



# LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –  
HELD THURSDAY 28th OCTOBER 2021**

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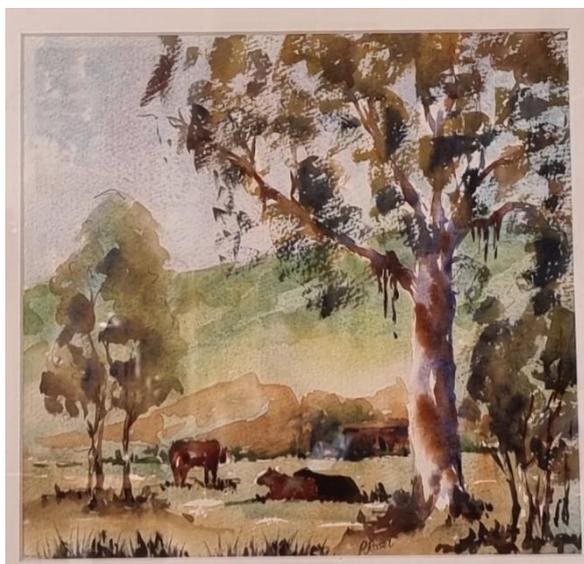


## PRESIDENT:

What a challenging time this has been for everyone. The Leongatha Gallery has somehow continued to stay open, mostly seven days a week, except for lockdown times and sales have been good.

The display team continue to do an amazing job and a big thank you to all the volunteers who now need to be fully vaccinated to staff the gallery.

Rebecca Rosel, who has been Treasurer since March 2019, did a great job of streamlining the system and getting all member payments online. Recently she has resigned from the position, which has been taken over adequately by Wendy O’Keeffe. A big thank you to Leigh-Anne Rodent for assisting the Treasurer. She did a great job this month to get the October figures on the system and getting all the payments set up online.



Sadly, due to health issues, I stood down from my position as President last week and hope that someone will take my place soon. It’s a very rewarding experience contributing to a very worthwhile gallery in Leongatha where local artists and artisans can display and sell their work.

I want to Thank everyone for their support and know that the Leongatha Gallery will continue to grow and flourish, and we have recently welcomed a number of new members.

*Trish Rosel*

VICE PRESIDENT:

Hello again, members. I thought I had left report writing behind me, but as you may or may not be aware, Trish Rosel has stepped down from her role as President to concentrate on getting back to good health. She has been a tireless worker for the Gallery and has implemented many improvements during her time as President, her energy will be missed. On behalf of the Gallery, thank you, Trish! My feet are way too small to fill her shoes! I will do my best to fill the role, but please note that I will not be standing for the role of President at the next AGM in March. So .... please consider if you would like to take on the role in the future. This gallery belongs to **all** its members, and its success (or otherwise!) depends on **everyone** playing a part in helping it to run smoothly.

The last two years have brought challenges to everyone, including the gallery, but with the dedication and hard work of members and volunteers we have managed to open when possible and continue to sell our wonderful products. As per the government mandate, all those doing duty in the gallery must be double vaccinated. There is a form in the gallery which notes that proof of vaccination has been sighted. We do not need copies, certificate numbers, or any sensitive private information. Those of you sending copies by email, be assured that they will be noted, and the information contained therein destroyed.

The display team has already started gearing up for Christmas, so please make sure they have lots of stock to work with. We have missed our best time for sales this year with the cancellation of the Daffodil and Rose Festivals so let's make it a bumper Christmas!

*Noelle Walker*



**PLEASE NOTE:-**

**The Victorian Health Department's advice to our State Government requires that our volunteers are fully vaccinated against Covid 19 virus, so the vaccination status of our volunteers will have to be sighted and signed off. That means that anyone who is not fully vaccinated will be unable to volunteer at the Leongatha Gallery. We wish to thank everyone who has volunteered up until now.**

**Think Positively  
Exercise Daily  
Eat Healthy  
Work Hard  
Stay Strong  
Worry Less  
Dance More  
Love Often  
Be Happy**



TREASURER

With Rebecca stepping down from Treasurer I have taken on this task, there is not much to say on my behalf at this point in time. I successfully presented the September Treasurer's report at our November meeting. I am getting a lot of help from Gallery members which is truly appreciated.

