

Great Lakes Art Society

HAPPY NEW YEAR

NEWSLETTER



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President's Report

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2024, a year that is already shaping up to be a great one!

Plans are well underway for our 42nd Open Exhibition and the important dates and details of Sections and Prizes are included further on in this Newsletter. Entry Forms will be ready within the next couple of weeks.

Our NSW Government Club Infrastructure Grant working group has had an initial meeting and hopes to meet with Council sometime in January, I will keep you posted about important milestones in our building enhancement program. Other Exhibitions for 2024 will be finalised once a timetable for these works is finalised.

I hope you enjoy the photos of those who attended our Xmas Party. It was a great celebration and I hope we can include more social events in this year's calendar.

Enjoy this informative edition and let the Committee know if you can help with catering for the Open, running a Social event or any other ideas you have for improving what GLAS does for its members or for how Forster Gallery can further improve its commitment to Arts in our community.



Calendar

January 7	Gallery will be open 4pm—9.30pm in conjunction with the night markets
January 22	Behind the Door and Under the Bed comes down.
January 23	Hang New Exhibition
January 24	Classes recommence
March 1	Last day for entries to the Open Exhibition

Social Event

Who would like to put up their hands to take on the organizing of a Members' Social Event for some time in late February? Social events are important. You do not need to be a committee member. You do not need to commit to organizing more than one event.

March and April will be busy with the 42nd Open, so February sounds like a great time to enjoy ourselves.

If you have an idea for a fun social event maybe you could gather (or coerce!) a couple of people to work with you to make it happen. The Committee will support you wherever we can.

You could choose to have something in the Gallery or off-site, something fun, or something educational, something we have done before or something new.

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 in the New Year? Perhaps trying out the revamped Cinema.

If so, please email Chris Rands with details
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.

Pastel classes will resume on Thursday 25 January, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. The same cost involved (ie \$15.00 per morning). I look forward to catching up with you all in the new year.

Kind regards Vicki

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Our President was kind enough to draw the winners of the Christmas Hamper and the winners were:

Audrey Kroon (a visitor to the gallery) and **Helen Cooper** our very own Life Member and past Publicity Officer.

Both winners were absolutely delighted.

Classes

Classes can recommence from

Monday 24th of January PM

Class days and times can change. Be sure to check classes on the website www.Forstergallery.org

Monday 9.30—12.30 Printmaking

For those members who are interested in learning printmaking or improving their skills.

Contact Chris Rigley – 0468 477 181

chris.rigley48@gmail.com

Monday pm—1-4pm Open Studio.

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

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

contact— Vicki Bullard—0429 506 883

Thursday 2-4pm—Life Drawing

\$20 bookings essential 1st and 3rd Thursday

Contact—Pam Dunne—0412 736 797

pamdunne43@gmail.com

Thursday 1-4pm Just Draw

Beginners Welcome 2nd and 4th Thursday

contact—Bettina Digby—0447 018 996

bettinadigby@gmail.com

Friday 9.30—12.30—Watercolour

Bookings essential

Classes are booked in 5 week blocks

Contact Wayne Barry – 0401 902 330

**GET READY for our next
OPEN EXHIBITION**

Painting by Cathie Garrod



The 42nd Annual Great Lakes Art Society

Open Art Exhibition

30 March – 28 April, 2024

FORSTER GALLERY

- **Multiple categories, over \$10,000 in prize money**
- **Entries invited from visual artists throughout Australia**
- **Further details and entry form will be available in Jan 2024**

Be Prepared for 2024 OPEN EXHIBITION

Section Prizes as shown below

Sect	AWARD	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize
	Forster Bowling Club Award for Best 3-Dimensional Work including Sculpture, Ceramic, Glass and Fibre Art	\$500	\$200
	Tanya Thompson MP Award for Best Small Painting	\$700	\$300
	Palm Lake Resort Award for Best Pastel	\$700	\$300
	Lake View Gallery Award for Best Mixed Media , Collage or Print	\$700	\$300
	Tanya Thompson MP Award for Best Drawing	\$700	\$300
	Beaver Novello Moss Award for Best Watercolour	\$700	\$300
	Ultimate Eyecare Award for Best Acrylic	\$700	\$300
	JR Richards Award for Best Oil	\$700	\$300
	Ray White Forster Tuncurry Award for Best in Show	\$1,000	
	Plus up to two Highly Commended \$50 awards per Section – at the Judges’ discretion	\$800	
	Mid Coast Council Peoples’ Choice Award (Members Only)	\$500	
	Packing Room Prize (Members Only)	\$125	
	Total Prizemoney		\$10,125

