



Dear Members

We have had two bad markets in a row because of weather and it has been difficult to profit in such circumstances. But weather days are a fact of life in the market business and we need to acknowledge our misfortune and look forward to more profitable market days to come. Thanks to Lynn Smith's efforts and those of her helpers in the kitchen, however, we have still been able to maintain a good, profitable market food business despite the weather.

The Board is pleased to announce the end of the Centre's computer replacement and upgrade program. At significant cost and without grant assistance, we have upgraded, installed and integrated the Centre's computer system within program budget and are enjoying the cost benefits we budgeted for and more quickly than planned. The most visible results are the front desk tablet based cash system and the duplicate tablet based system installed in the kitchen. Not so visible is the Centre's new wireless system that extends from the offices to the kitchen, and the immediate savings from account integration. We are seeing a reduction in manual accounting input time cost, in food inventory holding cost and in increased sales through a more reliable and available cash accounting and EFTPOS system. These cost savings are intended to accumulate and are budgeted to exceed total program expenditure over the next 5 years!

Our major bonus, however, has been increased Centre income. The computer replacement program budget for 2018 required the expenditure of some savings, but it may be that we are on track to come very close to breaking even at year's end, or to achieve only a minor loss, without spending any planned savings. If this occurs, then it may be that our 2018 computer program costs have been met from operational income. This will be a terrific outcome

*if it happens: watch this space!*

Finally, we have more closely monitored our attendance and visitor numbers over the last 2 months and results so far suggest that they might be considerably higher than we have been publicising. Market attendance numbers are difficult to estimate, but when we conservatively add their estimates to our more accurate recent numbers, we see a trend suggesting that the Centre may be the most visited arts venue in the Moreton Bay region. If so, this would be most interesting given that our competitors are all Council owned, ratepayer funded and more costly to operate facilities of more modern amenity. When we see this lift in numbers, we can only dream about what we might achieve were we to have greater Council interest, input and assistance.

Plans for celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BICAS in December are consolidating and it looks like a wonderful week of art, craft, creativity and learning will be on offer for FREE in all our studio, Boardroom and Gallery spaces. We feel excited at the ideas and plans that have come from the Working Together Groups to showcase just what the Arts Centre means to Bribie.

Do be sure to attend the Gala night on December 15. It's a chance to frock up and shine.

Bob Hamilton

BICAS Chairman

Please LIKE The Bribie Island Community Arts Centre on Facebook and SHARE our Facebook posts among your friends and contacts.



When you run out of canvases .....

# 30th Anniversary Celebrations

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Remember Art Changeover November 13

# MATTHEW FLINDERS GALLERY



**Bribie & District Woodcrafters**

## Bribie & District Woodcrafters Exhibition

20<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 9am - 4pm

Matthew Flinders Gallery,  
Bribie Island Community Arts Centre  
Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach



Lucky Door Prize

### 'Art from the Wood Pile'

A display of many items of lovingly turned, burned, carved, sawn and hammered exhibits of art in wood. Many items will be for sale and will make great Christmas presents.
































**WATCH THIS SPACE ART TARTS COMING SOON**

## Volunteers: we love and value you

The ever busy and growing activity taking place around the Arts Centre means we're ever more dependent and grateful for the energy and reliance we place on our wonderful volunteers here.

We know you work very hard for the Centre. Hopefully, the rewards come your way too.

During Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary week of activity we'll be opening the Centre EVERY day – and the Café will also operate each day from Sunday December 9 to Sunday December 16..

We're very keen to show our lovely Arts Centre off to its maximum advantage by having studios and spaces busy with workshops, demonstrations creative collaborations and all manner of art activity

Please help where you can . Put your name down on the kitchen-roster at the front desk for one of the morning- or - - - afternoon shifts.



## Waltzing with Watercolour October 29 – November 8

The talented painters in the Watercolours, Thursday Painters and Pastellists groups feature a novel display honouring "Waltzing Matilda" written by Banjo Patterson. Group members have each painted a picture depicting a line in the poem. There are landscapes, seascapes, birds, animals and flowers painted in both modern and traditional styles which show the versatility and beauty of watercolour painting.

