



# LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING –  
THURSDAY 26th JULY 2018  
10AM AT LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE**

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## PRESIDENT:

Since becoming president in March this year I have been on an uphill learning curve. There has been much to learn and I'm sure this will continue for quite a while. Indeed, do we ever stop learning? I have met many wonderful and talented people and would like to thank all committee members for their assistance as well as our members who fill our gallery with so many wonderful creations.

I am also on the display committee which requires a weekly commitment. Many thanks to my partner in this, Karen Pedretti, who is training me.

Since March I have been involved with other committee members on in the following:

- Visiting other galleries in the area with a view to improve our processes, methods of display and advertising. So far we have been to Phillip Island Gallery and Stockyard Gallery in Foster. Each time we were warmly welcomed and shown what works for them. From both of these visits we have taken ideas that we will implement here.
- Met with our Arts Development Officer, Mary Sullivan. She is very supportive of our gallery and what we wish to achieve.
- Organised radio interviews with local radio station, 3mfm in Inverloch, for gallery artists. These have been recorded and will be played on air at various times.
- Produced rack cards for advertising which we have distributed around the Gippsland area. We hope to produce more advertising labels and stickers for sales so that persons purchasing goods leave with our mark on their wrapping.
- Photographed artists' work and placed on our website and Facebook page.
- Welcomed new members.
- Organising the display in the gallery on a weekly basis.

In the coming months I would like to work on a business plan to provide us with a direction and goals for the future.

We welcome new ideas that will further our art and spread the word of the gallery in the surrounding areas. We are now preparing for the upcoming Daffodil Show. See you there!

*Daisy Antoniou*

The word LISTEN contains the same letters as the word SILENT!

- Alfred Brendel

## TREASURER/PUBLICITY REPORT:

Hi one and all, we've reached the middle of the year, so it's all systems go from now. Our best-selling period is fast approaching and we need to get ourselves ready.

A very warm welcome to our new volunteers, and a special warm thank you to all our existing volunteers for their terrific ongoing contributions.

The Spring season will bring various opportunities to take advantage of. Such as the CWA State Creative Arts Exhibition in early August, the Leongatha Daffodil and Floral Show in late Aug/Sept, and the Rose Spectacular in November and even other various events in our town. I think having our Gallery open and easily accessible through the Shire Hall door when possible, during these times, is crucial to a very good turnaround for our creative efforts. Think 'fantastic woodworker's display' in the courtyard during the Daffodil show period! Such a great atmosphere perfectly suited and situated in our adjacent courtyard.

We've got the **When**, so now all we need is the **What** and **How**! So, having a good and steady supply of art and craft items in the Gallery is the "What" and, and making sure the roster are filled with our enthusiastic and willing volunteers is the "How". Creative suggestions most welcome!

Now for some 'housekeeping'.... This might be helpful for some of our members, when putting stickers on all your beautiful cards, might be worth putting them at the top of the back of the card! This might stop the surrounding cards flicking off the little stickers down the bottom in the card stand, therefore leaving them with no member's details or price. Colour coding might be another way of identifying your own work quickly, i.e. blue stickers, yellow etc. One thing I do appreciate is if hand writing is clearly legible, both by the member's on their stickers, and by the person recording the sales. You might be surprised at the amount of time I scratch around trying to verify the hand written figures, and how easily the pen's ink runs out just as you are writing one of those numbers that could be taken as something else! I think across the board, it is better practise to invest in **larger stickers**, so that there is more room to write the necessary information. Also, once an item is sold, it's good practise to put a bit of sticky tape across the stickers once inserted into the sales book, as they can often get dislodged from the page. In the Stock book, please remember to write in the whole date including **day, month and year** when bringing in new work.

Thank you for the opportunity of being our Gallery's Treasurer. If anybody has any questions or suggestions about any of our processes etc. please feel free to contact me on 0408 816 683,

*Patricia Hill*



### WOODWORKERS:

Five members attended the Australian Woodturning Championship Exhibition at the Kingston Centre at Moorabbin on June 22. As always, the entries featured the finest creativity, design, skills and finishing. There was clear evidence of imaginative lateral thinking, both in basic design and embellishments to the usual "round" idea of turning. It was fascinating to see how design and finish can enhance the natural beauty of so many species and kinds of timbers. It was also informative to chat with and pick the brains of exhibitors and organisers.

Two club members took part recently in the Wandering Termites woodturning weekend at Merimbula. There has also been increased activity completing club projects.

Now, to put all this inspiration to work in readiness for our mini-exhibition in the Gallery and our working display in the courtyard during the Daffodil Festival. It's only six weeks away!