Important Dates

Friday 1 March	Closing date for entries
Monday 25 March 10am – 3pm	Delivery of works by Non-Members and Members
On or before Tuesday 26 March	Courier or Australia Post delivery of works by Non-Members and Members
Opening Event – Sat 30 March 5pm	Restricted numbers – Ticketed event \$5 – Free for exhibiting artists
Sunday 21 April 2.30pm	Afternoon Tea for members with presentation of People’s Choice and Packing-room Prizes
Sunday 28 April 2 – 4pm	Collection of sold works
Monday 29 April & Tuesday 30 April 10am – 2pm	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.

Roster

Please let Roster Coordinator, Maria Evans, know if you can spare a morning or afternoon for Gallery Duty. There was a lot to cover during BDUB. Thank you to all who stepped up to do extra.

Contact - 0438 542 277

roster@forstergallery.org

Also please try to find your own swap or **buddy** to cover your duty if you are unable. It would be a great help. 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

Please remember these points

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

- To record statistics of visitor numbers etc on the updated sheet at the desk. This data is invaluable and is used to support grant applications, amongst other things
- This information is very important for our treasurer. So please try to remember.

2024 Fundraising Calendars for Sale!

Committee Member Lorraine Milward came up with, and organized, the collation and printing of a Gallery fundraising Calendar for 2024 featuring artworks by GLAS members.

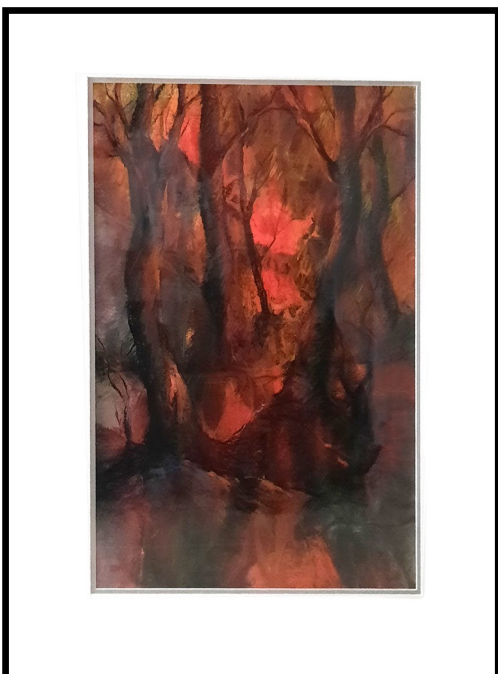
A trial print run of 50 calendars was ordered and the final product was unveiled at the Members Xmas Party. Over half have already sold!

If you want to buy one of the few left for sale, hurry in to the Gallery. Cost is \$20 each with proceeds to GLAS. Great gift idea!

Thank you to Lorraine for the concept and for your hard work. Thank you to the artists whose artworks are featured.



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.

Raffle will run from January until the OPEN Exhibition

Exhibiting your Art on Gallery's Feature Walls

INTERESTED????

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

Your work would be displayed for 5 weeks from 22 January to 25 February.

Contact admin@forstergallery.org

Feature Wall 1 - 5 Weeks

Hanging Monday 22 January

Exhibition from Tuesday 23 Jan

Exhibition ends Sun 25 Feb

Feature Wall 2 - 4 Week

Hanging Monday 26 Feb

Exhibition from Tuesday 24 Feb

Exhibition ends Sun 24 March



Gallery Sales for the Month

In November we sold 3 sculptures and 2 paintings for a total of \$2000 for the month.

We are doing well with sales for December.

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 February Newsletter, please send it in by 22 January to

admin@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.

NEWBIES

A big welcome to new member **Peter Cowell**. We hope you will enjoy your time with us and join in classes, workshops and exhibit your work. Please make him feel welcome when you meet him.

