



Somerset Art Society Inc

Supporting the arts and artists in the Somerset Region SE Qld

Newsletter January 2023

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President's Ponderings

from Shirley Gregor

Hello everyone,

December began with breakup activities including the very pleasant SASI Christmas dinner at the Grand Hotel, Esk. We had a good turnout again this year and it is lovely to see people from our different groups and places all together enjoying themselves.

We also had a SASI stall at the Toogoolawah Christmas market in the evening of Saturday, 10 December. The market was a family affair, with fireworks, a Christmas tree, a roaming angel gliding about and many excited children. One photo shows Nelle Smith, Sue Howard and Susan Wellingham at the stall, which was impressive. Having fairy lights along the sides as well as the great artwork made it look really good. There is more information about the market and more photos later in this newsletter.

Also this month I paid a visit to The Condensery and met with Rachel Arndt, the curator. The current "Natural State" exhibition is the first commission for the gallery. At first sight the exhibition might strike people as unusual, but I think it repays careful inspection especially if you get the story along with the exhibits. I was lucky to walk through with Rachel and have her explain them to me. Two of the exhibits have stayed in my mind as they showed things I did not know about before and are also beautiful objects in their own right. One exhibit by Caitlin Franzmann is of a mushroom growing and shows the mass of the plant that is underground. I had not realized this mass could be so big. Another exhibit by Libby Howard and Dominique Chen shows a method used by Indigenous people to ferment bunya nut seeds by placing them in holes in mud washed by water. Again something I did not know about.

While at The Condensery I also saw the Creation Station, which is a permanent activity station in the Gallery where children and young people can make and display their own creative work. The photo shows work connected with the current exhibition and features mushrooms and ecosystems. This activity is part of the Learning & Engagement program run by The Condensery, which has been very popular and deserves a more detailed description. It might be something for the next newsletter.

I hope everyone had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and wish everyone the best for the New Year,
Shirley



Join SASI Groups

Click on the LOGO to visit the SASI Website



Join SASI - <https://www.sasiart.com.au/memberships>

SASI Members participate in supporting the arts and artists in SE Qld. They enjoy free exhibition curation at Glen Rock Gallery Esk, discounted or free workshops and no cost participation in SASI Members Market Stalls.

SASI Contacts : <https://www.sasiart.com.au/contact>

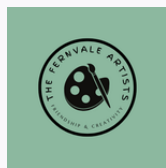
For more info Click the photo to visit SASI website Groups page



Join the Mount Beppo Artists - Contact: Gwen 0437 197 381

Meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9am until 1pm at Mount Beppo Community Hall, 916 Mount Beppo Rd, Mount Beppo QLD. New members warmly welcomed.

Click on the LOGO to visit The Fernvale Artists Facebook page



Join the Fernvale Artists - Contact Sue White 0407 072 926

The Fernvale Artists meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm at the Fernvale Community Hall in Banks Creek Road, Fernvale, or at the Lowood Open Door Gallery. Anyone in the local area is welcome to join them, or just to visit.

For more info Click on the Camera to visit SASI Photography Group page



Join SASI Photography Group
Contact Phil Lister Email plphotographix@gmail.com

The photography group have fun learning to take better photographs. New members are very welcome. Activities, including outings workshops and talks, are advertised through the SASI newsletter.

Join Somerset Regional Council Volunteers



Join the Esk Visitor Information Centre Tourism Volunteers
Contact Carole Labram mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

To Apply visit [Volunteer | Experience Somerset](#)

To Apply Visit <https://thecondensery.com.au/about/get-involved/>



Become a Gallery Ambassador at The Condensery
Contact Rachael Arndt mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

Supporting the arts and regional tourism

Join a Somerset Group

<https://www.somerset.qld.gov.au/somerset-arts-culture-directory>

Somerset Arts and Culture Directory

A Somerset Regional Council Initiative supporting the arts and regional tourism



Esk Glen Rock Stitchers Lynne Robson Ph 07 5424 1382

The Glen Rock Stitchers meet every Thursday in air-conditioned comfort at the Anglican Hall, Ipswich Street, Esk. They sew and share ideas and knowledge amongst friends with this common interest.



