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AGM Chairmans Report

Good morning, everyone and welcome to the 2025 AGM for the Bribie Island Community Art Centre.

When preparing my chairman's report, I reflected on the past 12 months and how quickly it has gone. This led me to calculate how many activities BICAS have held at the Arts Centre in the past year. The work and energy that planning and executing these never ceases to amaze me. The behind-the-scenes mechanism of BICAS is a massive hive of industry, mostly unseen. I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank all those in the wings and flying under the radar, who contribute so much to the successful processing, planning and delivery BICAS splendour in a seemingly calm and unflustered manner. We do know this is not always necessarily true.

The Board of BICAS this last year has also been working in the engine room on members' and guests' behalf. I would like to thank each and every one of them and for those moving off from Board I wish you all well. We have been instigative in our decision making on funds to be best spent and I am sure you all agree the Café upgrade is one of the most successful ventures yet. Together with the wall mural in the courtyard, its addition to the precinct ambience is very significant.

I also would like to reflect on our regular events for the year – Artists of the Month, Arts and Craft attracting buses and Mathew Flinders Gallery exhibitions.

Matthew Flinders Gallery held many exhibitions throughout the year with changeovers on average every 2-3 weeks. The MFAP attracted a myriad of entrants vying for the top prizes. Others just enter to showcase their passion for display and admiration.

Next Generation Art Prize brought the young upcoming talent to the fore again and the discovery and nourishment our event provides these tender talents is a task we are very proud of.

Membership numbers are ever increasing each year, numbers that are inspiring for the Board, as well as volunteers and Working Together Group attendances. That BICAS has become such an attraction in itself ensures much consideration and effort goes into the planning of events that provide an attraction and entertainment for members and visitors. This doesn't happen without hard work and inspiration from our staff and volunteers.

Thank you for all your support to BICAS over the past year and lets us all look forward to a bigger and better year to come.

Your Chairman,

Carolyn Wheeler