**The official Exhibition Opening is 5.30 – 7.00pm,  
Tuesday October 30. Everyone is welcome.**

The Bribie Island Watercolour Working Together Group was formed over 15 years ago. They meet every Monday morning at the Arts Centre and love to see all interested people visit and watch. Says group representative, Gail Greening: "Watercolour is a versatile medium with many varied effects possible, from bright, vibrant modern designs to traditional landscape, floral, animal and bird paintings. Our members have varying levels of expertise: some have been painting with watercolour for many years, some are experienced in other painting mediums and are now trying watercolour, and others are less experienced but are keen to learn this exciting, challenging and portable medium.

"Each month we have an optional theme, with resource material provided. Members need to bring their own materials. There is no formal tuition but demos, advice and informal tuition in basic techniques are provided. Contact Gail on 3410 8794 if you'd like to join them.

The Thursday Painters Working Together Group uses a range of art media for their paintings and meets at the Centre on Thursdays 8.30am -12

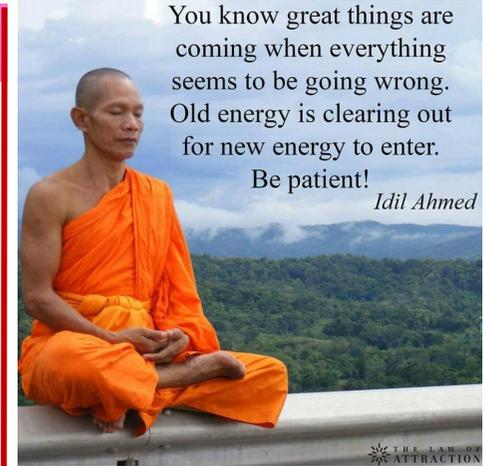
Group coordinators are Maureen Gough 3408 2716 and Bev Power 3408 7882



# Artist of the Month CAP Working Together Group

Our October Artist of the Month wall is ablaze with many wondrous little works by the ever-surprising Contemporary Arts Practice group. This is one of our working together groups that you can always predict to be ... unpredictable!

Their beautiful and diverse works are a treat - and all under \$35. What are you waiting for?



You know great things are coming when everything seems to be going wrong. Old energy is clearing out for new energy to enter. Be patient!  
*Idil Ahmed*

## Volunteer of the Month October

**LYNNE SMITH** BICAS Board member, kitchen convenor and potter/tutor

**Why do you volunteer at the Arts Centre?**

I give my time to the Arts Centre because this wonderful space is run by volunteers and if I did not do my share, it would have to close.

**What do you do at the Arts Centre?**

I am the kitchen convenor, doing morning teas and lunches for bus loads of visitors, the monthly markets, workshops and opening nights. I am Vice President of the Bribie Potters and a member of the Board. I also teach pottery classes and volunteer my time loading and unloading the kiln.



**What do you like best about volunteering at the Arts Centre?**

Of course, what I like best is meeting new people, making great friends and helping to keep the Art Centre open.

**Why would you recommend volunteering at the Arts Centre?**

I would recommend people who have some spare time to volunteer for the reasons above and because of the wide range of volunteering activities that we have on offer. There is something for everyone.

**Do you practice any art yourself?**

Yes, I am a practising potter, which I love with a vengeance and I am currently working towards 3 Exhibitions coming up in the next four months.



If you're lucky enough to be called weird...

...take it as a compliment!

# Bribie V i B E Art and Craft Markets

## Make it Bake It Markets October 28

Our last two markets have been somewhat soggy, alas, and downpours kept many sellers and visitors away.

But we're springing back with a great programme and fantastic variety of stalls on Sunday October 28.

So be sure you come in to browse some great home made items from plants, art, craft, jewellery, homewares to clothes. Watch the demonstrations at the Potters, Woodies and Gemmies, where the kids can also fossick for treasures.

There'll be live music, kids art activity, delicious food and bbq to fill rumbling tummies.

And if Christmas is still too far away to engage your plans, remember we'll also hold a November Market on November 25.

And our special Christmas market on SATURDAY December 8 promises to hold some surprises and delights for young and old, kicking off our week of BICAS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations .

**Bribie V i B E Art and Craft Markets**  
**Sunday 28 October**

**FEATURING:**

- Bits N Pieces**  
Performing from **9.30am**
- ◆ **Delicious Food**
- ◆ **Organic Fruit & Veg**
- ◆ **Children's Activities**
- ◆ **Gifts**      ◆ **Live Music**
- ◆ **Handmade Arts & Crafts**
- ◆ **and much more**

Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach. Phone 3408 9288

**Reminder that the November market is now ON ( November 25) as well as the December 8 Christmas market.**



# 30th Anniversary Celebrations

December 8 – 16, 2018

Now just weeks away to our week of wonderful art activity at the Centre celebrating the 30th anniversary of BICAS.

