

## OCCASIONAL NEWSY BULLETIN - DECEMBER 2018



WELL IT'S BEEN A WHILE HOWEVER HERE I AM BACK FROM TIME AWAY IN BEAUTIFUL BYRON SHIRE AND HOPING TO FIND SOMETHING TO INTEREST YOU HERE.

The not very technical photo above is the 'blue' art wall for The CELEBRATE exhibition which was held last Saturday night and was extremely successful - the Gallery looked truly terrific even if I say so myself as it was Pam and I who did the hanging .... see another shot below - this time the pinkish wall



OUR PRESIDENT - NEWLY ELECTED - NICOLA COADY'S  
INCOMING SPEECH AT OUR WELL ATTENDED AGM ON  
NOVEMBER 12 AT THE GALLERY  
apologies for the tiny print however my Pages program doesn't  
want to talk to Word - trust it is still readable.

Good evening. I would like to thank everyone involved – Committee members, Exhibiting members and Social members for their support and dedication in helping the Gallery to thrive and continue.

Particular thanks to our Secretary, Gillian, who has certainly kept everything updated and running smoothly. To our Treasurer, Jo for her tireless effort in keeping the finances and books up to date and also for being in charge of display for most of the past year. Also to Wiki for her ability to put a fairly regular newsy Newsletter together.

Thanks to Carol for designing flyers and helping with photos for promotion and of course thanks to Tony, Pam, Melanie, Hilda, Elaine and Melissa, who have all contributed in assisting in various ways where and when they can. Finally thanks to Pete Kelly for keeping an eye on our Facebook and updating when necessary.

At the end of last year, we had our 'Celebrate 2017' Exhibition and Christmas gathering. Also a stall at the "Festival of the Arts" market held at the Hornsby Mall, where we sold paintings, craft and promoted the Gallery.

I attended a number of WFFV meetings and in May the Ferry Artists Gallery participated in the Wisemans Ferry "Colonial weekend" which started on the Friday night with our opening "Footprints of the Past" Exhibition opened by Dr. Michelle Byrne, Mayor of the Hills shire Council. We had demonstrations of various artists outside of the Gallery during the weekend which added to the Colonial Weekend atmosphere. Just to add that the great, great Grandson of Solomon Wiseman (who had flown over from Perth) also visited the Gallery and bought some Wisemans Ferry mugs!

I also attended several "Enhancing the Arts" meetings at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery at Windsor. A group put together to discuss how to promote the Hawkesbury and environs in a cultural way. There were live music events organised around Richmond and Kurrajong during the year and the group is in the process of planning events into the future. Several artists have also represented the Gallery at the annual Hawkesbury Art Fairs in both 2017 and 2018.

In August we had a very successful Exhibition "Free Fall" which was opened by Dr. John Vallance who spoke about the importance of involvement in a community. How a place like the Ferry Artists Gallery is important in helping people to be involved and participate in community events bringing a sense of belonging! Would like to say how much we appreciate and say 'thank you' to Col Lyons and Lully for their support at the openings which creates such a special ambience around the Gallery.

During the year we have lost a few Exhibiting members but have also gained some, as well as several new Social members. I think overall the past year has been very successful and hope it continues into 2019 and beyond. Happy creating all.

Nicola Coady

So sorry Nicky that this happened ....and apologies to Elaine too as I know she has an exhibition on at present and cannot find the email with the details .....

At the FreeFall evening in August we had the new NSW State librarian and ST Albans local Dr John Vallance open the Exhibition with an informative amusing speech during which we found out how he has revolutionised the somewhat exclusive and slightly stuffy establishment.

Do get along to the State Library to see the 300 rare paintings which have been brought out from the Library's vaults, dusted off and displayed for all to see. Apparently over the last 2 centuries the Library has gathered some 1200 paintings and 160,000 sketches, watercolours, pastels and prints aside from its literary collection. None of these had seen the light of day until Dr Vallance unearthed them to share with the people of NSW and maybe the world!  
What a great initiative!!

#### HouseKeeping :-

\*I have had to remove my little battery operated Hoover vacuum from the Gallery as the battery has had it and although a new battery is available online, it is nearly \$60! This is a call out for anyone who may have one they no longer need however it will go to the next Committee meeting for discussion.

\*What Else? all the usual - please clean any windows and dust off flies on the inside ledges as they are not a good look

\*If you're painting whilst on duty can you put a cloth under your easel as we have red ( blood ) spots on the floor - also not a good look ... we love you painting though.

\*The second door has become very hard to unlock and I intend taking some silicon spray in to ease the lock hopefully.

\*The silk scarf hatstand must not be placed in the sun or put outside as the colours will fade.

\* our website - [ferryartists.org](http://ferryartists.org) is a useful place to check out the roster - go to the website and click on admin and there you'll see Gallery Roster as the second item