

Great Lakes Art Society

# NEWSLETTER



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## President's Report

Our 42nd Annual Open Exhibition is approaching!!

For the success of the Exhibition we need lots of volunteers to help. It is always a great time organizing the hanging and also thinking which is your favourite art work from the members entries. It doesn't matter if you haven't been involved before there are lots of friendly people to help.

We need:

- Volunteers to help hang art on March 25 & 26
- A catering team on March 30 from 4pm to prepare and serve platters of cheese and biscuits and to serve wine.

Please contact email [exhibitions@forstergallery.org](mailto:exhibitions@forstergallery.org) if you can help in any area.

### Remember

- Collect art work in the gallery now by **March 24**.
- Deliver art for the Open on **March 25 10am—3pm**.
- Art work must be labelled on the back with correct hanging as per instructions. Front labels will be prepared for you and attached when you deliver your work.

All members are welcome to attend the festivities of the Award Ceremony on **March 30 from 5pm**. Please email [exhibitions@forstergallery.org](mailto:exhibitions@forstergallery.org) if you wish to attend. \$5 for wine, cheese and bikkes.

On **Sunday 21 April at 2.30** there will be a separate Ceremony to present the Packing room and People's choice awards. These two prizes are only awarded to Members of GLAS. This will be a lovely way to celebrate the success of this year's Open Exhibition.

Thank you to the newly crowned Classes and Workshops coordinator, Denise King. We now have an acrylics class on Monday mornings. Denise is also reaching out to several artists to gauge interest in them running a weekend workshop or two later in the year.

Thank you to our team of Greeting cards suppliers. Each artist gives their time, resources and creativity to ensure we have a supply of cards on sale for visitors to purchase. Any member may contribute in this way. Make your own and add them to the display stand. Remember all the proceeds from the sale of cards goes directly to the gallery. In December 2023 we made \$81 from card sales and from July—Dec 2023 we made \$369. (Think of it this way -card sales probably cover our wine and catering costs for the Open Awards Night!)

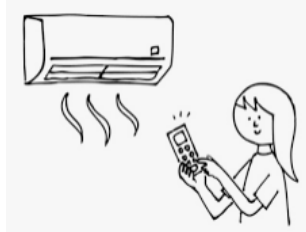
I for one, don't buy my cards anywhere else now: at \$4 -\$5 each they are a bargain!

Chris Rands



## Air Conditioners

If you put them on, please make sure you also put them off. When they are running, please keep all doors and windows closed .



## Social Team Needed

Before COVID we ran members social events from time-to-time. By all accounts they were good fun and enjoyed by members. These events included Movie Nights at Tuncurry Cinema, Trivia nights, high-teas etc.

We used to have Social Directors to arrange these different events. It would be good to have a variety of social directors again. These social directors could take on one event only, thus spreading the load.

We might have an event each quarter. Do you have an idea for a social event to run this Year? Perhaps trying out the revamped Cinema.

If so, please email Chris Rands with details  
[president@forstergallery.org](mailto:president@forstergallery.org)

Let us know if you need a partner to work with you, or if you will recruit your own helper. We can ask our Marketing Team to prepare an Invitation Graphic for distribution to members.



## Classes

Class days and times can change. Be sure to check classes on the website [www.Forstergallery.org](http://www.Forstergallery.org)

### Monday am— 10 am—12 pm Acrylic

\$100 For a 5 week block

Contact—Dallas Bray— 0401 518 876

### Monday pm—1-4pm Open Studio. \$5

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 10am—12.30 pm Oil Painting \$10

### Tuesday PM 1—3.30pm Oil Painting \$10

contact Judy Handebo—0416 484 993

### Wednesday 10– 1pm —Art Care is a social support group. Carers are welcome. \$15

Contact—Peter Everingham—0408 716 198

### Thursday 9.30—12.30 Pastel \$15

contact— Vicki Bullard—0429 506 883

### Thursday 2-4pm—Life Drawing \$20

\$20 bookings essential 1st and 3rd Thursday

Contact—Pam Dunne—0412 736 797

[pamdunne43@gmail.com](mailto:pamdunne43@gmail.com)

### Thursday 1-4pm Just Draw \$10

Beginners Welcome 2nd and 4th Thursday

contact—Bettina Digby—0447 018 996

[bettinadigby@gmail.com](mailto:bettinadigby@gmail.com)

### Friday 10am—1pm —Watercolour

Classes are booked in 5 week blocks (125 for Block)

Starting Feb 23 Bookings essential

Contact Wayne Barry – 0401 902 330

## Roster

Please let Roster Coordinator, Maria Evans, know if you can spare a morning or afternoon for Gallery Duty. There are 4 weeks to cover during for the

### OPEN EXHIBITION

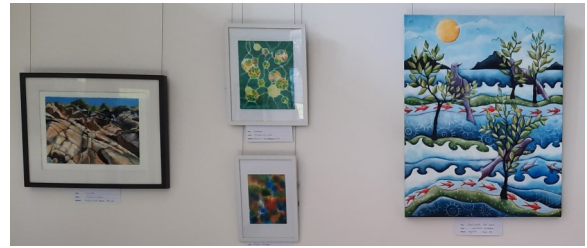
as we are open 7 days a week for 4 weeks. Members are asked to try to do at least 3 duties in that time.