The studios and spaces will be open every day from December 8 - 16 to the public to come and see the amazing arts and crafts shared, learnt and enjoyed here at the Arts Centre. As well, there will be art projects by various Working Together Groups to share with the public and a number of activities young and not so young can join.

We want the occasion to celebrate all that the Community Arts Centre offers to and enriches the community with – art, creativity, friendship, encouragement, learning, fun, and financial return on art created.

The Bribie Woodcrafters and Gem & Fossicking Club will also be open for demonstrations and information during this week .

Planning is unfolding to include a great array of art experiences for BICAS members, friends, and the wider Bribie and region community, such as open studio visits, art and craft demonstrations, an artist-in-residence, Memory Wall, Treasure Hunt, Tree planting, time capsule burying and a week-long exhibition of BICAS history in art and memorabilia and dedication of a tribute wall to its founder, the late artist, Margaret Guthrie. There will also be a gala night, and a Wisdom Tree literary/music concert with popular best-selling author Nick Earls and Chanel Lucas from Women in Docs.

IF YOU HAVE SOME HISTORIC BICAS MEMORABILIA YOU CAN LEND FOR THE 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION IN THE MATTHEW FLINDERS GALLERY, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH BARB GANT ON [INFO@BRIBIEARTSCENTRE.COM.AU](mailto:INFO@BRIBIEARTSCENTRE.COM.AU) OR PHONE THE CENTRE ON 3408 9288.



***If you are an artist and would like to use studio or Boardroom space at the Arts Centre to demonstrate your skills during this week, please get in touch. There is still some time available, but the spaces are filling fast.***

# Workshops

Ever seen or tried ENCAUSTIC ART?

It's painting with wax. Try it at our great two-day workshop with encaustic guru Mo Godbeer here on December 1&2, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No previous experience needed.

Once the medium of the ancient Greeks, encaustic painting has experienced huge popularity in the contemporary art community. Hot molten beeswax, and pigments, make up your palette as you create unique art on plywood boards. You will learn board preparation, fusing, smooth and textured surfaces, layering, image transfer, mark making and so much more to achieve amazing effects with encaustic beeswax.

You can expect to take home at least 2 completed art pieces, in addition to your sample reference boards.

\$120 BICAS Members, \$130 Non-Members. Morning tea and lunch \$15 extra per day.

Numbers limited. Book on 3408 9288.

See pictures and videos from past workshops on Encaustic Workshops Australia

<https://www.encausticworkshopsaustralia.com.au/>



## Women of Bribie Island

Lynne Hooper, Past President and Secretary of the Bribie Island Historical Society, will be relating fascinating stories about Bribie Island Ladies.



### Sunday December 9, 10am Studio 3

The presentation will reveal:

- . the daily activities of Bribie's Indigenous women in the 1820s;
- . why Sarah Balls, a Brisbane entrepreneur, built a fish cannery on Bribie in 1908;
- . how the Guesthouse ladies kept their businesses going without the mod cons of today.
- . Emily Coungeau's popularity as a poet and philanthropist; and
- . Vera Huet's wonderful album of photographs taken of Bribie Island in the early 1920s, her love for Reg Campbell and their General Cash Store at South Esplanade.



# 30th Anniversary Celebrations

Don't miss these treats during the 30th ANNIVERSARY WEEK here.



Tickets \$20. Book on <https://www.trybooking.com/YOOK>  
Finger food plate \$10 pp  
BYO drinks

As our 30th anniversary special, BICAS proudly presents

## WISDOM TREE LIVE

a wonderful night of  
Words & Music

with highly-acclaimed author

**Nick Earls**  
& **Chanel Lucas**  
from **Women in Docs**



**HERE**  
**Sunday,**  
**December 9**



6pm

Brisbane author Nick Earls's most recent published work, the novella series *Wisdom Tree*, has been called 'a triumphant and extraordinary piece of fiction' by the *Sydney Morning Herald*, and now there's more – a live version, featuring Nick Earls and Chanel Lucas, of much-loved Queensland band Women in Docs.



**Wisdom Tree Live** combines words and music – the stories behind the five novellas, readings and songs – into a 90-minute show. It's full of laughs, poignancy, great insights into the creative process and beautiful music, including songs by Paul Kelly, Leonard Cohen, originals and songs that demand singing along to.

