Bribie Island Community Arts Society Inc.

November/December 2026

# BICAS Newsletter

Hello all,

Among the best things that visitors bring to our Arts Centre is a reminder how lucky we are here to have such a fantastic facility.
I've heard loud exclamations of surprise and delight from people as they walk through the front doors and take in our spacious and ambient display spaces. Many admit the experience surpasses their expectations.
Then, after wandering through the Gift Shop, Matthew Flinders Gallery, Seasoned and Craft galleries, down past the studios and the Cafe courtyard, their declarations develop an envious tone.
***"I wish we had something like this where we live," is the oft repeated phrase.***
***"It's amazing. I've never seen anything like this.***
***"How did you get such a place.?"***
No matter how many times I recount the story of the start and growth of the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, I never fail to be thankful for this jewel we have and make a mental note of appreciation for the efforts and vision its creative founders had more than 40 years ago. Their dreams were big.
Since then, it's talent, generosity, hard work, imagination and love that Board, volunteers and members offer to keep the wonder of Bribie Community Arts Centre show on the road.
Resetting my view through the eyes of first-time visitors re energises me and reminds me that all the hard work, planning and managing, and yes, sometimes snags, in the day-to-day here is precious and so very worth it on hearing the genuine appreciation and admiration from others who say they'd give anything for what we have.
This month and next, lots to see and love here: the festive flavour of members' Christmas art and craft works in the Gift shop. **The Art Tarts** of 10 super talented artists across the mediums have a fabulous exhibition to savour, the **Artists of the Month** who seem to know no boundaries of creative ambition.
Some beaut Christmas gift ideas in the coming workshops on offer, too, with mind and body refreshing and revitalising in **yoga**, **meditation** and **Golden Zumba** sessions here this month and next.
I'm practising gratitude. It feels good.




Julie
BICAS Venue Manager

# Exhibitions

## Art Tarts variety has something for all tastes

## November 10- 22




Now in its 16th year, this unique show brings together 10 talented artists, each offering their distinctive voice to a collective narrative.

This year's artists are **Sandra Moran, Molly Galpin, Wendy Lynch, Prim Rogers-Walker, Lorraine Emerson, Beth Morrow, Dale Berridge, Corinne Purcell, Rob Bradfield** and **Patricia Wheatstone.**

Their works span an impressive spectrum of mediums, from traditional painting and prints, intricate sculptures and pottery to exquisite jewellery, slumped and painted glass, textile works, and even innovative mixed media installations.

The Art Tarts exhibition continues to support the Bribie Pink Dragons, who will be selling raffle tickets of lovely donated art works from the Tarts, each day in the Gallery.




## Bush to Beach

## BICAS Members exhibition

## November 24 – January 10, 2027

Bribie is awash with inspiration for this exhibition. What lovely works will spring from the beauty of our island's bush and beach, water-lapped shores and unique vegetation. But further afield, the glorious colour, landforms and air inspire artists all over.

What a treat this promises to be.

# Gift ideas galore

This time of year brings out the festive creativity of our members and what an array of new and different crafts to brighten up your home.

## Christmas cheer writ large in our Gift Gallery

Every year, we're staggered at the new and different ways creatives weave Christmas magic into their works…















# Gift ideas (cont.)




## ……. and in Seasoned Garden Gallery



# Workshops

Art and Community meet when tutors and students learn and share here in our studios and spaces. Look what's coming up this month and next. As places are limited, book quickly if you see something that appeals.

