposal has been put forward to:  
  
    **make** the Open Exhibition a biennial event, occurring every second year at Easter,  
    **and** then also make the Members Expo a biennial event, occurring every alternating Year at Easter, instead of during the September school holidays,  
    **and** then, due to its popularity, every year hold the Young Artists Exhibition in the September School holidays in half the room.
2. Reorganize the funds available for awards to ensure the award ceremonies of both major exhibitions are sufficiently interesting, not excessively long and that both exhibitions have strong points of interest for the viewers:  
  
    **allocate** a sum of \$7,000 for awards for the Open Exhibition,  
    **allocate** a sum of \$??? for awards for the Members' Expo made up the \$100 previously  
    **allocated** to the Members Award in the Open Exhibition, the \$50 previously allocated to the Peoples Choice Award and a further \$??? from the Society's funds
3. Presentation of:  
    **M**embership framework  
    **W**hat you get for your membership  
    **V**olunteer sign-on sheet for insurance purposes  
    **W**hat it takes to run the Gallery
4. Notice of Positions Vacant for upcoming **AGM: (August 13)**  
  
    **R**etirement of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, 1 x Ordinary Committee Member.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 13 August at 2pm**. A formal notice will be sent out later but please make a note in your diaries. Most of the current committee will not be renominating so please start thinking about whether you would like to put your hand up for a role. We are more than happy to answer any questions you might have about being on the committee. Just ask!

### Facilities Management in Safe Hands

Thanks to Lorraine Millward for agreeing to take on the job of Facilities Management for the Gallery.

And thanks to Tina Jones for agreeing to be 'back-up' for Lorraine.

Remember, by sharing all the jobs required to run the Gallery, we ensure that the burden does not fall unduly on some members (i.e. the committee).

### FORSTER GALLERY WINTER HOURS

From Friday 16 June 2023 Forster Gallery in Lake Street will be operating reduced Hours: 10am – 2pm Saturday and Sunday only - except for the Buuranbal Marray (Naidoc) Exhibition when the gallery will be open 7 days a week from 26 June to 7 July, 10am – 2pm each day.

Normal hours will return on Friday 1 September: 10am – 4pm Friday, Saturday

### Calendar Dates

- ♦ 16 June—1 Sept winter hours 10am—2pm
- ♦ 15 July 2pm - members Meeting in the Gallery
- ♦ 5 –6 August John Wilson Oil workshop.
- ♦ 13 Aug 2p AGM in the Gallery

It is with sadness that I announce the passing of Barry Morrow, in late May.



Barry was a passionate artist in drawing, print making and sculpture. Barry started the

Life Drawing group in GLAS. He was still attending these classes through his chemo treatment for cancer. Through all of this he always turned up with a cheerful face and a funny story. He will be missed.

### Classes

Classes days and times can change . To be sure check classes on the website.

**[www.Forstergallery.org](http://www.Forstergallery.org)**

Lasses after the NAIDOC Exhibition Ending July 9th

**Monday pm** is an open workshop. . Come along and do whatever you like as long as it isn't oil based with turps as some people can't handle the smell. \$5

**Tuesday am and pm** oil painting with Judie Handebo. Contact— 0416 484 993

**Wednesday am** —Art Care contact Peter Everingham—0408 716 198

**Thursday am** —Pastel with Vicky Bullard contact—0429 506 883

**Thursday pm** —Life drawing 1st and 3rd Thursday contact Pam Dunne 0412736797

**Friday am**—Watercolour- The group meet when Barry is away. For classes contact Wayne Barry —0401 902 330

For information on printmaking classes contact Chris Rigley—0468 477 181

## THE VALUE OF YOUR GLAS MEMBERSHIP

Every so often we hear members ask: "so what do we get for our membership?"

All GLAS members are able to exhibit and sell their art in the gallery, access the library of art books at the gallery, get discounted fees for classes and workshops and join our members-only Facebook group.

We do have non-members exhibiting and attending classes but they pay higher fees for these things and we also take more commission on any sales they make.

We have crunched the numbers for you and here's how it works -

For a \$45 annual membership fee you get:

1. Discounted exhibition hanging fees e.g. for the Open \$20 non-members, \$15 members (saving \$5 per artwork exhibited)
2. Discounted exhibition commission fees – 30% non-members, 25% members (saving of \$15 on a \$300 sale)
3. Discounted Workshop fees – normally \$20 discount to members on 2 day workshop fee
4. Discounted Class fees - \$10 for members, \$5 for non-members.

So if you:	You would
Exhibited two paintings in the Open or Members	\$10
Sold one painting for \$300	\$15
Attended one workshop	\$20
Attended one class for 5 weeks	\$25
<b>IN TOTAL YOU WOULD SAVE</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>

Plus, you get to exhibit your works, and/or attend classes in a fully functional, very-professional art-space that is the envy of many other art societies in NSW, thanks to the dedication of our happy band of volunteers.

### New members since last newsletter

Welcome to our new members

Jenny Kelly, Christine Pettitt, Julie Plasto, Trish Scott ,  
Cherylee Dee . Deborah Devaal

Total members now 179

### Treasurers Report:

At time of writing the balance in the NAB accounts is as follows: \$29500.02 Cash Management A/c and \$7854.87 General Cheque A/c Total Funds held \$37354.89 No outstanding accounts. We have received \$1000 Volunteer Grant from Dept of Social Services to be used for gallery equipment.

