

Great Lakes Art Society

## NEWSLETTER



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**STOP PRESS!****.....Breaking News !**

The Gallery has received an early Christmas Present!

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2023 has been a big year with many new successful initiatives.

Welcome to all our new members, it's always lovely to see new faces enjoying exhibiting or attending classes, some taking their first steps on their Artistic journey!

Thank you for your support of our wonderful Forster Gallery and to all who have taken on jobs, task and/or roles to keep the Gallery working effectively.

Your Committee would like to wish you and your families a happy Xmas.

Johanna, Bev, Pam, Maria, Tina, Lorraine, Pat and Christine

**Attention all Gallery Duty Volunteers!**

Our wonderful Treasurer needs a **daily sales sheet** completed each day and money is to go into the envelope with this sheet and put in the safe.

There is an example of how to complete this new sheet laminated and stuck to the front desk for everyone to read on how to fill out the form correctly.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle** - Tickets \$2.00 each. Please offer tickets to all visitors to the Gallery and members alike. Raffle will be drawn on Friday, December 22.

**Defibrillator**

The defibrillator is located in the commercial kitchen off the foyer. Remember, in an emergency, **call 000 first.**

## **An Early Xmas Present for the Gallery**

On Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov the Society was notified that our application for a NSW Government Infrastructure Grant was SUCCESSFUL!! Here is an extract from the letter:

*I am pleased to advise that your application to the NSW Government Infrastructure Grants program has been successful. Your organisation will receive funding of \$51,704 as requested through the August 2023 grant round for the refurbishment of the windows and front wall.*

*The Infrastructure Grants Program supports communities in the building, renovation and fit out of infrastructure. Funding is available for arts and cultural infrastructure, projects that enhance facilities used to shelter communities and provide emergency services and for sport and recreation and essential community infrastructure.*

*These grants are made possible by the Clubgrants Category 3 Fund, which reinvests a contribution from the state's registered clubs gaming machine profits back into community projects.*

Our grant application was prepared by Bettina Digby and her husband Brett Newbold. It was a major piece of work which they obviously did extremely well, hence our success. Only two other local-area organisations were awarded a grant in this round, Club Taree and Taree University Campus. No doubt you will read more about this in local media in coming weeks.

The money will be used to replace and upgrade the high clerestory windows to minimise glare and heat in the classroom and eliminate the persistent leaks as well as renovate the front windows to minimise glare, improve ventilation and security and enhance the external appearance.

Your Committee will be holding the first of many meetings to plan this major upgrade within the next week or so and will keep you informed of the program.

On behalf of all the members I extend our many, many thanks to Bettina and Brett for their amazing work on behalf of the Gallery.



## Calendar

**Dec 8** — All classes finish for the year

**Dec 10-11**—Summer exhibition comes down

**Dec 12– 13**—Hanging Behind the Door and Under the Bed Exhibition

**Dec 14**—Xmas Lunch at the Gallery 12 noon

**Dec 15—Jan 21st** Behind the Door and Under the Bed

**April 8—28**, Open Exhibition. Further details in a future newsletter.

## Buying Supplies for the Gallery?

Please remember to obtain authorization from either the Treasurer or President *prior* to buying any supplies needed for the Gallery.

## Reminder—BDAUB Mounting Days

**Sunday 10 and Mon 11 December** - remove Spring Has Sprung Exhibition artworks.

Note: do NOT leave BDAUB items

**Monday 11 December** - hanging team will re-set panels for full gallery format for BDAUB. Please do NOT leave any new items on Monday.

**Tuesday 12 December** 10am - 12pm deliver items for BDAUB

**Friday 15 December** - BDAUB officially opens

## New Members

Welcome to our new members Gay Stehr and Sandra Wilson. Thank you for deciding to join our Art Society and we hope you get lots of inspiration and benefit from all it has to offer. Don't hesitate to ask existing members about how things work.

## Classes to Finish up for 2023

Thank you to all of our wonderful tutors, organisers and participants for making our amazing classes possible this year.

All classes finish by Friday 8 December and class schedules for 2024 will be provided when available.

## Help Wanted

There are still a number of positions that remain unfilled. If you—or you and a friend or two—are interested in any role, alone or shared, please refer to last month's newsletter that lists vacancies and tasks and get in touch with the Committee. We would love to have your help!

## Committee Contacts

President	Chris Rands president@forstergallery.org
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Secretary	Johanna de Roder secretary@forstergallery.org
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## Roster—Gallery Duty

Please let Roster Coordinator, Maria Evans, know if you can spare a morning or afternoon for Gallery Duty —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. 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 last minute. You are appreciated!

## 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](mailto: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

We sold 8 paintings and 1 sculpture during October.

Total sales for the month, which includes commission, was \$1453.

## We have a new Vice President

Two months into her 'retirement' from the Committee and role of Treasurer, Pat Mackaway proposed that she take on the VP role. Why? She was bored ... already!

Which, of course, is good news for us.

So, welcome back to the Committee Pat, you are already making a positive impact as Vice President.

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 January Newsletter, please send it in by 22 December to [admin@forstergallery.org](mailto: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.*

This grant may be of interest to some members (eg Feature wall exhibitors?) Take a look for more information: [Regional Arts Touring | NSW Government](#)



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