



***“To practise art,
no matter how well
or badly, is a way to
make your soul grow.
So do it.”
- Kurt Vonnegut***

From the Board



PETER ROBINSON

From Peter....

I am honoured to have been accepted as Chairman of the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre.

Over the years, when my family has visited the Island we always called into the Arts Centre to look at the fantastic array of art works on display. Since moving to Bribie two and a half years ago, my wife, Dianne, has been a regular Front Desk Volunteer at the Centre and we both have been very regular visitors to the gallery, exhibitions and the markets.

I was keen to participate in the running of the Arts Centre because, I believe that my work experience as a Manager in the banking industry and Human Resources Manager in logistics, the print industry and in the mining sector has given me broad range of people and financial management skills that can and, hopefully will, assist in the growth of the Arts Centre.

We are pleased to welcome Peter Robinson as the new BICAS chairman. Peter plans to be a regular around the Centre, so say hello when you see him and make yourself known. He is already proving a friendly and willing hand around the Gallery and gift shop and more importantly, a wise and steady head overseeing our Board plans for the Centre.

I see the Arts Centre as a fantastic community asset which provides people, of all ages and all walks of life, the opportunity to develop artistic skills. I see it as a place where artists can meet and where their artistic expression of all kinds can find a public venue for display.

As I am recently retired, I can dedicate my time to the needs of the Centre. I see my role as Chairman as being one in which I can assist with the long term development of the Arts Centre to ensure that we have a place for everyone to enjoy and where we can allow people to develop their skills and display their creative works.

Tis the SeasonedOutdoor Gallery opening October 8th



Let garden art go to your head - and have fun. We are looking for quirky, beautiful, useful or decorative garden artworks such as these for our new **Seasoned Gallery** in the courtyard and the countdown is on.

Next month, October, our outdoors gallery will be open with its spring collection and we hope you'll be in it.



Think about what pieces for the weather well in all conditions, such as pots, sculptures, ornaments, gnomes, birdbaths, bird feeders, signs and more.

The BICAS Seasoned Gallery will be a first for the region. We want your imaginative, quirky, stylish and irresistible pieces to be part of it - so get working.

Surprise, delight, amuse us – PLEASE.

All inquiries to info@bribieartscentre.com.au or phone 3408 9288.

Music in the Gallery Spotlight on Broadway with the Savoyard Singers

Sunday November 13, 2pm. Tickets \$20, includes afternoon tea. Book now on 3408 9288 to avoid disappointment.



Socialise our Markets

Follow us on facebook

Instagram your Vibe Market pics

If you're on Instagram, then check out [bribievibemarkets](https://www.instagram.com/bribievibemarkets) and follow our Bribie VibeMarkets facebook page for action and information each month.

Bribie Potters 17th Clay Creations competition and exhibition

Matthew Flinders Gallery

September 16 – 30

OPENING FUNCTION

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 6– 8pm

Wine & Cheese

Awards

Presentation of

Popular choice voting

Entry \$5.00 per person



BRIBIE PASTELLISTS presents

MAKING A MARK

art exhibition
5th October to 16th October 2016

Opening night:
FRIDAY 7TH October 2016
6pm to 8pm, Food & Wine
Raffles, Gold coin entry

Bribie Island Community Arts Centre
Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach
10am -4pm, Tuesday to Sunday

*Bring this flyer on opening night to receive \$10.00
back on the purchase of your first painting*

ART TARTS ANNUAL EXHIBITION COMING SOON

IF you'd like to hire the Matthew Flinders Gallery space for your exhibition in 2017, get in touch with curator DayAnanda on info@brieartscentre.com.au to arrange an interview. She has some exciting new options available.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH JUDE PULLIN



Jude has been volunteering weekly on the front desk for 15 months and was part of the 2016 Matthew Flinders Art Prize organising committee. A newcomer to retail, she has enjoyed learning selling skills and procedures and the every day variety of people and incidents that occur in the Gallery and gift shop. "Volunteering is fun, I do enjoy it and especially working with other volunteers whom I have got to know over time," she says.

"Helping customers in the gallery is very rewarding, so many people are enthusiastic when they walk through the gallery at the array of talent on display from our members works. Jude didn't expect to remain in her regular volunteer role nor enjoy it so much when she began." It's fun, " she says. "I would encourage more people to give volunteering a try. You receive much more than you give in enjoyment and a sense of belonging."

Jude is part of the Contemporary Art Practices group, that has grown in her time from eight to 20 artists. "We have a great time exploring new techniques each week and once a month, we hold a mini workshop to demonstrate a particular talent or style. I particularly love colour and use inks and acrylics in my style of painting which is mostly abstract, but am always keen to try something different.

