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NEWSLETTER

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SOCIETY

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Aim of the Forbes Arts Society is to foster the visual arts and encourage its enjoyment in the communities of our region.

WELCOME to the second newsletter for 2019. Finally some cooler weather but we are still looking to the heavens for some worthwhile rain, it has been very patchy. Keep well everyone with lots of illness around at the moment.

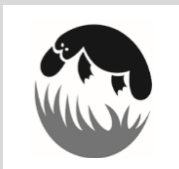
The artworks in the banner are by artists Wendy Hawthorn and Elsie Mahon who recently held a very successful joint exhibition 'Driven by Colour' in the Platypus Gallery.

The Forbes Shire Heritage Award event was held in the Platypus Gallery on 7 May 2019 with a good crowd in attendance. More about prize winners for the Heritage Award and the Art Prizes later in the newsletter. The Forbes Arts Society is encouraging the Platypus Gallery to be viewed not only as a boutique art gallery but also as a unique and special event venue.



Below see some of the images from the Driven by Colour opening night, including the featured artists Wendy Hawthorn and Elsie Mahon pictured at right.





PLATYPUS GALLERY

Forbes Arts Society sub-committee Arts Web operates the Platypus Gallery at 111 Lachlan Street, Forbes. The Gallery is staffed by FAS member volunteers. If you would like to be added to the roster please contact **Pammie Thomson on 6851 1381.**

Roster hours 10:00am-1:00pm or 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Hours of operation Tuesday to Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm.

A new roster for 2018 will be available as soon as possible

If you are UNABLE to attend your allotted roster time, please ring a replacement or contact Pammie Thomson. We need your help in keeping the gallery opened during advertised hours.

We are always needing new paintings from FAS members to be displayed, please leave them with the gallery duty officer. Artists please make sure that your artist sheet is completed when leaving and collecting paintings. Please ensure that you include your name, contact details, medium and price on the back of the work. Be aware that the gallery takes a commission of 25%

on members' works sold and 30% for non members.

Please ensure that all works have adequate means of hanging and that frames and mounts are undamaged. The preferred hanging method is attached cord or wire. Any works not meeting these standards will not be hung.

Please COLLECT old works from the gallery back room as soon as possible.

FAS Memberships

Please note: Memberships are now due – please renew promptly

FAS is now obliged to pay GST on memberships. This means that after keeping memberships at a constant rate for many years the FAS Board recently voted to increase rates.

Memberships are due in June 2019 and are payable by cash, cheque (*please make ALL cheques payable to Forbes Arts Society*), EFTPOS (at Platypus Gallery) or direct bank deposit (BSB: 112 879, ACC: 0000488015871, ACC NAME: Forbes Arts Society, REF: 'mship' and your surname).

2019 RATES:

- Single \$40
- Pensioner \$35
- Family \$50

SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LACHLAN SCULPTURE TRAIL



Check out the 'Somewhere Down the Lachlan' website.

<https://www.somewheredownthelachlan.com/>

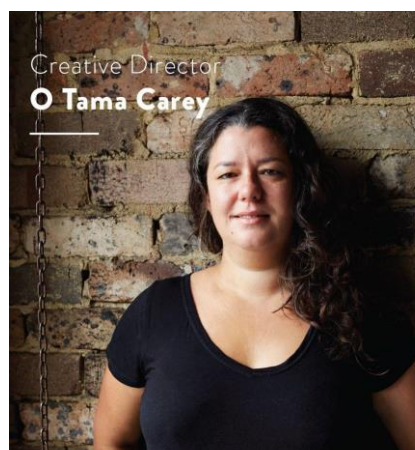
At a recent FAS Board meeting a motion was passed to change the name of the Somewhere Down the Lachlan Trail to **Sculpture Down the Lachlan** to make the sculpture trail more readily identifiable with its purpose as a tourist attraction. The meeting also reported that two of the new sculptures were progressing on target. See images left of the large goanna and the sculpture 'Road Kill' in development.

GRAZING DOWN THE LACHLAN COMMITTEE

The *Grazing down the Lachlan* epic long lunch is on again this year. The date is Saturday 21 September, 2019. A pre-event Q & A with the Creative Director and the food producers will be held on Friday 20 September at SYLO.



<https://grazingdownthelachlan.com>



Friends of Grazing Pre-release – on sale 6:00pm Sunday 30 June to midnight Friday 5 July 2019

Grazing Down the Lachlan tickets \$165

Meet Your Makers tickets \$35

General Release – on sale 6:00pm Thursday 11 July 2019

Grazing Down the Lachlan tickets \$165

ARTSWEB COMMITTEE

This committee features the Camera Club and Painting Group, but also all other visual arts activities except for sculpture and manages the Platypus Gallery.

