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Arty Facts



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President Report May 2016

It occurs to me that ever since the AGM we have been going through a period of rapid change. First it was the constitution and bylaws, then we have a new lease on a building that was not even on the horizon in October and now we are looking how to use this building for the foreseeable future. We have also changed the way in which we pay our membership and last of all we are in the process of proposing changing our name and identity. This is quite a lot to take in all at once and I, for one, apologise for seeming to want to ram these things through. But if taken in bite size pieces they are all quite logical, the trouble is they all seem to have come at once causing concern in some of our members.

Constitution - The constitution was overdue for change as the law concerning such matters was changed some time ago and guidelines issued by the Department of Fair Trading were not being met. Therefore work was done and the new updated constitution complying with the model rules was created and accepted. The bylaws we had then did not match the new constitution and in some cases just repeated what was in the constitution and these now reflect where we are with the Arts Council at present.

Hall - The arts and crafts hall was offered to us by Council as part of its policy to lease out older buildings and halls that were not properly utilized to not for profit organisations. We had a very short time to jump on the wagon as this present Council was coming up for re-election. We were lucky to get it and for the first time we now have a permanent headquarters for arts related endeavours. This move has caused some worry that we may be putting ourselves into a position where we can't afford to run the hall. Let me reassure you that his hall will be at least revenue neutral in its running costs but obviously we have to spend some money to make it secure and habitable. No money will be spent without the approval of the executive and all that is proposed for now is re-keying the locks so we have control of the building with no unknown keys in someone else's position. But even this is not planned until the end of the year. The kitchen is going to be cleaned up and a new sink and tap installed but these we already have been gifted so there will be only a tin of paint to buy.

Name Change – The proposed name change has come about because we really needed a new letterhead to replace the one that made us look like a firm of undertakers rather than a vibrant arts group. The new letterhead had to be able to be used as a letterhead but also to be translated to our name badges and membership cards. It had to identify us at a glance and be bright and cheerful at the same time. A number of designs have been submitted with no result as yet. However the main suggestion came from Lynn and Josie, and that was to change the name altogether. This was the change from “Hervey Bay Council for the Arts” to “**Hervey Bay Artslink**” this has the advantage of telling who we are and what we do immediately and not having us confused with Fraser Coast Council or part thereof. Queensland Artslink was approached and gave us their blessing and so, at the moment there it rests. The Executive have approved the name change but is it the membership that must decide before we submit it to Fair Trading. The proper name will be “**Hervey Bay Artslink Inc**” and this is how it will be registered. We will also register it as our business name so it cannot be used by someone else.

At the meeting on May 9 we must decide whether this is the way to move on as we will have a lot of paperwork to be done before the end of the financial year.

Roger Jennings
President

New Secretary

Welcome to our new Secretary – Vicki Vlekkert.

General Meeting for the Arts Council Monday 9 May 6:30pm RSL Conference Room on level 2. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday in The Park

Sunday 5th June. Hervey Bay Musicians on stage from 10 -3 pm. Buy a delicious snag with the BBQ running from 8am – 2 pm including market stalls. Come along, bring your chair and enjoy a fun day out.



Fraser Coasts Got Talent Saturday 23 July, Great Hall, Beach Road Pialba. If you are 9-21 years of age - this could be the talent quest for you. Find the application form on the website: www.herveybayartscouncil.com.au

Arts Council Garage Sale will be held in 17th September – 7am to 12 noon. More information will be sent out in the next newsletter. To book a site phone Josie on 0408 827 917

Volunteers Wanted Hervey Bay Council for the Arts get enormous pleasure from holding events of which the community & public get great enjoyment. For these events to be run so successfully we count on our volunteers. Volunteers play a very important role within any organization and the Arts Council is no exception. Volunteering can be very rewarding. Hervey Bay Council for the Arts volunteers tasks range from helping with BBQ's to selling raffle tickets to setting up (and packing up of an event) to working on a stall. If you would like to have your name

added to our list of volunteers please phone Josie on 0408 827 917.

Changes to Membership

Please note there are now changes to the Arts Council membership. Annual memberships will be due annually on due July 1st. For members paying their annual membership which would normally be due now or prior to July 1st under the old membership system - anyone paying now will be covered until July 2017.