**Special items for the Gallery need to be there by 9 am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The tent will be set up on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Then it's all hands on deck in the courtyard with all your items for the display table from 9 am to 5 pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug, and Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. and from 9 am to 4 pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept.

*Glenice Emmerson*

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*Please, pretty please!!!!*

*All LACS members- we need your assistance on the Hall door roster during the Daffodil Festival. In order to encourage hundreds of visitors to the Gallery, we need to have someone on door duty from the flower show in the Hall into the courtyard. The roster (the daffodil yellow sheet) is on the desk in the Gallery.*

*All you need is warm clothing and a warm smile – not very difficult.*

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### PAINTERS:

Our grant has been approved for \$2000.00 for a pop-up exhibition in a local shop, thanks to Kelly and Bev for their work in applying for this grant.

Olive Ormerod did very well at the recent Mirboo North Art Show, receiving a 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, well done Olive.

We welcome Dianne to our painters group.

We are now getting ready for the Rotary Art and Photography show held at the end of August.

*Robyn Henn*



### DISPLAY COMMITTEE

Welcome to Winter spring Edition of our Newsletter. The Display Committee has been busy in the Gallery as usual. A few new paintings have arrived from members, please keep them coming. We are doing a changeover of the Gallery on 20th and 21st August in preparation for the Daffodil Festival so the Gallery will be closed on those days. Please make sure take home stock is removed from the shelf to make room for a lot more new and exciting stock from our members. (That's a hint to get you moving).

We would also like to make a list of members who would be interested in being a part of our ARTIST IN RESIDENCE for the day, hopefully once per month on a day that suits the artist, this is not limited to painters but all our members. Please contact Daisy or Karen to form the list and schedule. We need to do this so we can inform Tric Hill our publicity officer for advertising purposes.

We had a wonderful trip to Philip Island to meet with the Gallery members there, and have come away with some information and ideas. Daisy and Karen also attended Stock Yard Gallery.

We need to remind members that all new stock must be placed on the incoming stock shelves and not placed everywhere in the Gallery as they see fit. **All members work needs to be viewed and passed by the Display Committee.**

Also remember if it is not out in the Gallery we are free to offer stock from the stock shelves in the storeroom to customers, we may not have the colour or exact item out but it may be out the back. Good customer service and skills and it engages you more with the public.

Once again we invite you to attend your Gallery meeting on the 4th Thursday of every month 10.00 am at the Community House Leongatha, your input and support in helping our Gallery grow and be successful is important.

*Karen and Daisy*

## MEMBERSHIP / ROSTER NEWS:

We have 49 members and 12 Friends of Gallery at the moment. **Regarding membership, if you intend to remain a member, and haven't paid yet, we ask that you please pay ASAP. Also many thanks to all who do their share of duty; we appreciate your time very much,** it means we have the gallery open more often!! The last month has been fantastic, we had the gallery open most days, so good to see.

A big welcome to our new members who have joined recently, bringing new art to the Gallery, also to the 'Friends of the Gallery' who have been a huge asset in helping with duty and keeping the Gallery open more often.

Jenene Evans

**Members are reminded to check that their artwork hasn't been in the Gallery for more than 12 months with the exception of cards.**

### IF I AM SILENT

It's because there's thunder inside me,  
or I'm just chillin, it depends,  
may the odds be in your favour.

**The CWA (Country Women's Association) are holding their State Exhibition in Leongatha Memorial Hall this year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Obviously there will be a lot of people coming to this event, so we definitely need the Gallery Open on these days; possibly more than one on duty each day would be fantastic.**

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE THE GALLERY.**

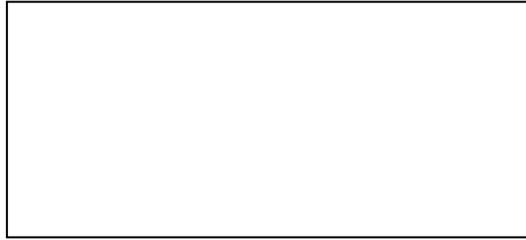
A lady has donated some material - if anyone would like, it could be useful for boomerang bags for the community / even our Gallery could have some boomerang bags if anyone would like to make some. Please contact Karen Pedretti if you are interested.

***Members as you may have noticed we have new DL cards, when we run out of these we intend changing the artwork each time we reorder, if you would like your work shown on the next order, please take suitable photos, painters need to take their photos without glass, to stop the reflection. For more information please contact Daisy Antoniou.***

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Cheers Jenene Evans