ArtsWeb holds monthly Thursday meetings at either Northside Chapel, or Platypus Gallery, please let a committee member know if you have issues that need discussing. Committee members are Keith Mullette, Karen Ritchie, Klara Ward, Leonie Morrison, Pammie Thomson, Ro Burns and Georgie O'Shea. If you feel you can contribute and would like to join the committee please contact one of the committee members.



ArtsWeb Remaining Exhibitions for 2019 – more information on each closer to time

NAME	TIME	VENUE
HIP2B ²	11 June – 13 July 2019. Opening night 5:00pm Friday 14 June 2019.	Platypus Gallery
Rivers Arts Festival	13 - 16 June 2019	Town Hall and Victoria Park
Aspiration - Joan Paterson, Glenys Ryan, Sandra Hann	3 – 17 September 2019	Platypus Gallery
Grazing Down the Lachlan on site and Templar St Breakfast	21 – 22 September 2019	AMAZING site and Platypus Gallery
Small group members'	Oct – to be decided	Platypus Gallery
Members' exhibition with a theme	December 2019 – January 2020	Platypus Gallery

Georgie Girl Workshops

Georgie O'Shea has commenced jewellery making workshops in the Platypus Gallery. At right see Georgie and Joy at a Mama Quilla Pendant Beading Jewellery workshop. Next workshop Saturday 2 March. Contact the Platypus Gallery to express your interest at forbesartss@gmail.com or contact Georgie direct 0401 183 066 or georginaoshea11@bigpond.com

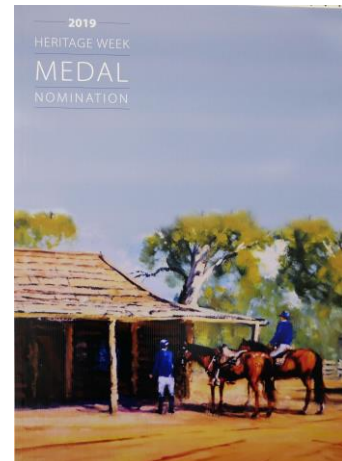
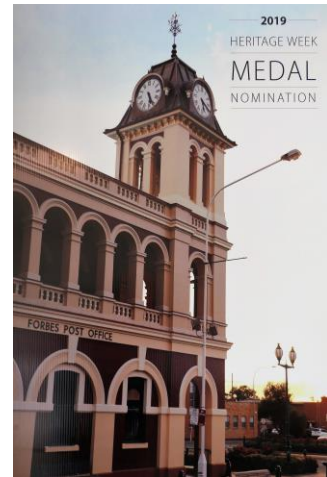


Forbes Heritage

The Forbes Heritage Award night was held at the Platypus Gallery on Tuesday 7 May 2019. The Forbes Medal was awarded, as well as the Heritage Art Prizes – theme ‘Public Buildings’. As well, the inaugural Forbes Heritage Young Artist Scholarship, jointly funded by Forbes Shire Council and Forbes Arts Society was awarded to Fletcher Browne and Jenna Redfern who received \$500 each. Fletcher and Jenna’s art form is dance.

The Forbes Medal was awarded to the *Forbes Post Office* restoration project. Other nominations included *Carrawobitty* restoration, the exhibition *Heroes, Horses and Hardships* and *Buried at Sea* a one-man theatrical production.

Sampa Bhakta was awarded the \$500 Forbes Shire Council Acquisition Prize. Sampa was also awarded First Prize in Painting and Drawing. Pammie Thomson was awarded Second Prize in Drawing. Ro Burns was awarded First Prize in Photography and Karen Ritchie was awarded Second Prize in Painting and Photography.

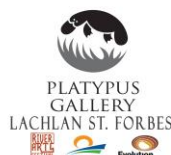


Artworks by Karen Ritchie, Sampa Bhakta, Ro Burns and Jenny Currey



Hip to Be Square Exhibition

HIP²
art exhibition
13 JUNE – 29 JUNE
OPENING 10.30 AM SAT 15 JUNE



Hip to be Square exhibition opening 10:30am Saturday 15 June 2019, at the Platypus Gallery in Lachlan Street Forbes. Join us for morning tea and then head over to Victoria Park and the Forbes Town Hall for the River Arts Festival activities.

RIVER ARTS FESTIVAL



Thursday 13 June: 'Island of the Hungry Ghosts' a film by Gabrielle Brady, 7:30pm, Forbes Services Memorial Club, \$16.50 includes a drink and popcorn.

