

BICAS Newsletter

Hello All,

This, our last newsletter for 2025, is a startling reminder of the speed this year has gone. Life and times here at the Bribie Arts Centre is so variable and surprising, with new and interesting visitors, artists, members and volunteers; exhibitions, changeovers and events coming and going each week, nay, each day, that it's little wonder time races by.

When we look at numbers like 55,000 plus through our doors in the past 12 months, the gallery, studios and spaces bookings filling up the calendar, and daily Cafe customers on the rise, our management team is confident we're doing things right.

Our exhibitions and gift shop wares reflect the high standard of art and craft in the region and our Centre's creative spaces ensure that talent is nurtured and encouraged for future success and acclaim.

Visitors from beyond the Moreton Bay City to the Arts Centre remind us how blessed we are to have such a facility. One recent artists group who came through could not stop exclaiming how envious they were and begged for advice and guidance on how to replicate this in their back yard.

Of course, BICAC is not an overnight success and it doesn't happen without love and hard work by many, starting with the founders nearly 40 years ago and continued with a succession of dedicated staff and volunteers.

Every time you come in and buy something here, you contribute to that success.

With Christmas coming up, there's a wealth of lovely locally handmade festive items on offer here.

And TWO wonderful exhibitions opening this week; **New Beginnings** in the Matthew Flinders Gallery and **Artisans in the Garden**, reopening Seasoned outdoor gallery after a long

slumber. More on these in the following pages.

I wish you peace, health and joy and thank you for your part in the BICAS success story.

Julie,
BICAS Venue Manager



Exhibitions

New Beginnings and Artisans in the Garden

Delighted to host TWO fantastic exhibitions this month which revel in the "New".

Glass/wood artist and sculptor Shirley Heapy has revamped the Seasoned outdoor Gallery at the Centre to curate "Artisans in the Garden". Shirley has gathered a posse of 11 other artists to highlight the special outdoor ambience with their display of pottery, copper, glass and mosaic pieces to accompany her leadlight and wood works.

This opens in **Seasoned, Saturday November 8**, when you can meet Shirley and some of the artists, like Kathrin Dierich, Jacqui Horne, Brian Lloyd, Aaron Matila, Linda Middap, Judy Moore, Carol Moss, Kaye Watts, Alan Wilson, Christian Hull and Kelly Vass between 10am and 1pm.

Meanwhile, in the **Matthew Flinders Gallery**, a diverse collection of 13 artists presents "New Beginnings" exhibition.

To these creatives, each day offers a wealth of New Beginnings, the first light and sunrise of a new day, a new opportunity to capture the light, to walk and clear the head, the fresh



page of a journal, a blank canvas, a new technique, subject matter, inspiration, even new art supplies. A New Beginning might be a big life change, a recovery from or adapting to chronic illness, retiring from a stressful job, moving home or navigating new relationships. New Beginnings exhibition is not displayed by artist, but hung by mood, colour, composition and technique, inviting you to immerse yourself in the joy of it.

Artists in the New Beginnings Exhibition are Tina Bower, Cheryl Mortimer, Matt Mortimer, Molly Galpin, Gail Shawyer, Sue Gardner, Shirley Heapy, Corinne Purcell, Linda Simpson, Sabine Von Graz, Jenny Cope, Geoff Ginn and Janet Foulcher, whom you can meet in the Gallery on **Saturday November 8 between 10am and noon.**



Exhibitions more

Art Tarts November 18 - 30

True to their form, the 2025 Art Tarts will present a vibrant celebration of artist ingenuity in their 15th year.



At the heart, this unique show brings together 10 incredibly talented artists, contributing their distinct voice to a collective narrative.

This year's artists (below) are Jenny Short, Molly Galpin, Wendy Lynch, Prim Rodgers-Walker, Kerrie Western, Beth Morrow, Dale Berridge, Corinne Purcell, Karen Quinn and Patricia Wheatstone.

