



**Maryborough Regional  
Art Society Inc**

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***From the President:***

*Dear Members*

Christmas is fast approaching so members have been very active at the gallery, preparations and arrangements are under way for the Annual Exhibition which is programmed for September 2022, publicity, flyers and programs are being prepared so these should be available in the near future.

The Annual General Meeting is also fast approaching, this is being held in March 2022, notice of meeting and nomination forms should be available in the next few weeks, please think about nominations so that we can ensure the future of the Art Society.

The next general meeting is to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 commencing at 3.00pm. This will be followed by the Christmas break-up so please bring a plate or something for the table and let's enjoy some fellowship and Christmas cheer.

Steven Preston's exhibition opened on the 6<sup>th</sup> November filling both gallery one and two with a brilliant display of colour and talent, I urge all members to visit the gallery to see his exhibition which is excellent.

As we approach the end of the year I would like to thank Pam, Tanya, Gordon, Niel, Helen and Tom as well as the many Volunteers for their effort and support

*John Horrex, EM, President*

**General Meetings**

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**Membership**

A friendly reminder that annual membership runs out on 31st December 2021 so we urge members to renew their membership early as you must be a financial member to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

Also a very warm welcome to all new members who have joined recently.

## **Art Exhibition 2022**

The Annual Art Festival Exhibition is on at Gatakers Artspace, Kent Street, Maryborough Qld from 5 August to 18 September, 2022. More information will be available shortly.

## **Workshops**

Workshops are a wonderful way to become inspired by the art of others, to learn new skills and experiment with new mediums. Attending workshops also gives you the opportunity to make new friends in the art world.

If Members would like to see a workshop held with a particular medium or art style in mind please register your interest with the gallery, and if we have enough enquiries then we can look at engaging a tutor to run an appropriate workshop to meet your needs. Also please indicate which day of the week best suits and time slots. Remember it does cost to engage tutors for art workshops so please be prepared to pay to attend these events.

## **Annual General Meeting 2022**

A most important event where we elect the committee to look after the running of the art society for the next twelve months, under the incorporations act you are required to elect at least a president a secretary and a treasurer. If these positions are not filled then the art society would not be able to operate and would close.

We urge all members to think seriously about taking a position on the committee to ensure the future of the society.

The AGM will be held in March 2022 and nomination forms will be available at the gallery in the near future.

## **Art Supplies**

Members looking for art supplies or wanting to have their artwork matted or framed - look no further than Wide Bay Gallery - they can meet all your needs.

Also, a wonderful place to look for **Christmas gifts**.

Maryborough Regional Art Society is most appreciative of their ongoing support and Sponsorship.



### **Gallery Hours:**

Mon – Fri: 9am - 4pm

Sat and Sun: 9am - 1pm

Public Holidays: Check with the gallery as we will open on some holidays depending upon the availability of Volunteers.

Please Note: as the gallery relies upon voluntary staff, at times you may find it closed.

### **Members Challenges**

These have been run over the last few years for financial members only as a way of encouraging members to develop new artwork, the question is do members wish to continue with these events, or do we replace them with something else. If so, what? Possibly a member's exhibition two or three times a year, for financial members only, and some small awards handed out at the opening of these.

Ideas and suggestions would be very much appreciated so please feel free to drop us a note by email or call into the gallery and discuss with us. Members this is your art society and the committee would love to hear from you and receive some input with fresh ideas and support.

**Social Art Sundays:** Bring any artwork or craft, anything you like, this is a chance to draw inspiration and ideas from other artists, and enjoy the company of others in the gallery every Sunday from 9.30am.

**Members Gallery:** We would like to thank all the members who have supported the members gallery and if you have any new work, it would be more than welcome. If you are unsure of the procedures please talk to Helen, the gallery coordinator.

### **Gallery Roster**

As the gallery is now open 9.00am to 4.00pm five days per week plus Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 1pm, we need more people to assist on rosters. Any help is appreciated and you can do your artwork while here. We need assistance especially on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Members if you feel that you could help please contact Pam Sleep at the gallery on 4122 4408 or by email [maryboroughart@bigpond.com](mailto:maryboroughart@bigpond.com). Pam is available at the gallery on Sundays or leave a message and she will return your call. Many of our visitors enjoy talking with artists, it's a great way to help promote our gallery and also help new artists bring in their work, to come in and have a chat, tea or coffee and enjoy!



**Please Help**



Members your assistance would be very much appreciated. We require a large number of small paintings to paste onto the front of the exhibition catalogues for next September, these need to be 120mm wide by 90mm high (these are maximum dimensions), any medium, any subject. The catalogues are sold at the exhibition to make a few dollars for the art society also to help recover the printing costs for the catalogues.

### **Novembers Exhibition**

Have you visited the gallery in the last few days? It is alive with colour and some wonderful artwork. We witnessed the opening of Steven Preston's exhibition on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Congratulations, Steve. Such a live and vibrant display. Thanks for sharing your creative artwork.



### **Exhibitions for December**

In December you will witness a number of smaller exhibitions by Pam Price, Vee Hammond, Leanne Cussack, Tanya Kearin, Lyn Bennett, Val McGrath and Loraine Britton. Looking forward to some more creative art.

### **From Helen and the Gallery**

- Could members please look at their requirements for exhibitions in 2022 and book them in as soon as possible so as to avoid disappointment, or finding that there is no space left available
- The gallery will close on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas break and reopen on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January, so could all members please arrange to collect their artwork by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- When visiting the gallery please remember Covid safety: book in, sanitize your hands and remember 1.5M



As this will possibly be the last Newsletter for 2021 the Committee would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and we will endeavour to make 2022 a more interesting and rewarding year at the Maryborough Regional Art Society.

A special thankyou to M.P., Llew O'Brien, for assisting the Maryborough Regional Art Society with the printing of the newsletters.

