

Arts Matter

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Welcome to the Winter and June edition of Arts Matter for 2009.

Welcome particularly to new members Barbara Robb, Rebecca Bradshaw and Dennis Madden.

Thankyou from Ed to the three individuals [you know who you are] who responded to the request for ideas about why they are members and new ideas, that featured in the April edition. The comments from only 3 people were so very different, which seems to be a reflection of the many and varied perceptions that exist in our community.

Two respondents were supportive of the inclusion/promotion of martial arts. Another contributor suggested celebrating the 'art's' of decorative baking, and associated crafts that might contribute to a 'high tea' or related domestic event.

Sadly Ed, could not attend the recent final project planning meeting to put these ideas forward, however, I'm sure that there will be opportunities to do so in the future.

If you have any interesting stuff to contribute to this newsletter please phone Jacki [editor] on 5595 2277, or email nowells7@bigpond.com



The Reader

Thanks to all members and friends in the community who attended the film "The Reader". The healthy attendance at the movie - plus some donations - lifted funds raised for the Corangamite Artists Encouragement Fun to more than \$900 which was then augmented from Corangamite Arts General Funds to increase the pool to \$1000.

A special thank you to all those wonderful members who stepped in to oversee the setting up and serving afternoon tea - Robin, Carol, & Elaine; to all the members who provided sumptuous treats for afternoon tea, to those who supplied prizes for the raffle - Mandy Howard, Carol Eagle, Robin B & Gail; to Pam for her dependability in the ticket box; to Josie, Fiona, Mandy & B who sold raffle tickets. Thank also to Peter Hassett for his assistance in locating and booking the movie, for setting up the theatre, printing tickets and promoting the film.

And as for the movie - it was certainly worth seeing - tapping, as it did, into the complexities of guilt, judgement, justice and love.

Comments overheard several days from people who had attended. "Did you go to see the movie on Sunday? I just keep thinking about it" The reply came, "Yes, and the food at the afternoon tea was fantastic" It seemed the afternoon was a success on all counts.

For further information re/ the Encouragement Fund, contact Gail Watson on 5593 3388 Email: gailwatson@westnet.com.au or check the website

www.corangamitearts.com to download guidelines and application form.

Situations Vacant:

President, Vice President, Secretary

The above positions will be declared vacant at the next AGM in October and the current President and Secretary will not be re-nominating for office. We are asking members to seriously consider taking on these positions. Corangamite Arts is currently in a healthy position - membership is strong and active, enthusiasm for activities runs high, ideas are abundant and finances are in good order. Membership is made up of both practising artists and those who appreciate the arts, and is represented by all age groups.

From the President : After 4 years in an executive role - two years as Vice President and two years as President - I am ready to retire and hand over to someone new at the next AGM. My personal belief is that office bearers should change regularly for the overall health of the organisation. I would like to reassure anyone considering taking on the role of President that they will be well supported by the members, many of whom take lead roles in the programs we offer. We have so many new members, so many young people, a wealth of ideas and great enthusiasm. In standing down, I am creating a space for newer and younger members to take up the challenges and create their own exciting Corangamite Arts. Please consider taking up this exciting challenge.

Gail Watson

Vice President

The role of Vice President is one of support - deputising for the President in his or her absence. Currently no-one fills this position.

Secretary

As all members know Josie Black has had a long and very active involvement in Corangamite Arts - she has worked untiringly and still does - for this organisation - as well as many others. Thanks to the work of Josie, many of the landscape features we so strongly identify as "our place" : the dry stone walls, the volcanic features, the lakes and basalt plains, the Alan Marshall country are now acknowledged and valued in a way that they weren't before.

Josie has also facilitated many different events over the years - too many to mention here. She has a huge knowledge of matters and a wealth of contacts pertaining to the arts, education, youth and community development. Her contribution to the cultural enrichment of Corangamite Shire and the wider region is without equal.

Josie is tired and her health is not all she would wish it to be. She would like to step down at the next AGM - or before - if someone can be found. I suspect it will take more than one person to replace Josie. Berice Jones has already taken on the role of Minutes Secretary. Thank you to Berice. Someone to deal with correspondence and emails would be great. In order to continue, it is vital that someone takes up the position.