"Art is such a journey!"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Such a diverse range of exhibitions and art activity from wall to wall lately and what a wonderful buzz it gives our Centre.



Our first ever MINI MASTERPIECES fund-raising exhibition was a great success and definitely one to repeat yearly. All 59 of the little 15cm (6-inch) square treasures sold. There was fun and lively bidding from the crowd at auction, raising more than \$700 for Gallery improvements. Even the littlies got in on the act and took off a prize for their efforts, as well as the thrill of seeing their art on a real gallery wall !.



The fantastic talent of the **First Bribie Printmakers** amazed all in their **trans.FORM** exhibition and they, too, proved popular with art buyers.

The **Bribie Potters** are putting the last firings through the kiln for their Clay Creations opening on September 16 and it promises to be a dramatic and popular array of work.

And the talk is already building about the **Bribie Pastellists** show in October, with a fantastic deal for Opening night buyers; \$10 off the sale price of works purchased on the first night..



SURE WAS A FUN DAY

Just hope all those sewers, quilters and embroiderers who laughed and joked through the first Friday FunDay last month take heed, that sewing is a serious business. Just read this advice from a 1949 Singer Sewing Machine manual (right).

SAVE THE DATE Another Friday FunDay coming up September 30 Details to be confirmed.

Advice from a Singer Sewing Machine Manual from 1949

Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do. Never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference dominates. Never try to sew with a sink full of dirty dishes or beds unmade.

When there are urgent housekeeping chores, do these first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on. If you are constantly fearful that a visitor might drop in or your husband will come home, and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing.

Gem Fest ...get your rocks offSeptember 10 & 11th

The Bribie Island Gem and Fossickers club will host their annual and very popular Gem Festival here Saturday and Sunday September 10 & 11, from 9am – 5pm.

Even if you don't know an agate from an apple, you'll enjoy this fantastic event. Gemmies and fossickers are on hand to show, teach and amaze with their knowledge, skills and love of rocks and crystals

See talented jewellery makers from Queensland and interstate display their gems and jewels. Come and get a bargain as you browse the myriad stalls.

There'll be food, fun, fossicking and fascination and a great opportunity to meet up with fellow rock hounds.



THANK YOU TREVOR

We pinch ourselves every day with being so blessed to have such a talented and generous chef at the Arts Centre in Trevor Druery. He keeps all our catering ticking over beautifully, from Artist of the Month morning teas, bus group lunches, workshop meals, and big functions like our Music in the Gallery afternoon tea and Mathew Flinders Art prize supper.

And his cafe at the Vibe Markets every month is the talk of the district. A far cry from the stereotypical temperamental chef, Trevor is unfailingly calm and unflappable and the kitchen volunteers LOVE working with and learning from him.

In addition to his culinary tasks, he is a significant artist and potter – in fact an all round true gem.

We say a huge THANK YOU to Trevor for his skills, patience, generosity and calm. We treasure and appreciate all you do and all that you are.



MEMBERS' MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

Each month, BICAS members go in the draw to win a great prize from local Bribie businesses. This month, one lucky member will be dining out with a \$100 voucher on offer from **Merlot's by the Sea** restaurant, Bongaree.

Merlot's are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day except Monday.

Cardmaking and scrapbooking:

Wednesday September 14 & September 21, 10.30am—2.30pm:

Scrapbooking (\$25) and cardmaking (\$20) in the Boardroom. Kaszazz Creative tutor Debbie Ford will teach you to make beautiful card projects and cheerful scrapbooking techniques of heat embossing, twine and colouring.

Book on 0428 524 201 or ukandu@bigpond.com



Light & Loose Watercolours with Annette Raff

Saturday October 8, 9.30am -3.30pm:

If you missed out on a place in her September workshop, Annette is giving another, in which she will demonstrate her process for imbuing a subject with light and colour to generate vibrancy and movement in an otherwise ordinary scene. Suitable for all levels. Be quick to book, as Annette is very popular and her classes are snapped up.

\$85 BICAS members, \$95 for non members, includes morning tea & lunch. Book on 3408 9288



Drawing Line & Form with Terry Bailey

Saturday November 12, 9.30am -3.30pm:

Terry's drawing workshops were a great hit early this year, so we've brought him back for more to learn and enjoy. Beginners and experienced artists gained so much from his drawing line and form techniques. Don't miss this one.