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. We are trying to cut down on emails.



Your Committee

President	Chris Rands president@forstergallery.org
Vice President	Pat Mackaway vice_president@forstergallery.org
Secretary	Johanna de Roder secretary@forstergallery.org
Treasurer	Bev Gordon treasurer@forstergallery.org
Committee	Lorraine Milward—Facilities Manager Maria Evans—Roster roster@forstergallery.org Pam Dunne —Newsletter & Roster backup newsletter@forstergallery.org Tina Jones—Newsletter newsletter@forstergallery.org Denise King - classes and workshops classesandworkshops@forstergallery.org

A big **Welcome back** to the Committee

Denise King.

Denise was previously busy doing an arts diploma in TAFE. How she fitted it all in I do not know. (watch out for new works by Denise) TAFE is now finished and she is at a loose end. So luckily for us she has returned to help yet again.

It just proves the Committee is also enjoyable, she obviously missed us.

Thank you for stepping up Denise

HELP Vacant Positions

Exhibition Co-Ordinator

Social Co-Ordinator

Grants Co-Ordinator



The gallery will open in the evening of January 7 in conjunction with the night markets.

HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TOO GOOD TO MISS!

Sunday, **JANUARY 7 4:00-9:30PM** the 'Aussie Night Markets' will be running and in full swing across the road from the Forster Gallery! How good is that?

We will keep our gallery OPEN during this time to make the most of increased pedestrian and traffic flow.

SO.... If you are ready for a post Xmas/New Year's get together then LET'S MAKE A NIGHT OF IT! We hope to SHINE in the evening with our signage and additional sparkly bits out the front of the gallery.

All members are welcome to come along, bring a plate of food to share and drinks. The BBQ will be available to use ... Let's make a fun night of it!

Want to know more? Want to help? Then please contact Patricia Mackaway
vice_president@forstergallery.org



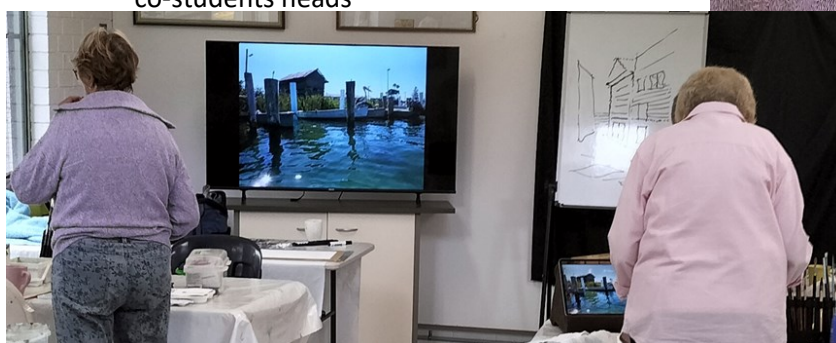
Wayne's Watercolour Class



Lorraine
checking out
watercolour



Heidi



co-students heads

Wayne's Wonderful World of Watercolour participants all claimed to have enjoyed their last seven weeks and their tutor noticed quite a deal of technical development amongst all members. Sadly we may be seeing the last of Jenny Ross for some time as she and hubby John have bought a new home closer to their kids down south and have their Tuncurry home on the market. Jenny has attended classes for years as she has also contracted the watercolour bug. She was also one of the most reliable Plein Air participants. We wish her well and her zeal will be missed.



Jane



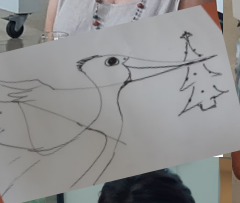
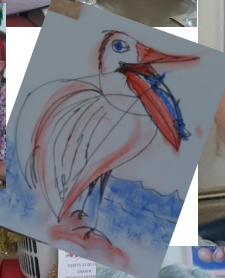
Jenny Ross
head down

Rod exemplifying 'patience'





XMAS Lunch



Food, Fun and Games.

Delicious lunch cooked and served by Quota.



A big Thank you to Bettina for all her work

We thank and acknowledge Our Wonderful Sponsors



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