

LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2020 9:30AM AT LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

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THINK GALLERY

Please note Meeting to start at 9:30am

PRESIDENT:

It has been an interesting year, learning as I go, and I have found it very fulfilling and worthwhile to keep the Leongatha Gallery running as smoothly as possible. The main reason that the gallery runs well is the number of willing volunteers that keep the doors open, so that visitors and locals can call in and see and purchase the variety of art and craft. Also, our members provide the gallery with quality and varied gift ideas. This year we have welcomed a number of new members with unique and different items which also helps us to keep the gallery interesting.



For the gallery to continue, at a minimum there are three positions that require individuals to take on - President, Secretary and Treasurer. During last year's AGM, the position of the gallery surviving was very precarious.

This Gallery is a beautiful space. Many of our volunteers enjoy their time in the gallery and it would be a great loss to Leongatha if it does not continue. We really need a few more people to be willing to assist in the active running of the gallery. We endeavour to keep our monthly meetings as brief and on track as we can and we are working on streamlining tasks, to save time.

So please feel free to join us at the monthly meetings, which at the moment are on the 4th Thursday of each month at 9.30am at The Leongatha Community Centre, 16 Bruce Street in Leongatha.

Trish Rosel

The harder you work for something, the greater you'll feel when you achieve it.

TREASURER REPORT:

The AGM is only three weeks away and the time has come to prepare the annual report. Being Treasurer has offered lots of learning opportunities and it has been a great way to learn the ins and outs of an organisation. It has allowed me to identify areas that work really well and areas that have the opportunity for improvement.

I want to express my gratitude for all the support and assistance over the last year from members, especially from Trish Rosel, President. Trish has basically taken on an additional role as Assistant Treasurer while I've been away travelling. She has done a fantastic job banking money, organising cash envelopes, marking off the stock books and managing the cheque book. I've been doing all the digital work, data entry and financial records and reports. To lighten Trish's workload, we are seeking a member to step into the role of Assistant Treasurer at the AGM.

At present I am willing to continue as Treasurer, however come June/July I will be moving closer to the city to pursue further study. I don't know how long I will be able to dedicate time to fulfil this role.

Our current income seems to be the same as our expenses and as a result we have not needed to touch our long-term deposit account. I will provide a more detailed report on our last year at the AGM once I have prepared the annual report.

Rebecca Rosel

WOODWORKERS:

The Woodworkers will have their working display at the Korumburra Horse & Tractor Rally at Nyora on Saturday 21st and 22nd March. As well as the display table of finished goods we will have members demonstrating on the woodturning lathe. Visiting children and adults will have the opportunity to create their own pyrography masterpieces (free of charge). We will really miss Jim Geary's presence on the scroll saw this year. Recent work nights have produced club projects for the display and hopefully members have lots of interesting items to add to these.

Glenice Emmerson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Very happy to report that we currently have 78 members and 12 friends of the gallery. The membership database has had a refresh and is all up to date. You will find a current membership list that has been put into gallery for use by our volunteers on duty.

Looking forward we would like to start increasing social events and create an inviting interactive culture amongst our members. We would like to highlight our artists on social media and spread the word about all the amazing talent we have, also increase the promotion of local arts and crafts in our region. Any suggestions and ideas would be welcome.

We would like to invite you to submit your personal bio with your story around your creations along with a clear head and shoulders profile picture and any other pictures you are happy to share of your work. Please send to leongathaartandcraft@gmail.com

Just a reminder annual subs of \$25 are due by end of March 2020.

Rebecca Rosel

PAINTERS

The Exhibition at the Fish Creek Hotel continues until the end of March 2020.

The A4 Exhibition at Herring Island commences on 14th March. Opening Sat 14th - 12md to 2pm. It runs between 14th March to 13th April. Mostly only on Fridays, Sat and Sundays. A group of us are going up on 21st as a day trip to look at the exhibition.

Irene McConville and Kellie Smith and Daisy Antoniou are holding an exhibition at Meeniyan Gallery from April 1st to April 27th. Opening on Sunday April 5th @ 2pm.

New people are always welcome to join us, we meet on Tuesdays at 10.30am at the Guide Hall in A'Beckett Street, Leongatha. Bring your lunch and anything you want to work on drawing or painting.

Painter's Rep Robyn Henn

<u>Gift Vouchers</u> - The Gallery now have Gift Vouchers, information for these is in the front of the Gift Voucher book on the front desk.

DISPLAY

We have endeavoured to freshen up and change the displaying the gallery. We have several new members in the last few months. Coral Gray has recently joined, and her ceramics are selling well. Karen O'Brien of Ramble and Drift Creative has a lovely range of books, coasters and photographs of local areas, which are very popular. Pauline Farries, one of our Painters Group, has recently joined as a member and her paintings are featured in the gallery. Look out for Hector Velez's work, which will be appearing in the gallery soon. He is a dress designer, who designs and makes children clothes.

We are looking for another person to assist with display from April, so if you are interested please fill in the nomination form recently emailed or mailed to you, there are more Nomination forms in the gallery if required.

Display Team Colleen Touzel and Trish Rosel

ROSTER

Many thanks to those members who find a few hours a month to do duty, it is very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, we do need more members to help, to take the load of some who are having to fill vacant days more often just to keep the gallery open. Remember if the Gallery is not open, we cannot sell your amazing artwork!

Jenene Evans





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