Arts and Crafts Showcase: 6th and 7th August. Applications online on website

The Graffiti Grannies (Yarn Bombers of Hervey Bay)

"The Graffiti Grannies" meet the 1st Saturday of each month at Scarness Park (opposite Beach House Hotel) from 9-30am to 11-30am. For further information please contact Josie on

0408827917. New members are always welcome & are appreciated.

FRASER COAST'S GOT TALENT

SATURDAY 23RD JULY 2016

6PM, GREAT HALL, BEACH ROAD PIALBA

HERVEY BAY COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS ARTSLINK

| ENTRY FEES | |
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| Contestants: | FREE |
| Adults: | \$5 |
| Arts Council Members: | \$3 |
| School Age Children: | \$3 |

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

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| Best Overall | \$250 plus trophy |
| Best Vocal | Trophy and \$100 cash |
| Best Instrumental | Trophy and \$100 cash |
| Best Dance Routine | Trophy and \$100 cash |
| Best Duo | Trophy and \$100 cash |
| Best Group | Trophy and \$100 cash |
| Open Category | Trophy and \$100 cash |
| Encouragement Award | Certificate and \$100 cash |
| Flaming Sands Award | Certificate and \$100 cash |
| Guitar Excellence Suzi Geddes and George McLean Award | Certificate and \$100 cash |

Special Prize: Pacific International Music Award:
RECORDING OPPORTUNITY (judges' choice)

AGES 9-21 If you are 9-21 years of age and would like to showcase a particular skill or talent WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

ENTRY FORMS can be obtained by downloading from www.herveybayartscouncil.com.au, contacting Kerrie at 0417718490 or by collecting one from Bay Connect in Hunter St.

Fraser Coast's Got Talent' Quest is an initiative of the Hervey Bay Council for the Arts and is sponsored by Pacific International Music and Fraser Coast Regional Council

IF ENTRANTS EXCEED QUOTA, AN ELIMINATION PROCESS WILL TAKE PLACE TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO EVENT

New Activity - Graffiti Grannies Work Shops in the Hall, Bideford Street, Torquay. The she is situated between the Wood Turner Shed and Seagulls on the second Saturday of each month. The next get together will be on 14th May from 9.30am to noon. All welcome to attend.

Whale Festival: 20th August 2016 from 12 noon till 7pm. More information to be advised

Tombola in August: Cancelled

Visual Arts Coordinator Report

The Regional Artists and Tutors group "RATS" opened the "Pop Up Gallery" at Pialba Place Shopping Centre On Monday the 18th April and so began a successful partnership between the Hervey Bay Council for the Arts and Pialba Place Shopping Centre Management. The display was a huge success and many thanks go to the HBCA for their generous sponsorship and the Pialba Place Management for giving us the shop space at no cost for two weeks. These type of collaborations are such a beneficial way for Visual Artists to engage with the public and to show the high skill level that some of our local artists have. Approximately 200 people per day visited the space and they had the opportunity to watch artists working. Visitors could ask questions and generally interact with the artists on a level which doesn't happen very often. We had a comments book on the counter and every comment was positive. The Gallery also featured in two local newspapers. All in all the whole venture was a success. The artists involved would like to again thank the HBCA for their sponsorship as well as the Pialba Place Shopping Centre for their generous donation of the space.

Mixed Media Group

Our new home is now a meeting place for the Monday Mixed Media group and is running well. It is spacious and well lit, and now we can attract more members due to the space. We have approximately 10 members so far. A coffee van calls past at a certain time which is great! Members of our group are enjoying having so much space to work with and this in turn has created a friendly and relaxed environment. The future is looking bright for this space to become a vibrant arts hub in Hervey Bay! To everyone involved with bringing this opportunity to the forefront I would like to say thanks on behalf of myself and the other members of our group!

Artisans Showcase

A Collaboration between the Regional Gallery and HBCA is another great initiative that is happening in the form of an Artisans Display at the Gallery in June and July this year. Lynn Harris and myself have been liaising with Vanida and Mel from the Gallery and have been fortunate to secure this opportunity for some of our local Artisans working in a variety of disciplines. Three pieces of work has been selected from each artist and will be displayed for five weeks in the entrance of the Gallery. There will be a Peoples Choice award/cash prize and the contributors of art works will have the opportunity to sell their pieces if they want to. This collaboration will be the first of many for the HBCA and the Regional Gallery to work together and create more opportunities for our local Visual Artists and I can see the future looking very bright!



Kitchen refurbish is on the move... a coat of paint and if anyone has some time and wants to give it another coat of white paint – the paint is in the shed. The cost to date is \$225.27. It is looking good and much cleaner. What wonders a fresh coat of paint can do!

As usual not all things run smooth - a minor flood where the tap cassette had blown, so hoses and cassette had to be replaced - cost \$27. Philip Jennings (Roger son) above - a big thank you to him as he did most of the heavy lifting and crawling around. – What a trooper!!