## Amy's Succulent workshops



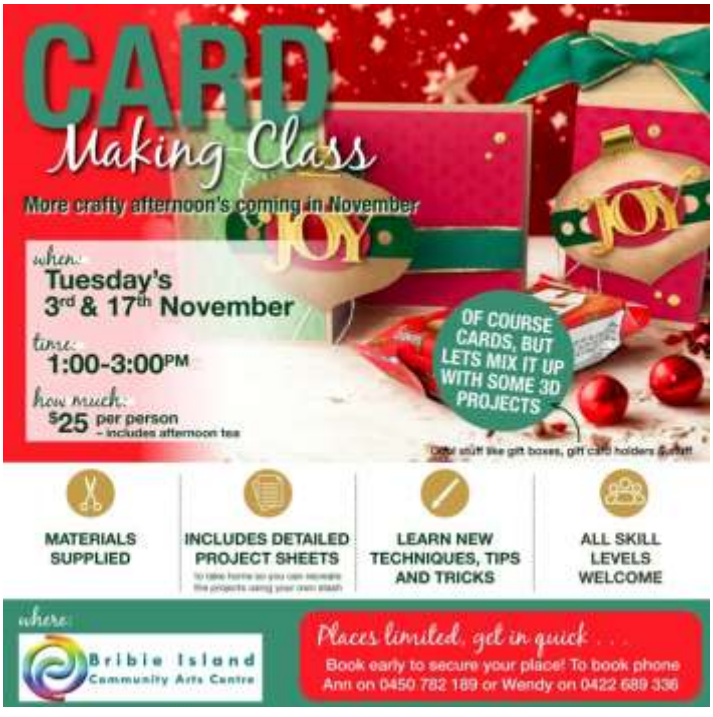




## Mixed Media with Yvette




## Cardmaking with Wendy & Ann



# Workshops (cont.)

## Yvette's Mixed Media classes are always popular.





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### Mixed Media Workshop with Yvette

SUNDAY 13th December 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm

Join Yvette for a day of colourful, textured mixed media fun.



You'll start with the basics and complete a couple of finished art pieces, learning the steps to Yvette's unique style.

Price $120; includes all art supplies.

Bring your lunch/snacks or visit the onsite Cafe (open 9-2pm)

Book via this link to her website

www.yvettefanciulli.com



Yvette also offers 20% off any of her art on the day.




## School holiday pottery classes

**9am Friday January 15 & noon Monday January 18.**
**Suitable ages 9 - 14.**
**$60 pp covers both**

# Workshops (cont.)

## Golden Zumba and chair Zumba with Oksana

**12.30pm and 1.15pm weekly Tuesdays from November 10**

Fun fitness for all ages. Come for the movement, enjoy the music and friendship.






## Meditation

## Yoga Nidra with Julia

**December 2**

**11.30am – 12.30**

**Arts Centre Boardroom**



Julia Siddall introduces the practice of Yogic sleep or NSDR which is a breath, body and energy technique designed to calm the mind. It can be practised to relieve stress, anxiety, promote sleep and improve mental clarity.

Bring a blanket or mat to lay on and wear loose/comfy clothing.
**Cost $10 per session.** Pay with cash on the day.
Inquiries Julia Siddall on 0411 400 129 or email siddall.julia@gmail.com

# Events

## Traditional Funerals Christmas Memorial Service



**Wednesday December 9, 6pm.**
**Bribie Community Arts Centre courtyard.**

For the first time at the Arts Centre, we are pleased to host Traditional Funeral's FREE memorial service - for families on Bribie who have lost a loved one recently and missing them at Christmas. Please RSVP on christmas@traditionalfunerals.com.au or ph 1800 672 331.
Similar memorial services at Traditional Funerals premises in Redcliffe and Burpengary on December 10 & 11.

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## Repair Cafe

**Friday November 27, 10am – 12.30pm**
**Boardroom & covered patio Arts Centre**




Come join this convivial community movement that seeks to repair not replace when things break. Repair Cafes operate successfully throughout the world in a bid to reduce landfill, and bring people together to learn, share and help.
In association with the Lions Club of Bribie, we're proud to bring this ethos to Bribie Island. We meet on the fourth Friday every month, from 10am to 12.30. .

**For details on what's on the repair schedule this month and/or to add to it, contact Alana Wahl on bribierepaircafe@outlook.com**

# Events (cont.)

## Christmas Concert

## 3pm Sunday December 13

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.