\$70 BICAS members, \$85 for non members, includes morning tea & lunch. Book on 3408 9288



Merlot's gives Bribie a French restaurant at last, where patrons can enjoy delicious food, great service and an impressive wine list. Enjoy sunset cocktails at their Sundowner Bar overlooking the beautiful Pumicestone Passage and Glasshouse Mountains.

Breakfast 8 – 11, lunch 12 – 2 and dinner 5.30 – 8.30 (dinner patrons may stay later).

Merlot's is situated right near the jetty, 3 First Ave, Bongaree

Book your table on (07) 3410 0063



I feel like I have lived many different lives in this lifetime, and these rock-related artworks are expressions of my journey and personal transformation. The medium is a mix of Rock, Crystal, Canvas and Sculpture. Some creations are to hang on you, some hang on the wall and others just hang around and share their joy.



Meet Day and hear her talk about her art and what inspires her, at a FREE morning tea at the Centre, Wednesday September 14, 10.30am. RSVP for catering please.
IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN ARTIST OF THE MONTH IN 2017, CONTACT BEV PORTER ON info@bribieartscentre.com.au or leave a message at the front desk

Welcome Di Mayo our new BICAS secretary

We welcome Di Mayo as the new secretary to BICAS.

Di has recently moved from Darwin with her partner Tom and they plan to build at Donnybrook. Between them they have five children and four grandchildren who all live on the east coast of the country - hence their move. Di has come from a management background with the Commonwealth Government and has been on a number of boards.

Her interest in the arts started as a young child, however it took a back seat over the years to her studying, working and parenting. She recently began dabbling again and says she's very excited about trying everything BICAS has to offer. Di's other interests include spending time with her family, cooking, home and interior design, fishing and keeping fit.

"I'm excited to be joining the BICAS Board as I think the Centre offers the community wonderful opportunities in the arts and it gives me the opportunity to give something back to the Centre and the community," she says.



Next Vibe Market Sunday September 25

Our Vibe Market is growing and we are delighted to see the variety of stalls and activity drawing people here on the last Sunday of every month.

It's no surprise. Our market is unique to the area in that it offers art, craft, woodwork and gems for sale and demonstrations, children's art activity, fresh produce, an array of stalls, musical and meditative activity, and a fantastic cafe and barbecue menu to take you from breakfast to lunch. And the Arts Centre gift shop and galleries are open for more browsing and buying.



Make a date to join our **Christmas Market on Saturday December 10, 8.30am – 1pm**. This will replace the December Sunday Vibe Market.

Stallholders are encouraged to dress their Christmas market stalls in festive spirit. The best decorated stall gets a FREE space that day.

It's a great chance to do your Christmas shopping for a gift with special Bribie flavour.



Bribie VIBE Art and Craft Markets
Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach
Last Sunday of the month 8.30 - 1pm Ph:3498 9288

Handcrafted wares from local Artists
Gallery and Gift Shop
Yoga on the Green & Drumming Circle
Children's Activities
Woodcraft & Gem Club
Lovely bush setting

2016 DATES
Sun. 28 August
Sun. 25 Sept
Sun. 30 Oct
Sun. 27 Nov.

FREE ENTRY

Bribie Island Community Arts Centre

WHAT'S ON MARKETS Sunday
25th SEPTEMBER
8.30am – 1pm.

Browse our gift shop's art and craft, studios, meeting room, work spaces & Gallery for hire plus a range of art groups to join. Bus groups welcome.

Open Tues-Sun 10am-4pm.
FREE ENTRY
Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach

VIBE market cafe
Enjoy our yummy vegan and regular menu - real food made with LOVE

www.bribieartscentre.com.au

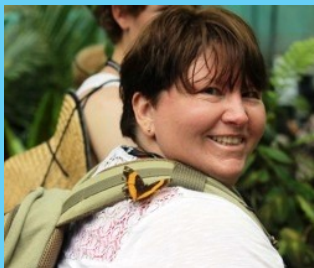
5 Things I Love About Bribie

Kelly Vass BICAS admin/membership volunteer and assistant Gallery curator to DayAnanda

I came to Bribie 18 years ago by chance after our usual beach holiday place was booked out – and we never left.

Five things I love about Bribie are:

- Coming across the bridge is a feeling of "Coming Home".
- Bribie's natural unspoilt beauty.
- Bribie's sense of community. Where else can you go to the shops and stop a dozen times to talk to people you know.
- I feel peaceful here.
- I love the pelicans sitting on the light poles on the bridge. They make me laugh every time I see them.