I am a musician (flautist), but, due to my position of Caring and Welfare with the Leongatha Probus Club and my involvement with the Oliver Gilpin Gallery at Coal Creek, I have found myself making pinafores, home-made cards, pressed flower bookmarks and pure olive oil homemade soap. I have not placed any of these into the Gallery yet as I have been concentrating sorting out my duties as a Treasurer..... I have a lot to learn!

To advertise the Gallery, I will be playing my flute in the courtyard outside the Gallery now that we are not enforced to wear masks outside.

*Wendy O'Keeffe*

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

### WOODWORKERS:

Covid has greatly curtailed our activities. With no Horse & Tractor Rally and no Daffodil Festival, the Woodies have had no public outings.

Several had wooden turned items for the "Recycled" theme – timbers from the old Leongatha Methodist Church, a sleeper from an old Ghan Railway line, an old re-blocking stump from the Lindenow South Primary School and from an old blue gum fence post originally grown and hand sawn on a Dumbalk farm.

There have been no Club activities, just individual members working on their own projects.

It's great to have Charlie Baillie's wood turned items in the Gallery. Charlie is a new member who has made fine progress in the short time he has been turning.

We collected a Woodworkers' envelope from the opening of the Korumburra Lions Club Federation Time 20-year Capsule 2001 – 2021. Some interesting reading of old meeting minutes and reports of Club activities and looking at photos of members, too many of whom sadly are no longer with us.

*Glenice Emmerson*

### ROSTER

**An updated Member Contact list is in the gallery. Also, a contact list of all duty volunteers' names and phone numbers should you need to contact somebody to fill a shift.**

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*



## DISPLAY

During the last few months, we have had themes to help our members with ideas for their work, each covers 2 months.

The "Bird" theme worked really well with many wonderful creations being completed covering all types of media.

The "Recycled" theme seems to be far more challenging and so we unfortunately didn't get as many new works.

The current theme is "The Wonders of Wood", this theme has enabled our very talented lovers of wood to busy their hands and submit wonderful pieces for sale in the gallery. Glenda Beresford and Maree Blore did a great job of putting the display together.

The next theme is "Christmas- a time for giving". Already we have had some beautiful work come in and by the middle of November there will no doubt be plenty more wonderful pieces for us to put on display. Please submit work by the 16<sup>th</sup> of November or before. Display team members are away until the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

BLUE will be the theme for January and February 2022

We will endeavour to keep everyone inspired with more themes in the future.

Please ensure that you keep up with your work at the gallery and take home any pieces that have been at the gallery for 12 months, as our storage room is quite small. Take care to document on your stock sheet which work you have taken home.

It is really good if we have new work to rotate in the gallery rather than just recycling old stock, our customers are very savvy, and they know if they come in and see the same goods just moved around they lose interest.

Thank you to everyone for the fantastic variety of work you bring in, we hope the year ahead is an exciting time for the gallery and its members.

*Display Team - Glenda Beresford, Colleen Touzel and Maree Blore*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

*There are now 83 Gallery members*

## PAINTERS:

Covid has curtailed activities, looking forward to getting back to some normality, and meeting at the Guide Hall on Tuesdays. Several members went to the Archibald Exhibition at Sale recently, very lucky to have the exhibition in our area.

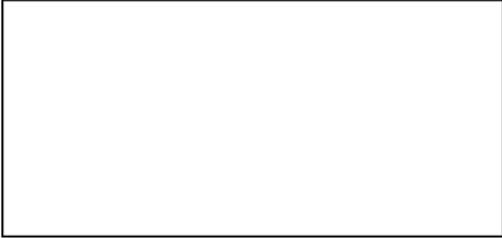
**The Rotary Annual Art and Photography Show will be held in the Memorial Hall, Leongatha, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The Gallery has some entry forms with all the information needed.**

*Every day is a new beginning, take a deep  
breath, smile, and start again!*

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