Patricia Mackaway

### Membership renewals

Membership is due - for 1 July 2023 until 30 June 2024. Membership renewal for one year is \$45 and you can pay by:

- cash or card at the gallery
- cheque made out to the Great Lakes Art Society Inc (not GLAS)
- direct deposit to: BSB: 082-603. Account No: 239037411

*(indicate that it is for member fees and include your name )*

### Book Wanted

If anyone has a copy of copy of **John Lovett's** book "**Textures, Techniques and Special Effects for Watercolour**" they would like to sell. Please contact Jenny Ross on 0421922848

### Other Exhibitions

If you are interested in submitting works in the South West Rocks Gallery Exhibition - See link below.

If you are, get in touch with the GLAS admin and we will see if we can organise a bulk delivery.

<https://swrcag.wildapricot.org/ASMAA-INFO>

**June 2023**

## **Notice of AGM**

Notice is hereby given to members that the Annual General Meeting of The Great Lakes Art Society Inc. will be held on Sunday 13 August 2pm at the gallery, 34 Lake Street, Forster.

### **Agenda**

#### **Apologies**

- Reading and confirmation of minutes of the 2022 AGM
- Business arising from previous minutes
- Treasurers report and financial statement
- Presidents report and any other committee reports
- Call for speakers from the floor (Members who wish to speak should contact the Secretary before the meeting)
- Handover to Public Officer Bettina Digby for the elections
- Retirement of outgoing committee
- Election of incoming committee members
- Public Officer hands over to New President to finish the meeting
- General business pertaining to the AGM

### **Below**

2023 AGM Minutes including President's Report and Treasurer's Report  
Committee nomination form for 2023-24

## Minutes Annual General Meeting 7 August 2022

**Start Time:** 2.30pm

**Present:** Denise King, Pat Barry, Pat Mackaway, Ross Mackaway, Bettina Digby, Roz Baker, Merlene Soltau, Julie Hamilton, Rhonda Horcicka, Ed Harvey, George Cousins, Cathie Garrod, Romana Frugiero, Pam Dunne, Helen Cooper, Marina Bishop, Leigh Vaughan.

**Apologies:** Ross Williams, Fred Bullen, Jenny Ross, Christine Rands, Ariane Bell, Ingrid Horsburgh, Julie Williams, Johanna de Roder, Beverley Gordon, Wayne Barry, Gaye Cousins, Peter Everingham.

### Reading and confirmation of minutes of 2021 AGM

That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be accepted. Moved by Bettina Digby, seconded by Patricia

### Business arising from the previous AGM

None

#### Vice President

Unfortunately, the President, Ingrid Horsburgh, is an apology for today's AGM

The committee has had a very busy and productive year, each one working hard and making a solid contribution

Special thanks to the outgoing President, Ingrid for her tenacity, drive and foresight in moving the gallery into the modern times – emails, websites, Google, solar, security and more public awareness. She has some brilliant ideas and her input will be missed.

A certificate of Life Membership was awarded to long term member Merlene Soltau who has contributed much to GLAS during her 22 years as member.

### Treasurer's report and financial statement

We finished the year with a total of \$35,859 held across our two NAB accounts.

Operating Profit of \$5,286.94 as at the end of June

Tabled at the meeting:

Profit and Loss for both NAB Working Account and the Cash Management account numbers 239037411 and 290117572

Summary Assets & Liabilities and Depreciation Schedule

Complete General Ledger for both the NAB Working Account and the NAB Cash Management Account

\$32,770.20 in the bank as of 6 August – a reduction of \$10,367.69 from the time of the last on 31 October 2021

Copies of the annual accounts can be provided to members on request.

That the Treasurers report be accepted. Moved by Pat Barry, seconded by Julie Hamilton. Agreed



## **Annual report**

A report from the committee is available and will be emailed to all members after the meeting.

## **Questions from the floor**

Ed Harvey outlined the grant application recently submitted to Create NSW

George Cousins asked for more detail on the roof problems. The recent damage was caused by a missing screw. The builder who replaced the screws, Matt Camilleri, took responsibility for this and has repaired the damage at no cost to GLAS. The fact remains that the roof is old and will likely need more repair in the future.

## **Handover to Public Officer Helen Cooper**

The present committee stood down

One nomination was received for each committee position as follows:

President –

Vice President – Ross Mackaway

Treasurer – Patricia Mackaway

Secretary – Denise King

Committee member – Cathie Garrod

Committee member – Bettina Digby

Committee member – Pam Dunne

As there were no other nominations the Public Officer declared all committee members to be elected unopposed.

The President is declared casual vacancy

The new committee is installed.

## **Public Officer hands over to New President to finish the meeting**

Thank you to all nominees. We have a busy year ahead. Thank you also to previous president Ingrid Horsburgh who did a wonderful job in the last year.

The President position is now a casual vacancy which can be filled by asking a member to nominate for the position.

The committee will schedule a meeting within the next two weeks.

The Futures Group will continue.

**Meeting finished 3pm**



## COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

**Due by 5.00pm Friday 11 August 2023**

**Place in a sealed envelope and address to:**

**The Secretary, GLAS, 34 Lake St Forster**

**Name of nominee**.....

**Nominating for position of**.....

**(President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ordinary Member (3 positions))**

### **Nominee's declaration**

I declare my willingness to accept the position for which I have nominated should I be elected and that I understand the time and commitment the position requires, as described in the Society's Position Descriptions 2019.

Signature.....

Date.....

### **Proposer's declaration**

As a financial member of Great Lakes Art Society Inc. I propose the above-mentioned person's nomination for the position as stated, on the Society's committee.

Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....

### **Seconder's declaration**

As a financial member of Great Lakes Art Society Inc. I second the proposal to nominate the above mentioned person for the position as stated, on the Society's committee.

Name.....

Signature.....

Date.....