Their impressive works span a spectrum of mediums, from traditional painting and prints, intricate sculptures and pottery to exquisite

jewellery, slumped and painted glass, textile works and innovative mixed media installations.

Meet them at the exhibition opening on Tuesday 18th November from 5pm. A lucky door prize valued at \$300.00 will be drawn on the night.

The Art Tarts exhibition continues to support the Bribie Pink Dragons.



BICAS Members Exhibition

Hot & Cold

December 2 - January 11 2026

With a promise by BICAS members to go full steam ahead and pull out all stops for this end of year bonanza, Hot & Cold will be a **sizzling** affair, as well as a very **cool** show.

The Arts Centre will close on December 21 and reopen January 6, 2026.

Around the Centre

It's all GO here at the Arts Centre:



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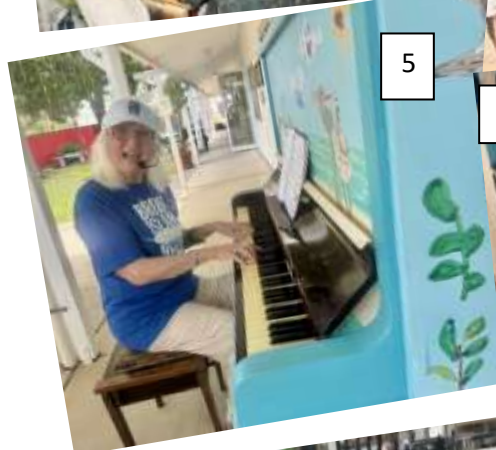
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1. Bev and John Stegeman demonstrating printmaking in the Gallery.

2 & 3. Noeline, Tina and Karen trying big brush painting in CAP.

4. Bribie Nature Festival director Libby Anstis (centre) with Festival volunteers at the Opening event at the Centre.

5. Anne Gillon playing up a storm on Pumicestone Piano in the Cafe.

6. Sarah Cave and Allan Johnston mixing with Bribie Nature Fest opening guests

7. Some of the delightful pottery critters Bribie Potters have made for the Melsa Park Train precinct.

8. BICAS accounts manager Stacey presents Chrissy & team from Bribie Island Nursery & Wallum Action Group with a plaque to thank them for the funds donated to instal the Cafe 191 louvres



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9.Ladies Sewing Circle working out the maths for precise placemat construction.

10.Joan from the Ladies Embroidery & Project group pretty pleased with her framed work

11.Karin loved the flower making lesson in the Ladies Sewing Circle

12. BICAS Treasurer and Gallery curator Steph takes a rare moment to sit for lunch in the Cafe

13.Artist Tricia Taylor demonstrating her pastels technique in the Gallery.

14. Glass artist Shirley Heapy with one of her beloved magpie pieces to feature in Artisans in the Garden exhibition this month.

15. Pop-up textiles stall was a big hit with the stitchers and craft groups.

Workshops Learn a new skill, join friends and make new ones, have fun and discover a hidden talent. Look at some of the classes in the coming months.

 Bribie Island Community Arts Society Inc.

ALCOHOL INK WORKSHOP



with
Robin Jensen

**Sunday 30 NOVEMBER....10am-3pm
at Bribie Island Community Arts Centre**

Alcohol inks are fast-drying, highly pigmented, alcohol-based inks that are great to use on any hard, non-porous surface including glass, metal, plastic, glass, ceramic, stone, leather and polymer clay.

We will be experimenting with many techniques on a wide variety of surfaces. You will be able to take home many pieces including those items that you bring to class.

All inks, yupo paper, photo gloss paper, isopropyl alcohol & tools are supplied. A complete list of resources and where to buy them from, will be given as a handout to each student.

This is a most enjoyable & colourful workshop!