CENTRE with the WORKS

While the action has been all go inside the Arts Centre galleries and studios, there has been some significant recent OUTSIDE improvements, too.

All leaning carpark signs have now been straightened.—The broken carpark bollards have been taken away.—The tree leaning over the north side ring road has been removed.—Two new Matthew Flinders Gallery toilets have been built and these are accessible from outside.—New concrete ramps and safety rails have been installed at the back of studios 2 & 3 and a new concrete driveway has been laid at the rear of the pottery studio.

And in the coming weeks, the Council is going to replant and replenish the greenery laid bare by recent works around the Centre and give our surrounds a big green boost to take us into a blossoming summer.

ALL SIGNED UP

Very soon we will cut the ribbon on our stylish new BICAS roadside sign, designed by artist Meg Geer. Meg has steered the design, production and erection of this sign for the past 18 months and it is a great joy for her and us to see it come to fruition and it will take pride of place at our gateway.

There's a fun selfie competition underway with a great prize to vie for if you take a photo of yourself at the new BICAS sign and post it on your Facebook page.

See the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre Facebook page for details .



DATES TO REMEMBER

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September 1	Artist of the Month DayAnanda
September 10/11	GEM FEST 9am—5pm
September 14	10.30am FREE Artist of the Month Morning Tea
September 14	10.30am Cardmaking workshop with Debbie Ford
September 16	6pm Bribie Potters Clay Creations exhibition opens
September 17	9.30am Light & Loose Watercolour workshop Annette Raff
September 21	10.30am Scrapbooking workshop with Debbie Ford
September 24	9.30am Playing with Ink workshop 2 with Stephen Mills
September 25	8.30am – 1pm Vibe Markets
October 7	6pm Bribie Pastellists Make a Mark exhibition opens
October 8	Seasoned Outdoor Gallery opens
October 8	9.30am Watercolour workshop 2 with Annette Raff
October 30	8.30am – 1pm Vibe Markets
November 12	9.30am Drawing Line & Form workshop with Terry Bailey
November 13	2pm Music in the Gallery Savoyard Singers

Grants Committee welcome

Thank you to all who responded kindly to form a BICAS Grants Committee. Your assistance to Board member Shirley Heapy to research and apply for grants available to help maximise the potential of our Arts Centre, is much appreciated.

The first committee meeting is planned for Friday September 9. Anyone else who would like to join and attend is most welcome.

Email to info@bribieartscentre.com.au or phone 3408 9288.

Arts Centre's Labyrinth is full steam ahead for October

After almost a year of planning, Council approval was granted to build a labyrinth within the Arts Centre's Lease Site.

It will be built inside the Ring Road in the lightly wooded area between the Boardroom and the Gem Club.

The labyrinth concept is of winding paths leading to and from a central circle with seating. A Labyrinth Walk, Illuminating the Inner Path, is the ancient meditative practice of "Circling to the Centre". The path will be marked with a single line of bricks and pavers set level with the ground on a base of bedding sand stabilised with mortar.

The project is driven by the inspiration of Joyce Newell, from the First Bribie Printmakers, who created an inside prototype labyrinth with leaves at their exhibition in Matthew Flinders Gallery last year.

Joyce hopes to have the Centre's labyrinth completed for a Grand Opening on November 5, coinciding with her 70th birthday celebration.

Here's how you can be involved:

1. Planning and Concept Development

Join Joyce on the site on Monday September 5 and 12, 9-11 am (weather permitting) to explore the site and discuss possible designs and how these can incorporate artwork, stories and puzzles/ challenges. Or contact her and send her your ideas: Ph 3408 7743 0439 329 334

Joyce.Newell@bigpond.com

2. Donation of materials

We need donations of unwanted bricks and pavers, bedding sand, cement, brickies loam, and mortar mix. Donations of even small quantities of a large variety of bricks and pavers from lots of people, will make the path more interesting - and more importantly, more inclusive. Please contact me to arrange to deliver them to the site before 14 September, or in early October. She can also arrange pick up from your place.

3. Help with construction

Joyce plans to be onsite as much as possible from 7am to 10am Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday throughout October. Join her with your friends, because there will be jobs to suit all abilities, from just offering encouragement to some digging and mixing mortar.

4. Come to the Grand Opening!

Saturday 5 November from 1 pm - details to come.

For more information on the Labyrinth Project, see <http://bribeilabyrinthproject.blogspot.com.au>

Design a charismatic character/mascot to be the mascot symbol or logo for the labyrinth, to live in its centre. Your character will also star in books written to promote the labyrinth, BICAS and Bribie. Joyce.Newell@bigpond.com