Calendar of Events

What's on and What's coming up

Happening This Month

Glen Rock Gallery - Mike Donnarumma

Friday 6th January - Wednesday 1st February

Meet The Artist at Glen Rock Gallery

Friday 6 January 2023 9:30am

Lowood Open Door Gallery -

Saturday 2nd December - Thursday 6th February

The Condensery - Somerset Regional Art Gallery

Main Gallery - NATURAL STATE - CAITLIN FRANZMANN

In the Bomb Shelter - PERCEPTIONS - JASON MURPHY AND GABE PARKER

Saturday 26 Nov 2022 – Sunday 12 Feb 2023

Mt Beppo Artists return to art at Mt Beppo Hall

Wednesday 1st February

The Fernvale Artists Return from Summer Break

.Resuming Art Group meeting on Thursday 19 Jan 2023

Coming Up

Workshop Landscape Photography

TBA

Next SASI Committee and General Meeting

Somerset Civic Centre

Friday 17th February 2023 10 am



Glen Rock Gallery

supported by SASI and Somerset Regional Council

ESK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE 82 IPSWICH STREET, ESK, QLD 4312
TUES-FRI 9-4 WEEKENDS: 10-2 CLOSED: MONDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

What's Up at Glen Rock

Mike Donnarumma

FRI 6TH JAN- WED 1ST FEB

Meet The Artist at Glen Rock Gallery

FRI 6TH JAN 2023 9:30AM

What's Coming to Glen Rock Gallery

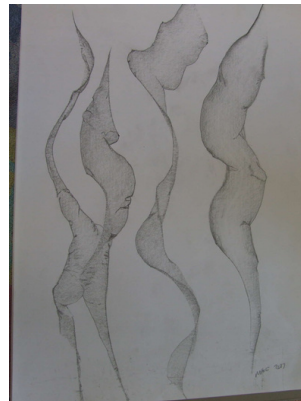
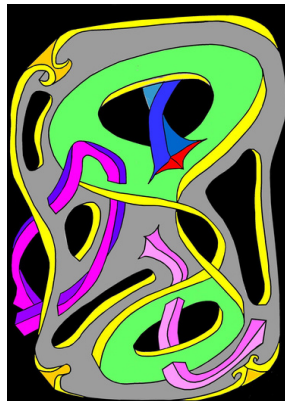
FEBRUARY
Alan English

MARCH
TBA

Electrorumma by Mike Donnarumma

6 JANUARY 2023 - 1ST FEBRUARY 2023

Mike is a skilled artist in a variety of media. He is local, a member of Mt Beppo Artists and shares his knowledge of wire work, delicate, freeform line making, spray paint art, paint pouring and digital art. His work is full of interest and surprises. Mike will be in the gallery to talk about his work with you on Friday morning, 6 January.



Expect to find unique treasures.

In The Display Cabinets at Glen Rock

LOCAL ARTISTS
Exquisite Cards and Gifts

Glen Rock Gallery Curators

Jan Godfrey, Sue Howard, Fred Marnock
Betty Williams, Joanne Hegney.