COST \$95, cash or card on the day. Further details, or to book, Phone Robin Jensen 0421043924 or email j-robin@aapt.net.au

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Katazome & Indigo Dye Workshop

Presenter : Suzanne Sinclair

Saturday 6 December 10:00am – 1:30pm



- Learn to create and care for a plant-based indigo vat
- Japanese stencil dyeing using rice paste and indigo.
- Take home completed project: choose to dye a scarf, tea towels, or linen bag.

Cost \$100 per person -All materials supplied. More kits and supplies available for purchase on day.



Katazome & Indigo Dyeing
Booking enquiries
email us at hello@imprintcorner.com.au Ph: 0466 373216

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ACRYLIC SKINS JEWELLERY WORKSHOP with Robin Jensen



Have fun choosing your colours and patterns, making beautiful, professionally finished pendants & matching earrings, from acrylic paint skins.

Take home 3 pendants and 3 pairs of earrings

**10-2pm Sunday 7th December at
Bribie Island Community Arts Centre**

Everything is provided. Includes all pendant & earring blanks (various shapes & sizes), necklaces, paint skins, tools, & glue.

Cost \$90, pay on the day, cash or card.

Further details, or to book, please contact Robin Jensen
Phone 0421043924 or Email j-robin@aapt.net.au

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DOUBLE NEEDLE COPTIC BOOKBINDING WORKSHOP



by Robin Jensen

10am – 3pm Sunday 14th DECEMBER at Bribie Island Community Arts Centre

Create your own unique handmade journal including the covers & pages, and use the ancient traditional method of bookbinding called Double Needle Coptic Stitching.

REQUIREMENTS.....Everything is supplied.

I WILL SUPPLY

- Paper for the pages and decorative paper for the covers (a wide range)
- Book board for covers
- Waxed thread for stitching
- All tools, glues, needles, etc. A pack of 4 needles is yours to keep.
- You may bring your own papers to incorporate into your book if you wish.

Cost \$95 - Cash or card, pay on the day.
Contact Robin Jensen,
Ph 0421043924. Email j-robin@aapt.net.au

And watch for....

Pop-Up Shop November 6 & 7



Our last POP-UP Donation Shop was such a smash, we're holding another.

WHEN: Thursday & Friday November 6 & 7, 9am - 3pm

WHERE: Bribie Community Arts Centre

Snap up some affordable art and craft



supplies.

✂ Pre-loved & new supplies generously donated

🖌 Fabrics, yarn, papers, paints, brushes & more

📺 All proceeds from sales go directly to buying equipment for the Arts Centre's studios

💎 Give new life to creative materials while supporting your local arts community!



Meet **Natalie Hill** at the Arts Centre gift gallery, giving a mindful and relaxing demonstration colouring her lovely books, 9am - 1pm on

Thursday November 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th and in December, Thursday 4th, 11th & 18th

As Spring turns to summer, our lovely **garden** beckons.

The Island Quilters and the Bribie Potters will set up their beautiful wares for all to browse, buy and cherish for **Quilts in the Garden, Saturday & Sunday, November 29 & 30.**

Pottery in the Garden will feature on **Sunday November 30.**



Christmas concert Sunday December 14, 3pm.

Come join this rollicking festive singalong with the delightful Blue Water Trio in Cafe 191 Courtyard.

Tune up; wear your Christmas hat, pack your Christmas spirit. [Song sheets provided.](#)

Tickets \$10 pp, includes bubbles and afternoon tea. Book online at [bribiearts.com.au](#) or at the Arts Centre on 3408 9288.



Volunteer Spotlight

Surekha Jeyadev

Displays



Why do you volunteer at the Arts Centre?

I have always enjoyed volunteering and when it became part of my Centrelink obligations, I explored possibilities on Bribie. It was an easy choice after I discovered that the Arts Centre had such a lovely ambience and was such a beautiful space to work in.

What do you do at the Arts Centre?

I help with the 3D displays. We oversee all the works that come in separate from the paintings in the main gallery. We put the price barcodes on the individual items and then choose their display. I really enjoy working out how to show the artwork in pleasing and aesthetic arrangements.