Friday 14 June: River Arts Festival and Arts OutWest will transform the Forbes Town Hall into the 'Flow' Contemporary Art Gallery and will host an Art Huddle in this space. A great space to hear regional Artists speak on their arts practice and let the conversations flow on exploring the future for arts and cultural growth in the region.

Arts OutWest Art Huddle

6.30 pm Friday 14 June

Venue: River Arts Festival Flow Gallery in Forbes Town Hall

RSVP: Arts Outwest email: artsoutwest@csu.edu.au or 6338 4657

Saturday 15 June: FLOW 2019, 12 - 6pm Victoria Park Forbes. Music, art, dance, poetry, markets, food trucks – Community art experiences.

Sunday 16 June: Overflow Open Studio Arts Trail – Forbes and Parkes



THURSDAY PAINTING GROUP

The painting group meets each Thursday from 10:00am to about 4:00pm at the Northside Chapel in Johnson Street, near the park. The cost is \$5.00 per day and includes morning tea. Bring your own art materials and art project and join like-minded individuals who love their art. Everyone is welcome whether you are an accomplished artist or a very beginner – any art medium is acceptable.

WELFARE

BIRTHDAYS

During March, April and May we have celebrated the birthdays of Jenny Currey, Carmel Bray, Kathryn Lewis, Lyn Henley, Roz Saillard, Jayne Hurford, Marie MacCallum, Marie Langfield, Megan Grey and Dos King. Lyn, Jayne and Marie celebrated BIG Os!! Congratulations to all!



WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Please visit the Forbes Arts Society website www.forbesartsociety.com and our Facebook page 'Forbes Arts Society'. If you have any suggestions for either please contact Klara Ward on 68514868 or send an email message to: forbesartss@gmail.com or platypusgallery@gmail.com

INTERNAL WORKSHOPS

- **Georgie O'Shea** –Mama Quilla Pendant and Cuff Beading jewellery, Platypus Gallery Forbes. georgiegirlartglass@bigpond.com contact Georgie on 0401 183 066.
- **Bead 'n Bitch** - Thursday nights at the Platypus Gallery
- **Elsie Mahon** – Thursday at Northside, date to be decided – hand building clay works



EXTERNAL WORKSHOPS

- Orange Art Society hold regular **Saturday workshops**. Contact Wanda Driscoll 0408 257 794 for details. Contact Sandra Wenban 6365 1130
- **Kasey Sealy** – June 2019. Oils Workshop, Bathurst Art Retreat. www.bathurstartretreat.com.au
- The **Art Scene School of Arts** 7 – 13 July 2019, Bathurst. Multiple artists and workshops, see <https://www.artscenemsa.com.au/how-to-enrol>
- **River Arts festival** – Saturday 15 June 2019, Victoria Park, poetry, drumming, art from 12 noon.
- Weaving displays and hands on participation – Sunday 22 September 2019 from 9:00am, Dreaming Centre, Lake Forbes – part of **Grazing Down the Lachlan** Activities.

EXHIBITIONS AND COMPETITIONS

- **Grenfell Henry Lawson Festival of Arts – 7 – 10 June 2019.** Entries close 24 May 2019. Enquiries Hugh Moffitt (02) 63431424, Di Griffiths (02) 63432468 or info@henrylawsonfestival.com.au
- **HIP2B²** - mid-year members' exhibition, 'Hip to be Square', entries close **7 June 2019.** Exhibition opening 10:30am Saturday 15 June 2019, Platypus Gallery. Enquiries forbesartss@gmail.com or Karen Ritchie 0411099432.
- **HERE/NOW** – Orange Regional Gallery, artists living in the central west are invited to submit artworks for this exhibition from Saturday 13 July to 28 July 2019. See <https://org.nsw.gov.au/>
- **Grazing Down the Lachlan Art Exhibition** on site – 21 September 2019 and again at Platypus Gallery for breakfast Sunday 22 September 8:00am to 11:00am.

ART ASPECTS

ROBYN COLLIER is a well-known traditional landscape artist who paints mainly in oils. In her latest newsletter (May/June 2019) she offers these common composition mistakes to avoid:

- Avoid too much happening without leaving an area for the eye to rest – we seem to want to fill even the smallest space.
- Avoid objects of equal shape and distance – very common error
- Avoid including weirdly shaped objects unless necessary to the painting – just because it is there doesn't mean you have to include it.
- Avoid a crooked horizon.
- Avoid hard edges that don't belong.
- Avoid placing an object in the middle of the painting.
- Avoid anything that doesn't add to or benefit your painting.