For further information on the above positions please phone Gail on 5593 3388
email: gailwatson@westnet.com.au

An Apology

Corangamite Arts would like to sincerely apologise for the early finish of the Childrens' Activities at the Sunday Craft Market on Sunday June 7th. As the activities are run by volunteers, circumstances are sometimes outside our control and the session closed earlier than the advertised time. We apologise to anyone who came especially and was disappointed to find the session finished. We will be at the Corner Room next Market Day July 5th from 10am - 12.30pm with more art activities for children, including some musical fun in the Avenue. Please come and enjoy. There is no cost for these activities. We just ask that children are accompanied by an adult.

2009 Executive & Committee

President: Gail Watson

Secretary: Josie Black

Treasurer: Pam Redgewell

Minutes: Berice Jones

Membership: Robin B

Archives/Library: Fiona Morris

Singers, Website: Angela Preiss

Wednesday Painters: Jo Oakley

Corangamite Writers: Gail

Leura Literati, Childrens' Art: Helen McMahan.

Tune - a - Week: Peter Daffy

Newsletter: Jacki Nowell.

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Leura Literati

Book Reading Club, 4th Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at the Corner Room, Manifold St, Camperdown.

Group Secretary, Helen McMahon 5593 9245.

Corangamite Writers

- meet fortnightly Saturdays, 1.30 - 4pm at the Corner Room Camperdown. 2009 dates are June 13 + 27. Bring along pen, paper and your writing to share. All those with an interest in and love for the written and spoken word are most welcome. For more information phone Gail 5593 3388.

Children's Arts

1st Sunday of Month in the Corner Room during Camperdown Market

Easels will be out for children's art, face painting, pavement art etc. 10am start.

Enquiries Helen McMahon 5593 9245 or Gail Watson 5593 3388

Any member who values art for children and would like to assist in filling a roster for Children's Art which runs from 10am - 12.30pm on Market Days (first Sunday of each month), please ring Helen McMahon on 5593 9245

New Skipton gallery, and an influx of artists!

Congratulations to Juli Davine who has just opened a new gallery at 36 Montgomery St (the Princes Highway) Skipton (See ad.) The first exhibition of Indigenous Art by artists Shirley Morgan, Christina Ward and Norma Harrison Long opened on Friday night 13 June and will remain until 11th July. Gallery Hours are: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 10am - 5pm. This exhibition will be followed by a photographic exhibition. Juli, like Joan Mahony, at Lava Arts in Camperdown is happy for artists to use the gallery for their exhibitions. Juli also tells me that a pottery studio will soon be opening in Skipton and that a sculptor is also buying a property in the town. To find out more: www.skiptongallery.com



As always we gratefully acknowledge our local Shire for assistance with producing this newsletter.

CORANGAMITE ARTS ARTIST'S SUPPORT FUND 2009

Aims to assist and encourage artist's of any age who are residents of Corangamite shire with the development of their projects. Funding could be considered for any of the following:

- assistance with the purchase of art materials for a project,
- workshop fees
- travel expenses for a workshop
- books and educational materials,
- assistance with setting up an exhibition, display, performance or book.

This fund will be open to:

- professional and non-professional artists of any age,
- residents of Corangamite Shire, although projects need not necessarily be focussed on Corangamite.
- all art forms acceptable,
- all applications must be accompanied by a small CV
- letters of support from teachers, mentors or associations are advisable.

If you have not applied for funding before, please do not be deterred from approaching us – assistance can be given with preparing applications and CVs etc.

Applications close August 30th, 2009 and will be announced by September 30th, 2009.

Phone Josie Black 5592 5333 or email mountnoorat@bigpond.com to discuss your application or for an application form.

Just recently the Camperdown Hospital Auxiliary held their popular 'Brush with Life' Art Show with strong representation from many local artists. It was wonderful to see the coveted 'Hossie Prize' or 'People's choice award' go to talented young artist Lily Currell, for her striking photo of an urban alleyway adorned with colourful graffiti. Well Done Lily!

Corangamite Community Singers—

****NOTE** NEW VENUE/TIME**

Thursdays 8.00pm The Corner Room,
Manifold St, Camperdown.
PH Angela 5593 2930 ALL WELCOME

Lakes and Craters Band

Friday nights 7:30pm, Killara Centre
[behind Camperdown library],
Manifold St. Camperdown
PH: Annette Mulholland 5595 4357
or email l.mul@westvic.com.au

Wednesday Evening Painters

meet at 7:30pm, in the Corner Room
each Wednesday. BYO art supplies.
Enquiries Jo Oakley: 5592 5356
or mobile 0429 953 097.