**Staged to acclaim at festivals around Australia, it's time Wisdom Tree Live made its Bribie Island debut.**

Nick Earls is the author of 26 books for adults, teenagers and children, including *ZigZag St*, *48 Shades of Brown*, *Perfect Skin* and *Analogue Man*

Two of his novels, *48 Shades* and *Perfect Skin*, have become feature films and five have become stage plays. His *Wisdom Tree* novellas have so far won five awards in Australia and the US and been shortlisted for five more. They're loosely linked novellas that meditate on families dealing with the tensions of our time.

Quilters and Sewing groups: Is this you?



CHERYL



ANNE



EVA



ANNETTE

The Tuesday Sewing Ladies were spreading a lot of colour and energy in their studio recently,



DEIDRE

assembling their mystery quilts, while group member Annette, prepared her wool and muslin for a felting project.



KARIN



**Bribie Island Community Kindergarten**  
 (next door to Busy Fingers)

A collaborative art piece inspired by nature and the treasures we find on the ground during our joyful weekly Bush & Beach 'Play' and explorations.

The artists are children from our Turtles & Dolphin groups  
 Braxton named our artwork "Wild of the Picture"



Catering for the youngest artists in our community, the Bribie Community Kindergarten children's bark art collaboratively made from their bush and beach play and explorations, is now in our Craft gallery waiting for you to see and admire.

# AROUND THE CENTRE



These are images from the kids holiday workshop "The Dynamic Epiphany of Art" conducted at the Centre by Chris Miles and her Uni colleagues., Dayna, Kate and Diane.

The group of BICAS peeps who had a great art exchange at Macleay Island Arts Complex, enjoyed inspecting their lovely Gallery and pottery in its splendid waterfront location. Lynne Smith, Sarah Cave, Di Carr, Sue Davy and Julie Thomson were welcomed warmly and learnt much about their "sister" island artists and their work.



Printmaker Cheryl Mortimer shared her printmaking techniques with flora at her Artist of the Month morning tea gathering.



One of the most popular BICAS members who attends all the craft groups working here, Jac Watts, celebrates her 90th birthday at the centre. With her cheery Tuesday Sewing Circle friends, Jac enjoyed a special lunch in her honour, with her daughter Kaye along as special guest, and friends. Jac has been coming to the Arts Centre for 26 years, making her the longest running member. Her hands are never still, attending the Sewing Circle, two Quilting groups and the Clickety Clacks knitters group. She sews, knits, crochets, embroiders and creates much lovely work with love and joy - the smile is never off her face and she is loved by all here.



Dates to Remember :

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**October 15:** 6.30am – 8am: Yoga & Meditation with Beks Thompson

**October 17:** 10 – 2 Cardmaking & Scrapbooking with Deb Ford

**October 20 - 28:** Bribie Woodcraft Exhibition Matthew Flinders Gallery

**October 20:** 1pm – 3: Coloured pencil drawing class

**October 22:** 6.30am – 8am: Yoga & Meditation with Beks Thompson

**October 27:** 1-3pm: Untutored Life Drawing Classes

**October 27:** 1pm – 3: Coloured pencil drawing class

**October 28:** 8.30am – 1pm Vibe Markets

**October 29 – November 8:** Waltzing Matilda exhibition Matthew Flinders Gallery

**November Artists of the Month U3A Printmaking and Mixed Media “SHADES OF GREY”**

**November 3:** 1pm – 3: Coloured pencil drawing class

**November 6:** 10 – 2 Cardmaking with Deb Ford

**November 9-11:** Bribie Island State High School Art Show Matthew Flinders Gallery

**November 10:** 1-3pm: Untutored Life Drawing Classes

**November 10:** 1pm – 3: Coloured pencil drawing class

**November 12 – 25:** Art Tarts in Matthew Flinders Gallery

**November 14:** 10 – 2 Cardmaking & Scrapbooking with Deb Ford



**5 Things I Love About Bribie**

**Ann Holland**

BICAS desk volunteer

- 1) The beautiful beaches, wildlife and relaxing waters of the Pumicestone passage.
- 2) The cafes, restaurants, galleries, community centres, social clubs and entertainment that is available for the young or elderly to enjoy.
- 3) Being central. Having Brisbane city, airports and other places to visit in the Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast area.
- 4) Enjoying the relaxing lifestyle with family and friends with barbecues and get-togethers any time of the day in the wonderful parks and beaches at Bribie.
- 5) If “Home is where the heart is” then Bribie Island is my home.