Note: the Gallery is closed on the first Thursday of the month for curating the new exhibition



Julie Buckworth



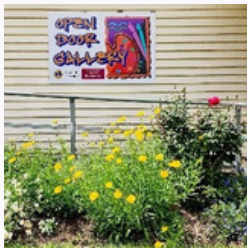
Shirley Gregor



Jane Harthorn

View the full exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery, Esk Visitor Information Centre 82 Ipswich Street, Esk, QLD 4312 Tues-Fri 9-4 Weekends: 10-2

[CLICK to EXPLORE
Glen Rock Gallery online](#)



Lowood Open Door Gallery

A Lowood Lions Project

RAILWAY STREET, LOWOOD, QLD 4311
THUR 9:30AM - 12:30PM SAT/SUN 9:30AM - 2PM

What's Up at Lowood

Paul & Rebecca

2DEC-6 FEB

In The Cabinets at Lowood

BOTTLE BOUQUETS
BY ELIZABETH BROWN



Lowood Open Door Gallery Marburg Art Group

FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER - THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

In December the Lowood Open Door Gallery was visited by volunteers from the Somerset Region Visitor Information Centre as part of a familiarisation tour of the Lowood area.



The current exhibition is the work of fifteen of the artists of the Marburg Art group, which has been up and running since 2017.

“What started as a very small group has grown with our new space in the community center (locally known as the green shed) to become a thriving art community.

Our group is open to anyone no matter what skill level. The members range from completely new to art, through to very experienced artists. We have artists who are very well skilled in many different mediums so there are always people available to give advice or mentoring. We operate every second Friday morning. We usually work on our own work, however we do a mix of classes throughout the year.

We also run a regular art show for our group in April, and we host the Black Snake Creek Festival Art awards in September.

We are very lucky to have a space to display our art and this space is also available for artists to hold their own exhibitions, including non-members.

Fifteen of our members are displaying their art in our ‘Country’ inspired show here at the Lowood Open Door gallery and we are delighted to have this opportunity. They are Linda Senjov, Susan Butler, Andrea Rothery, Beppie McDermaid, Linda Gough, Kaylene Smith, Carol Fletcher, Trevor Rowsell, Tracy Gordon, Shirley Robinson, Andree Margetts, Sharon Hawkins, Margy Seppanen Taylor, Sharon Ross, Michelle Howarth.

If you are interested in joining the fun of our group or would like more information, please contact either via email to the marburgartgroup@gmail.com or phone 0401 023 897. We also have a Facebook group called Marburg Art Group.”

The gallery will reopen after the Christmas break on Saturday 21st January.



The Condensery

Somerset Regional Art Gallery

29 FACTORY ROAD TOOGOOLOWAH QLD 4313
MON TO FRI 9AM – 5PM SAT/SUN 10AM – 4PM CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

What's Up at the Condensery

NATURAL STATE

26 NOV 2022 – 12 FEB 2023

In The Bomb Shelter at The Condensery

PERCEPTIONS

26 NOV 2022 – 12 FEB 2023

Programs at The Condensery

LLAMA PARTY |
WALK WITH THE LLAMAS

THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023 |
9AM – 10AM & 10AM – 11AM

Creation Station at The Condensery

EXPLORE
The Condensery Website

NATURAL STATE

CAITLIN FRANZMANN

Working closely with collaborators from different disciplines and with the particularities of sites, Caitlin Franzmann creates participatory works which take shape around slow practices, conversation, critical listening, and collective forms of care. Her new work for The Condensery will build on recent work and the specifics of the Somerset region and its unique landscape, ecological conditions and rural community.

PERCEPTIONS

JASON MURPHY AND GABE PARKER

Perceptions explores the observations and interpretations of the landscape through sight and sound by Jinibara artist Jason Murphy and sculptor Gabe Parker. Images of the Stanley River are projected against a kinetic sculpture containing reflective surfaces. As the sculpture moves the image is distorted and transformed before the viewer's eyes. A soundscape of composed ambient field recordings asks the viewer to consider their own impact and footprint on country.