What do you like about volunteering at the Arts Centre?

The Arts Centre is a very friendly and welcoming community. It has been such a pleasure working here and getting to know the other volunteers and the artists and their creations. I am constantly amazed and impressed by the wealth of creativity and imagination that goes into each piece.

Do you practise art yourself?

I enjoy drawing and a bit of painting in acrylic. I like taking photographs, too, and capturing the beauty of nature.

5 Things I Love About Bribie

Corey Abel, Cafe 191 chef/manager

1. The National Park, I love getting out into the bush.
2. The layback lifestyle of the island
3. The island birdlife, so varied and changing with the seasons.
4. The Community volunteer spirit.

I couldn't operate without the amazing volunteers in Cafe 191.

5. Watching the art here every day and how there's always something new to enjoy and discover in the galleries at the Arts Centre



Artist of the Month November



Potter Leonie Jones says she's constantly inspired by Bribie's flora and fauna, which has led to her sculpting and painting the landscape and the creatures she's come across. She has put together an array of her lovely clay and canvas pieces for **Wonders of Creation**, that will capture your heart this month here, too.



You can meet Leonie over morning tea at the Arts Centre at 10.30am on Friday November 14. RSVP on 3408 9288.

**In December/January
Hell Yeah!**

December 2 - January 31.

We celebrate young artists from the **Next Generation Art Prize 2025**. Come meet **Joseph Bullock, Kara Bradley & Savannah Ashcroft** over morning tea, **10.30am Friday January 9, 2026**. Book on 3408 9288; Spaces are limited.



"Me & the Little Guy" by Joseph Bullock, 16 (left)
Joseph won the Next Generation mentorship prize.

"Denis Rodman" by Kara Bradley (right).



Cafe 191

Corey and his team have some delicious new menu items on offer this summer.



How does ham & corn savoury cake, Margherita cake and Orange & almond cake (GF) sound?

They're on NOW!

And the delicious crisp whiting fillets remain a firm favourite.

Warning: Trumpet sounding: The Cafe 191 coffee remains one of the island's best and the friendly service is unsurpassed.

It has a **Triple A** rating, ie Art, Ambient and Aromatic.



Musicians Allan, Ed and newcomer, JD, bring joy to Cafe patrons.



Dates to Remember

- NOVEMBER 6&7:** 9am – 3pm Pop up art and craft shop Arts Centre Boardroom and Covered patio area.
- NOVEMBER 8:** 10am – 1pm Opening/meet the artists New Beginnings & Artisans in the Garden exhibitions.
- NOVEMBER 9:** 10am Blue Water Trio performance Matthew Flinders Gallery
- NOVEMBER 14:** 10.30am Leonie Jones Artist of the Month Morning tea
- NOVEMBER 18:** 5pm Art Tarts exhibition opening Matthew Flinders Gallery
- NOVEMBER 29 & 30:** 9am Quilts in the Garden, Arts Centre
- NOVEMBER 30:** 8.30am Pottery in the Garden, Arts Centre
- NOVEMBER 30:** 10am Alcohol Ink workshop Studio 2
- DECEMBER 2:** Hot & Cold BICAS Members exhibition opens Matthew Flinders Gallery
- DECEMBER 6:** 10am Katazome and Indian dye workshop with Suzanne Sinclair Studio 2
- DECEMBER 7:** 10am Acrylic Skins jewellery workshop with Robin Jensen
- DECEMBER 14:** 10am Coptic bookbinding workshop Robin Jensen Studio 2
- DECEMBER 14:** 1pm Cafe 191 closes for 2025
- DECEMBER 14:** 3pm Christmas Carols singalong/concert Cafe 191 Courtyard
- DECEMBER 21:** 1pm Arts Centre closes for 2025

I would like to paint the way a bird sings
Claude Monet