*Note: group is taking break over school
hols and will resume in new term.*

The **Cobden Painting Group** meets on
Thursdays during school terms in the
Conference Room, Cobden District
Health. \$20 per term 10:30 - 2:30, BYO
lunch. PH Gwen 5593 1645.

Photography Group

There are now 7 people interested in
forming a photography group and there
may be others. Belinda Bennet has of-
fered to coordinate this activity so if you
are interested contact her on 5593 2695
or email

belinda.bennet@corangamite.vic.gov.au

Tune - A - Week

A fun way to get into music in a relaxed
and easy-going atmosphere. All ages
welcome.

- At the Corner Room, Wednes-
days, 5:30pm, but not school holi-
days.
- BYO instruments, preferably
Celtic/folk style ie guitars, fiddles,
tin whistles etc.
- Must be member of Corangamite
Arts, plus \$2 per session.
- **Phone Peter Daffy 0417 379 859.**

The Elyne Mitchell

Rural Women's Writing Award

The Elyne Mitchell Rural Women's Writ-
ing Award not only commemorates
Elyne's life and work, but has been es-
tablished to encourage rural women to
write their stories.

The two categories of entry are:

Emerging - Women between 15 and 25
years of age

Open - Women over 25

\$1000 is awarded to the winner of each
category.

Entries close 5pm on 30th June 2009
Full Terms & Conditions are on the En-
try Form.

www.elynemitchell.com

Mentor Needed

Member Lynn McDonald is looking for a
visual artist who could mentor a tal-
ented year 10 y.o.student. This is a vol-
untary activity and the student is able to
travel to the mentor. The time and
place of mentoring would be by mutual
agreement. If you are able to assist
contact Lynn at Mortlake College on
5599 2204 or email

[McDonld.lynnM@udemail.
vic.gov.au](mailto:McDonld.lynnM@udemail.vic.gov.au)

Just a reminder: there is space on the
Corangamite Arts website
(www.corangamitearts.com) for any art-
ists who wish to submit an artist's pro-
file, so please contact Gail, Angela,
Jacki or a committee member if you
would like to feature on-line.

Next Meeting Corangamite Arts

Saturday 4th July, 10:30am, The Corner
Room, Manifold St, Camperdown.

**Become a Member of Corangamite
Arts and stay informed, inspired and
in touch with the arts in the South
West.** Annual subscription rates: **Sin-
gle** \$20, **Family** \$25, **Organisation**
\$30. Phone Robin B on **5594 7288.**

Our Project Actions Plan from July 1st 2009 to December 2010 will be on-line early July. If you want to see the scope of what we are planning just check out the website: www.corangamitearts.com Final tweaking of the plan will be done at our next general meeting. Thank you to all the members who attended these exciting planning meetings. Thank you to Rachel Donovan who has done such a fabulous job of facilitation and production of the document.

Photography, Music and Bloomsday and notoriety at Lava Arts Gallery

Thanks to the enthusiasm and exuberance of local musician and artist Don Grieve, Camperdown was treated to a week of photography, music and literature from 10th - 17th June at Lava Arts Gallery. The exhibition of photos from Don's large collection included colour and black and white images from around the world. It was standing room only at the opening. Angela Preiss played flute accompanied by Luis Bayonas on the electric piano, Rebecca Bradshaw sang accompanied by Angela Preiss on harp. The presence of John Waters - a surprise guest-added extra glitz to a large crowd. John came as Luis Bayonas' guest. The photos were great, the music was mellow, the room was warm. the crowd buzzing and Lava Arts was the best place to be in Corangamite!

Other performances followed on subsequent days of the exhibition with a performance from The Ladies in Black to raise money for Merindah Lodge, celtic music by Angela Preiss Tracey Neuman, and Don on low whistle. This all celtic program was just right for Sunday lunchtime.

The exhibition continued and Don and Angela acted as host to our annual Bloomsday - June 16th - a rollicking event attended by 21 people from all cultures. With jollity, readings, songs, soda bread, leek and tatie soup and Kilkenny's guinness we entered into the spirit of Joyce's Dublin yet again. Thank you to Don, Angela and Pam for entertaining and feeding us all so well. This event raised \$53 for Corangamite Arts Inc.