FABULOUS FUNGI IN FOCUS

Model a mushroom at the creation station

CLICK to EXPLORE
<https://thecondensery.com.au/>

Workshops On the Drawing Board:

**Contact: SASI Photography
Workshop Coordinator**

Phil Lister
plphotographix@gmail.com

**Contact us to recommend a
Workshop with a particular
tutor and/or in a specific media**

**Contact: SASI Art Workshop
Coordinator**

Joanne Hegney
workshop@sasiart.com.au

**Artists are most welcome
to apply to present a
workshop**

On the Drawing Board

See Workshops Flier for
more info

Late April/May in Esk
Linda Maine
Colour Pencil Workshop

July/Aug Venue TBC
Julie Maddocks
Landscape
Oil or Acrylic

Photography Workshops 2023



- Landscape Photography - the how, what, where, when and why of getting great landscape images
- Managing a photo workflow on your computer, including getting photos onto your computer, software for editing, backing up your photos and more
- Bring Your Camera outings

Times and dates to be advised.

Art Workshops 2023

Intro to Classical Botanical Drawing with Cassandra Hodgins

A graphite pencil workshop -Using tone to bring your drawings to life.

Date: Saturday 11 February 2023 Time: 9:30am-3:30pm

Venue: Fernvale Community Hall, Banks Creek Road, Fernvale

Fee: SASI Members \$70 Non Members \$90

Find Workshop Materials List, further info and updates at

<https://www.sasiart.com.au/workshops>



Mt Beppo Artists

Mt Beppo Artists enjoyed a yummy Christmas break-up lunch at Have A Chat Cafe in Toogoolawah.

At 9:30am Friday 6th January we meet up at Glen Rock Gallery for the Opening of Mike Donnarummas Electrorumma exhibition. Mike is a Mt Beppo Artist with diverse skills that he uses to create art in a wide variety of media from fine metal works to hebel sculptures. Expect to be surprised and impressed!

Wednesday 1 February the Artists return to catching up and creating art at Mt Beppo Hall. Holiday art from Nelle

The Fernvale Artists

The Fernvale Artists finished the year with a delicious Christmas party at Val's home, and will resume on Thursday 19th January 2023.



SASI

SASI Market Stall promoting SASI, Artists and Sales at Toogoolawah Christmas Tree event 10 December 2022. 4pm-8pm

All participating artists achieved sales!

Warm thanks to all involved in setup, sales and packdown (including passers by, Beppo artist John who lent an appreciated hand and to Betty and Ian who provided the hanging framework. Special thanks to Sue and Denis, Susan and Glen and Shirley for making it such a lovely place to be.



AROUND THE TABLE



SASI XMAS PARTY 2022

Welcome to another year of photography and arts in the Somerset region. I'm hoping this year will encourage those of you who like to use your camera to get out and take lots of photographs and maybe join in the group activities I'm planning for the next 12 months.

A brief roundup
Another exhibition!

2023 is kicking off with another exhibition at the Courthouse Gallery in Kilcoy. I am also a member of the Kilcoy Arts Society Inc and January is my Artist of the Month feature. Around 28 framed images will be on display (and sale!) in both black and white and colour.

Workshops

I am still finalising the Landscape workshop which will most likely happen towards the end of February now. I have a number of events to negotiate over the next couple of weeks but as soon as it's sorted I'll let people know.

Personal photographic travels

March will see a fellow photographer friend and I travel to the Flinders Ranges in South Australia over a 2 week period visiting quite a few locations to photograph. Not being bound to a strict timeline we will be free to camp wherever and whenever to capture the glorious light of early morning and late afternoon. Should be fun!

Lastly, lets do a hands up...



It would be really good to start 2023 off to find out who within SASI is interested in photo workshops, maybe a monthly get-together Q and A, sharing recent photos and allowing me to offer suggestions to improve photographic skills and anything else that might be of interest. If this sounds like something of interest, please email me at plphotographix@gmail.com so I can start a group email list.

A photo I took on a recent trip to Sydney, awesome afternoon light!

All the best for a wonderful 2023!

SASI Members Page

Dedicated to members, for members, from members.