Contact - 0438 542 277

[roster@forstergallery.org](mailto:roster@forstergallery.org)

Also please try to find your own swap or **buddy** to cover your duty if you are unable to do it. We all know that sometimes unforeseen commitments or illness make it necessary to send out an SOS to cover duty. At times this can be unavoidable.

A big thankyou to those members who step up to fill the gaps at the gallery.



## Reminders to Gallery Duty Volunteers

Sometimes things can get forgotten when filling in the information sheet on the desk.

### Please remember these points

- record statistics of visitor numbers etc. on the updated sheet at the desk. This data is invaluable to support grant applications, amongst other things
- **Invoices and receipts** are only written for Sale of art work or membership fees. Do not write receipts for cards, calendars or raffle tickets. Just enter those on the daily sales sheet. This information is very important for our treasurer. So please try to remember.
- Please note **The daily sales sheet** must be completed each day and placed in the safe. Please check that the merchant copy of the eftpos docket has been approved and please record a phone number if possible. If there are no sales, then it's not necessary to complete a sheet. However, you still need to sign in on the volunteer register so we have a record of who was on duty in case anything needs to be followed up.



## INFORMATION BOARD

Please Note there is an information board in the classroom area. The latest Newsletter will always be on it.

Also keep your eyes open for any new information as we are trying to cut down on emails .



The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Lansdowne Art Exhibition** will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> May.

GLAS members are invited to enter. All age groups are accommodated with \$350 prize money for each Adult section and up to \$70 prize money in the youth sections.

All further entry details are in the brochure displayed on the Noticeboard in the classroom area of our Gallery.



## HELP Vacant Positions

**Exhibition Co-Ordinator**

**Social Co-Ordinator**

**Grants Co-Ordinator**

### Sale of Gallery owned Paintings

We have sold **5** of our gallery owned paintings. These were likely to get damaged as we were finding it difficult to store them safely.

There are still a few hanging on the Big wall if anyone is interesting in purchasing one.

## New Raffle



### LESLEY RIPPON – ARTIST

Lesley is a renowned artist and early member of Ryde Art Society - a versatile and creative fine artist and textile artist, using many types of media, including watercolour oils and pastel. Her specialty area is colour and design – it seem Lesley sees no boundaries as far as art is concerned constantly experimenting with technique and product . Her work appears in Australian and Overseas collections.

## Your Committee

<b>President</b>	<b>Chris Rands</b> <a href="mailto:president@forstergallery.org">president@forstergallery.org</a>
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### Newbies

**Welcome to our New members. We hope you will join in classes and exhibit your art. Please make them welcome when you meet them.**

**Laurie Evans, Lyn Saunders, Sara Lulu Faith, Julia Davis, Dallas Bray, Keran Roberts, Melany Day**

**And I am pleased to say Marina Bishop and Claudia Tipping have both rejoined us.**

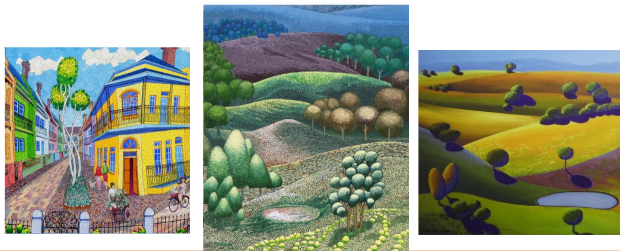
## Exhibiting your Art on Gallery's Feature Walls

### INTERESTED????

Would you like to exhibit your work and book a Feature Wall for 2024?

Contact [admin@forstergallery.org](mailto:admin@forstergallery.org)

**Feature Wall 2 - 4 Week**



### An Interesting Exhibition By Fred Bullen with Tracey Sales

**SOUTH WEST ROCKS**  
Community  
**ART GALLERY**

Corner of Livingstone and Gregory Streets  
South West Rocks 2431

Fred Bullen has won awards for his works in local area exhibitions. His most recent works have been described as having been executed "by an artist who has developed his own style based on an intuitive execution.

Tracey is inspired by nature. She loves to play with textures, light, movement and patterns and uses a variety of mediums,

To see more take a trip to South West Rocks .



*Newsletter is now Monthly—Items Welcome including photos of your latest artwork or any interesting arty news that fellow members may enjoy*

If you have any contributions for the April Newsletter, please send it in by 22 March to -

[newsletter@forstergallery.org](mailto:newsletter@forstergallery.org)

*Don't be shy! We'd all love to see what you have been up to in your studio, the gallery, your kitchen table or spare room. Maybe you've been creating plein air? Been to a Workshop? Found a great deal? Let us know.*

## Important Calendar Dates

<b>March 1st</b>	Closing date for entries
<b>March 24</b>	Collect Art work from the gallery after 3.30
<b>March 25 10am – 3pm</b>	Delivery of works by Non-Members and Members
<b>30 March 5pm</b> Opening Event	Restricted numbers – Ticketed event \$5 Free for exhibiting artists
<b>April 21 2.30pm</b>	Afternoon Tea for members with presentation of People's Choice and Packing-room Prizes
<b>April 28 2 – 4pm</b>	Collection of sold works
<b>April 29 &amp; 30 10am – 2pm</b>	Collection of unsold works. Works not collected on this day will be held at the Gallery and will attract a handling fee of \$25 each which must be paid before works are released.

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