

BICAS

Bites

It's such a tumultuous time.

Daily - nay hourly - bulletins about the worsening Covid-19 situation in health and economic terms are very wearing on the spirit.

Of course, it's important to stay informed with reliable news and updates, but as a creative community it is helpful and healthy to tune our hearts and minds to the aspects of life we CAN control and get solace and joy from.

So beginning today **BICAS BITES** blog will try to keep you connected to the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre and to each other. The Centre has been closed for a week and I fear the communication threads unravelling.



Central to our name **BICAS**, is the middle **C** – standing for **Community** – and that's where we'll gain strength and grace to endure this dreadful time.

I hope to bring you cheerful and inspiring information from BICAS members and friends who are turning this down time into interesting, beautiful, thoughtful and fun works. If you aren't actually making anything, maybe you're mending, keeping a diary, remodelling, scouring for ideas, captivated by on-line feeds.

It might be that your creative juice has dried up temporarily with the shock and sadness of being wrenched from your Working Together Group friends. Or you are distracted by concerns for your loved ones.

All perfectly understandable.

But when you feel ready to engage again, get in touch. Send me your pictures, words, ideas and inspiration. I think everyone can get a spark off each other here - just as you do in your weekly groups. Email me at julie@thomsonmedia.net.au or post a link to the BICAS Facebook page. I'd love to hear of them - and share them.

There are some BICAS members who don't use email – nor social media. Keeping them in the loop is

important, too. Give them a call to check in on them from time to time.

For my part, I'll be offering reminders of the wonderful Centre in your absence - and picturing some of the beautiful and memorable art and crafts with which you've graced our galleries' walls and display shelves.

Today I salute the **Coloured Pencils Group**, whose Artist of the Month feature wall was sadly cut short with the Centre's close on March 17.

Look at the lovely, almost



photographic detail, in their works.

This small group of Helen, Roslyn, Jenny, Suzanne, Eileen and Cynthia have met one Saturday a month in the Boardroom and honed their skills admirably.

Hope they're still at it and we have more of their beautiful work to see down the track.

So, let's chat and chew the fat in **BITES**.
Nibbles and mouthfuls all welcome.

If you know someone who'd like to be part of this, do share.

STAY SAFE.

Julie

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