Regional Arts Victoria [RAV] will be holding its State Symposium in Geelong, in October 2009 on the *The Role of Arts in times of crisis*, with a focus on regional and rural Victoria, and want to hear your thoughts. If you're interested in presenting, or if you just have ideas, examples or opinions of the role arts can play in the community in times of crisis please contact RAV on website: www.rav.net.au/about-us/news-media/story or email Jo Toohey on jtoohey@rav.net.au or phone RAV on 9644 1800.

A Big Thank You from Ed to everyone who has sent in contributions to the newsletter - it makes Ed's job so much easier!! ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺

SKIPTON ART GALLERY
 Saturday 13th June 2009
 Exhibition Opening 6:30pm - 8:30pm

INDIGENOUS ART EXHIBITION

Join the artists at 6:30
 Saturday night for a chat
 and a drink

FEATURED ARTISTS
 Christine Ward, Shirley Morgan
 with Norma Harrison-Long

Artworks by 30 Artists
 in 5 rooms
 Sculpture, Pastel, Oils, Acrylic,
 Watercolour, Charcoal, etc

SKIPTON ART GALLERY
 36 Montgomery St (Glenelg H'way),
 SKIPTON, 3361, Vic
 Ph - 044 891 4831
 www.skiptongallery.com
 email - director@skiptongallery.com
 Open - Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon - 10am - 5pm

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 for school and
 community groups
 by appointment

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 10% discount
 for showing your
Corangamite Arts
Membership card.
 Ph 5231 3635 or email:
colacartsupplies@bigpond.com

CORANGAMITE SHIRE BUDGET

Thank you to Corangamite Shire for their generous budget commitment of \$35 thousand to the arts, some of which will be used in the preparation of an Arts & Cultural Strategy.

People ask why we need a strategy. We need a strategy to strengthen the position of the arts when it comes to a regular budget commitment. It also facilitates thoughtful and integrated planning at a local level and strengthens our position when it comes to applying for external funding from groups such as Regional Arts Victoria.

In most funding applications the endorsement of the Shire is needed and it is necessary to demonstrate that we (Corangamite Arts) have our own strategy which is consistent with the National, State and local government strategies. Thank you to the Shire for this support.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CORANGAMITE ARTISTS

Gary Stephens at Camperdown Picture Framing is a great supporter of Corangamite Arts including sponsorship of Paint the Town last year. He is continuing that support with the following offers to our members:

- Great deals on art supplies if you have your framing done with him. Gary stocks tubes of Artelier Interactive Acrylics, Archival Oils and other painting supplies.
- Artists who have Gary frame their work may negotiate exhibition space at a reduced rate. His premises have excellent exposure at 234 Manifold Street - opposite the Heritage Centre and Cobb Loaf Café.

Please consider supporting him. Don't forget to take your membership card!

Regional Arts Australia and Regional Arts Vic invite you to participate in a national forum which will inform future directions aimed at strengthening regional communities through arts and culture.

The Ballarat Regional Forum will be held on Wednesday 24th June 2009 10am - 2pm The Trench Room, 1st floor of the Ballarat Town Hall, Queen Victoria Square, Sturts St, Ballarat. RSVP to enquiry@rav.net.au or 9964 1800 to see if there are any places left.

..for fans of Robbie Burns....

Barack Obama is visiting an Edinburgh hospital.

He enters a ward full of patients with no obvious sign of injury or illness.

He greets one.

The patient replies:

*Fair fa your honest sonsie face,
Great chieftain O the puddin' race,
Aboon them a ye take yer place,
Painch, tripe or thairm,
As lang's my airm.*

Obama is confused, so he just grins and moves on to the next patient.

The next patient responds:

*Some hae meat an canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat an we can eat,
So let the Lord be thankit.*

The President is even more confused, and his grin now rictus-like, he moves on to the next patient, who immediately begins to chant:

*Wee sleekit, cowerin, timorous beastie,
O the panic in thy breastie,
Thou needna start awasae hastie,
Wi bickering brattle*

Now seriously troubled, Obama turns to the accompanying doctor and asks, 'Is this a psychiatric ward?'

'No,' replies the doctor. 'This is the serious Burns unit.'