Recommended by Members



Ipswich Art Society

Saturday Morning Casual Painting
SECOND SATURDAY of each MONTH 9.00AM TO 1.00PM

The Old Court House (Ginn street rear entrance) cnr
East and Roderick Streets , Ipswich.

Come along to our Untutored Art Group held at the Old
Ipswich Courthouse to enjoy some quality time and
share ideas and interact with other artists.

Cost: \$5.00 for Members and \$10 for non members
with 'join on arrival' facility.
Coffee/tea is provided , bring your lunch.



If you're setting up to photograph something
and need flowers to fill in space, or to be a
focal point, consider giving Flowers by
Felicity a call and discuss your requirements.
Located just out of Esk on the Hampton Road.



Felicity Maden,

✉ emervale4@activ8.net.au

☎ 0413 133 168

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Riot Art and Craft Stores
are now stocking
quality artist supplies
<https://riotstores.com.au>

A selection of
Mont Marte Artist Supplies
are available at
Toogoolawah
Home Timber and Hardware

Contact Donna Phone: 5423 1222

Cressbrook News and Stationery

Contact Mark or Pauline Phone: 54231396



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CLASSES FOR FREE AT
YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

LEARN HOW

SASI appreciates the support of Esk Fruit Shop and Angie's Country Cafe, who display
SASI brochures and our Glen Rock Gallery posters.



'ELECTRORUMMA'

Fri 6 Jan 2023 to Wed 1 Feb 2023

Mike Donnarumma

Meet The Artist: Fri 6 Jan 9:30 - 10:30am

Esk Visitor Information Centre

82 Ipswich St Esk QLD

Tues to Fri: 9am-4pm Sat&Sun 9am -2pm

Closed: Mon & Public Holidays



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Somerset's Visitor Information Centres



Fernvale Visitor Information Centre
1483 Brisbane Valley Highway
(07) 5427 0200



Kilcoy Visitor Information Centre
41 Hope Street
(07) 5422 0440



Esk Visitor Information Centre
82 Ipswich Street
(07) 5424 2923

Contact us

Somerset Regional Council

(07) 5424 4000

mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

somerset.qld.gov.au

experiencesomerset.com.au

Join us on



Volunteer as a Somerset Tourism Ambassador



Somerset
REGIONAL COUNCIL

Why Volunteer?

- You are passionate about Somerset and all it has to offer
- You are looking for a way to get involved with your community
- You enjoy meeting new people and sharing your region
- You enjoy being part of a team and learning more about your region

Benefits of volunteering

- Meet new people and promote Somerset
- Travel Somerset with free tourism tours and enjoy exclusive behind the scenes opportunities
- Learn about art, history, tourist attractions and more
- Be the first to know about community events, activities and promotions
- Receive VIP invitations to special events
- Develop long term friendships and make a difference in you community

What is involved in volunteering?

- Volunteers are essential to the operation of Somerset Visitor Information Centres
- The primary role of a volunteer is to promote the region to visitors by delivering accurate tourist information including attractions, accommodation, dining, experiences, events and services across Somerset
- While we expect a high level of customer service, we also aim to provide a supportive, friendly and inclusive environment that encourages you to enjoy your role and interactions with visitors
- To become a tourism ambassador you will be required to undergo an interview process, induction and training.
- Training is provided for all volunteers, along with the familiarisation tours, volunteer meetings and the opportunity to participate in events and tourism trade shows throughout the year

Somerset Tourism Ambassador Expression of Interest Form

Full Name

Address

Phone

Email

Visitor Information Centre (please circle)

Kilcoy

Ferrvale

Esk

Please indicate your availability
Day(s)

Preferred shift (please tick)

Half day - Morning

Half Day - Afternoon

Full day 9am - 5pm

Weekend 9am - 2pm (Ferrvale / Kilcoy)

Weekend 10am - 2pm (Esk)

Please return this form to your nearest Somerset Visitor Information Centre or Somerset Regional Council office.
PO Box 117
Esk QLD 4312