*Special guests U3A Rock'n'rollers will cut up the floor*



**Tickets $10 pp, includes bubbles and afternoon tea.**
**Book online at**
https://www.trybooking.com/DRQDB

**or at the Arts Centre on 3408 9288.**



Also featuring Good Company vocal trio




## Open Day(s) at the Arts Centre precinct

### Sundays November 29 & December 13

Great chance to meet **Gemmies, Woodies, Potters and Textile** artists here in festive spirit and snap up a unique gift.

# Around the Centre















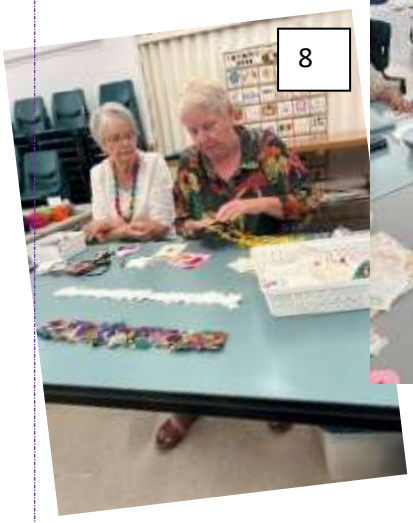



















1.Artists Susan and Katie demonstrating watercolour painting during the Colour, Form & Reflection exhibition.

2, 3, 4 and 5. Card making class gang had great tutoring from Wendy & Ann for these lovely first attempts.

6 & 7. Front desk volunteers' refresh training session always well attended to hear of the changes and additions to sale and receiving processes at the Arts Centre. The frontline of BICAS for visitors, they are a great and reliable tribe of workers. Di Carr, the desk roster manager, delivers them some key notes to watch for.

8, 9, 10 & 11.
Linda Simpson's textile workshops are a hive of busy creatives, working their way through he inspiring projects she gives them.

# Around the Centre (cont.)

























1.Melbourne Cup Day had desk volunteers Jude and Liz frocking up in style with Di.

2.Front desk volunteer Sue Edwards is the envy of many for her agility to get down on the floor for "de-cobwebbing'' under display stands in the Gift Gallery.

3. Early desk shift task; Ann and Linda seeing the front roadside signage is accurate to the letter for a new Gallery exhibition.

4 & 5. Some of the clever and handy Repair Cafe volunteers at their October meeting at the Arts Centre, who successfully fixed items to the relief and gratitude of happy customers.

6. Steph and Julie took a seat to enjoy the view in the Centre Gift Gallery and nut out some thinking and planning.

7. Island Quilters enjoyed their day at the Make It Sew Quilting shop in Brisbane.

8. Art Tarts exhibition setup taking shape in the Gallery.

9. Poetry box in the Covered Patio area here awaits contributions from whimsical scribes.



# Cafe 191

When Cafe 191 chef Corey mentions black garlic, brussell sprouts, anchovies and olives, he's not talking piza toppings. It's the makings of his new cakes on the menu.
He enjoys seeing us all initially reel back, baulking at the idea of such tastes going into a sweet treat to slice and serve with coffee.

He wins us over every time.
And baking them is only half his fun. The rest is thinking up names for them..
The latest are: **Milo Madness, Spring Surprise, the Seducer, Marmalade Goes to the Island, Dark Nut Job**

Which add to the aforementioned **Green Devil, Gin and Sin, Electric Mandarin, Punch in the Face,**







**Fireball Apple Crumble, Sour Cherry Dark Chocolate, Whiskey & Black Garlic, Expresso Sticky Date.**
Something's working, cos the crowds every day at the Cafe are keeping him and his staff, Ange, Kym



(seen here) Tineka and Monica and all the Cafe 191 volunteers on the hop.



