

## GOLD COAST BRANCH NEWSLETTER

JULY 2020 OUR PATRON: THE LADY MAYORESS RUTH TATE

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What a great start for our first 6 weeks with everyone full of enthusiasm and quite a few sales on the board. Thank you to all those members who are still observing the Social Distancing rules. We can't get complacent as you are all aware it seems a second wave is on it's way. If we all play our part, it may not reach us here in the Gold Coast.

The "talk of the town" is of course our **Broadbeach Royal Art Awards**. We are gaining a lot of new members, all ready to display their Masterpieces! If you did not receive an Entry Form by email, then call by and pick one up from the front desk.

### **Entries close Friday 14th August at 3pm**

We have had an increase in Sponsor Donations for the prizes.

**Musgrave Art Supplies** - Innovation Award - is now \$400

**"Helen Davis Memorial Award"** - \$500 - Best Family Group (human) or Collection of People in a Group

Unfortunately, the sad news is that due to Covid-19 restrictions, we **will not** be able to hold an **Opening and Awards Night** on 4th September, where we usually have over 100 members and guests. With the 1.5sqm rule between each person, that is not possible to achieve. After all the entries have been hung, the 3 Judges are still coming. All results will be posted on Facebook and Instagram on Wednesday 2nd and we will have the Winners names displayed on a large Notice Board for all to see. Members and guests are still welcome to visit during the whole month of September, just not all at once.

## ART IN THE PARK

On Sunday 19th July, we had a long-awaited day in the sun, painting, chatting to visitors, with quite a few sales going through. Many people asked when the next one is on so mark in your diary, the third Sunday in September, the 20th. Bring your gazebos and umbrellas and make it an even bigger event.



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Thanks goes out to Lulu (Lynne) Parfitt, former Vice President, who has resigned moved and on to other projects. Good luck from us all.

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### **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

There has been a bit of maintenance needed doing to bring the Gallery up to an acceptable standard. You would probably not notice but I thought you would like to know what has been completed and the work still underway.

1. Centre of the main gallery floor. Moisture got underneath the old tiles and they cracked and lifted. They were all removed, levelled with concrete and new flooring laid on top, making it a feature.
2. Alarm System started playing up, quite a concern for the Volunteers as they tried to work out if it was off or on !!
3. Leaking sink taps over upstairs tub and downstairs kitchen replaced.
4. Another part of the floor by the Main Gallery kitchen lifted as well. It's currently being repaired and replaced, the same way as the centre . It is a Workplace & Safety issue that had to be addressed.
5. The 5 Air Conditioning Units are now 5 years old. The outside motors have coils that have been exposed to the elements, salt and rust, and have to be replaced as it hinders their efficiency from working properly, so that you can continue to enjoy the Gallery with it's pleasant temperature during art classes and when on duty.
6. During their last safety inspection, Wormald informed us that all the Fire Extinguishers have expired and need replacing by next month.
7. The office printer and photocopier has chugged along for 10 years. As it's leaving black lines when printing which is quite unacceptable, it's had its day and will be laid to rest, replaced by a new new modern version.

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A big thanks to 2 angels, Melissa Bates and Natalia who crawled round the upstairs gallery floor on their hands and knees, for hours one night, scraping up blobs of paint and scrubbing off charcoal, pastel and ground in blue tac!

**AMAZING GIRLS**

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**Consignment Form and Labels**

Name: .....Date:.....

Phone:.....

Artist's Signature: .....

	MEDIUM	PRICE
TITLE 1. .... .....	.....	.....
TITLE 2. .... .....	.....	.....
TITLE 3. ....	.....	.....

ROSTER DATE:.....

FEES PAID: .....

Royal Queensland Art Society

Artist:.....

Title:.....

Medium:.....

Price:.....Theme/NonTheme

**LIFE QUOTE OF THE MONTH:**

*IT IS NOT AN ARTISTS JOB TO PLEASE ANYONE,  
IT'S THE PUBLIC'S JOB TO BRAVELY SEEK OUT  
AND APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT RESONATES  
WITH THEM.*