We'd love to have you join our Cafe 191 crew of mighty volunteers.
Weekly, fortnightly, casual or emergency fillers all welcome.
Contact Julie the Venue Manager on
venuemanager@bribieartscentre.com.au

# 5 Things I Love About Bribie

## SUE OSBORNE

## Volunteer/Artist of the Month curator



1. Bribie Island has a lovely community. I love the groups of people I associate with. They're all so friendly and helpful. There are many clubs you can join to get out and be around people. Since retiring, this is especially important to me. There's always something happening on the island. When I drive over the bridge, I relax, take a deep breath and count the pelicans on the street lights.
2. My favourite place to be is the Bribie Arts Centre. It is a massive community, with many lovely people in the Working Together Groups, creating a diverse range of art, tutors offering a range of workshops and just the chance for and gathering with friends in the Cafe 191. The Centre runs on volunteers, of which I am one, who all work together to make this Centre the fabulous place it is.
3. I love the fact that Bribie has both Pumicestone Passage and the Woorim surf beach. My grandkids love the calm waters of the passage when the surf is too rough for them. Watching the Nippers have fun on the surf side is just great.
4. The Bribie Island Butterfly House is a magical destination and a safe sanctuary for butterflies. It is wonderful to have them land on your head or shoulders – makes for great photos.
5. Buckley's Hole is another love. It covers almost 88 hectares, contains a freshwater lagoon, woodlands, open forest and beach. There are more than 190 species that call this park home. I have taken some fabulous photos of birds which I use in my artwork. It is great for fishing too; lots of different species of fish in the waterhole. I love escaping the hustle and bustle to sit and listen to the birds.

# What I've Learned Lately

## Linda Simpson



**BICAS Board**
**Social media curator**
**Tactile Textiles & Rags to Stitches groups rep**

*I have learnt that the late Jim Henson, creator of the Muppets, was an extraordinarily talented man.*
*I also learnt that this character's name is Mahna Mahna, like the whole song he sings. (I always thought his name was Animal.)*

The world-exclusive exhibition Make, Believe, Magic: The Worlds of The Jim Henson Company is on at the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) in Brisbane until April 18, 2027

# What I've Learned Lately (cont.)



**Jude Brazier**

**Front desk volunteer**

*Angels are real - and I realise I've been helped by them many times over the years.*

*I was once towing a camper trailer on a narrow and windy gravel road when I got a hard push on the back of my shoulder. Thinking it was my dog in the rear seat, I called "Hello", then glanced back, only to find he was way over against the far door and clearly hadn't moved in ages. What the heck??? I braked immediately and, around the bend came a farm truck, barrelling towards us, fishtailing all over the road in the loose metal!*

*A head-on crash was miraculously avoided. Yes, Angels are real and they appear in many forms. Sometimes they even look like you and me. In fact, I'm sure I've encountered one here amidst our own Bribie Arts Centre family.*

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# Artist of the Month NOVEMBER

Varied and individual artists such as in this fun group, **Art without Boundaries,** come up with distinctive and memorable works that are a delight to feature this month.







## and in DECEMBER

## "Hell Yeah"

## 2026 Next Generation Art Prize artists

# Dates to Remember

**NOVEMBER:**
**November 10:** Art Tarts exhibition opens
**November 14:** Turtle succulent workshop
**November 15 9.30am:** Mixed media workshop
**November 17 1pm:** Card making class
**November 21** Bird wreath succulent workshop
**November 24:** Bush to Beach BICAS members exhibition opens
**November 27 10am – 12.30:** Repair Cafe
**November 29:** Christmas wreath succulent workshop
**November 29 9am:** Open Day Woodies, Gemmies,Textiles and Potters

**DECEMBER:**
**December 2 11.30am:** Yoga Nidra meditation in Boardroom
**December 5:** Christmas tree succulent workshop
**December 9 6pm:**Traditional Funerals Christmas Memorial service Arts Centre
**December 12:** Christmas tree succulent workshop
**December 13 9.30am:** Mixed Media workshop
**December 13 8.30am:** Open Day with Woodies, Gemmies & Textiles
**December 13 3pm:** Christmas Concert with Blue Water Trio Arts Centre
**December 14 9am:** Tagging and testing electrical items at Arts Centre

**JANUARY:**
**January 15 9am:** Pottery workshop for youngsters 9-14
**January 18 noon:** Pottery workshop for youngsters 9-14