



Buderim Craft Cottage Spring News 2026

Figure & Face

ART EXHIBITION



EXHIBITION SHOWING

24TH - 27TH SEPTEMBER
9AM - 3PM

EXHIBITION OPENING EVENT

THURSDAY 24TH OF SEPTEMBER
6PM - 8PM

DROP IN WORKSHOPS

SAT 26TH 10AM - 12PM
SUN 27TH 10AM - 12PM
ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED



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ALL WELCOME

Discover the art of drawing from a live model at our inspiring Figure & Face Exhibition this September!
Join our free drop-in workshops on 26 and 27 September, 10 am–12 noon—all materials provided!

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EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

LIFE DRAWING AND PORTRAITURE

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OCTOBER

SCULPTURE GARDEN EXHIBITION

SAT 10TH OCT TO SUN 18TH OCT

SILVERSMITHS EXHIBITION

FRIDAY 24TH OCT TO SUNDAY 1ST NOV

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRI 27TH NOV TO SAT 28TH NOV

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From the President's Desk



I'm really not sure where the last three months have gone... but here we are again, with another newsletter!

I do know that I have seen some amazing exhibitions in the Atrium. As a Cottage, we are so proud of the Fibre Art and Surface Design Group, led by Lyn Gooch, for being invited to host the opening night of the Open Studios Art Trail across the Sunshine Coast. What a wonderful achievement and recognition of the group's creativity and hard work.

Margaret, our VP Property, has also been very busy with the installation of the concertina door between the main workroom and Studio North. It is fantastic—so much better and so easy to close. Of course, care should be taken when using it to ensure the door is not damaged.

Thank you, Margaret, for all you do for the Cottage. A lot of what you do goes unseen, I know, but we really do appreciate you.

Thank you also to all the Group Leaders and Delegates who assisted with the clean-up of the storeroom off Studio North. This is still a work in progress, but we are moving forward and working to make the space much more user-friendly.

While we're talking about storage, I wanted to let everyone know that we are continuing

to move forward with the storage solutions for the main workroom. We have received quotes for our proposed solution and have applied for a grant from the Buderim Foundation to assist with the cost. We are hoping to know the outcome of the grant application by the end of October, after which we can hopefully move forward with the installation. This will not only streamline the look of the main room but will also provide much-needed additional storage for our groups.

The Calligraphy and Papercraft Group is once again calling for Cards for the Community from all groups. This lovely project, spearheaded by the C & P Group, has been running for many years and is a wonderful way for our Cottage community to give back.

I also wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of our dear friend and Life Member, Audrey Lawrie. Audrey was an inspirational member of the Cottage for many years and a tireless volunteer. During her time with us, she contributed to many decisions and initiatives whose benefits we continue to enjoy today. Audrey, your smile will be missed, but never forgotten.

As always, I am excited about the exhibitions coming up at the Cottage over the next few months. It is always such an exciting time of year.

Oh, and I must mention how lovely the gardens are looking! Thank you to everyone who helps keep our Cottage and its surrounds such a beautiful and welcoming place.

Be safe, be kind and be creative.

Karen



Valued Volunteer - Elaine Bienholz

It All Started with a Gift



Who would have thought that one simple gift from the man you love could lead to more than two decades of creativity, friendship and community?

For Elaine Bienholz, that's exactly what happened!

It all began back in 2000 when Elaine and her husband, Heinz, were living in Brisbane. Elaine had recently retired and, while walking past an art shop in George Street, Heinz spotted an art kit and decided it would make the perfect gift for his wife.

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Thankfully, she didn't give up!

After Elaine and Heinz moved to Buderim in 2004, it wasn't long before Elaine discovered the Buderim Craft Cottage.

A couple of years later, she arrived at the Cottage expecting art lessons and was initially a little unsure about what to do.



Audrey, the Group Leader at the time, quickly solved that problem with some wonderfully straightforward advice:

"Go out and pick a branch off a tree and just draw it!"

And draw it she did!

Elaine fondly remembers Audrey,



Elizabeth and the two Jans — Grady and Nelson — who encouraged her and helped nurture not only her creativity, but also her love for the Cottage.

Since those early days, Elaine has certainly made her mark. She has generously volunteered countless hours and taken on many roles, including President, Secretary and Group Leader.

But titles only tell part of the story.

Elaine has been a wonderful champion



of the Cottage — encouraging creativity, welcoming others, getting involved and embracing the friendship and community spirit that make the Cottage so special.

Elaine, your enthusiasm and love for the Cottage are infectious! Over the years, you have shared your creativity, friendship



and encouragement with so many fellow artists and Cottage members.

Thank you for the many hours you have given, the friendships you have made and the enthusiasm you continue to share.

And Heinz, that art kit turned out to be a pretty good gift!

After all, look where it led...

Karen



Vice-President Property Update - Aug 2026



Hello everyone,

I am pleased to report that our new concertina doors were installed a few weeks ago. They provide a modern, streamlined look while creating additional privacy between Studio North and the main workroom.

We're also making progress on additional storage for the main workroom. Quotes have been obtained, a request has been submitted to Council to proceed, and we've lodged a grant application with the Buderim Foundation to help fund the project.

The ramp shed door has recently been replaced, along with the lock, and it now opens more easily. We've accepted a quote for installing an awning over the top of the ramp to help protect both the ramp shed door

and the back door of the cottage from the weather. In addition, a new security screen door has been ordered for the back door entrance. Both should be installed by the end of September.

Looking back over the past few months, it seems our maintenance focus has been all about doors. Each improvement is making the cottage more functional, secure and welcoming for everyone.

There are always jobs to be done around the property, but it is rewarding to see these improvements taking shape and making a real difference to our shared spaces. Thank you to everyone who has helped with, or contributed to, these projects. I look forward to keeping you updated as we continue to improve and maintain the cottage.

Until next time, happy creating!

Margaret



Silversmiths Group Update



The Silversmiths have been buzzing with creativity! Member Glenn recently led an inspiring in-house workshop on stone setting, while Cherie's micro-macramé classes have introduced members to an enjoyable new skill.

The group is now busily creating an exciting collection of unique handcrafted pieces for its upcoming exhibition, running from Friday 23 October to Sunday 1 November. Everyone is warmly invited to the opening-night soirée on Friday 23 October at 5.30 pm—come along, meet the makers and enjoy a wonderful evening of creativity and craftsmanship.



Mixed Media

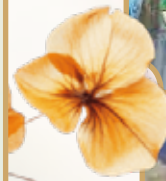


of artwork showed a variety of different ideas and approaches to the subject. And of course, amazing creative talent.



OUR AMAZING PLANET EXHIBITION 2026

MixedMedia's annualexhibition was officially opened by our special guest and talented artist, Jandamarra Cadd. It was another successful event for our group with the theme – 'Our Amazing Planet'. Jandamarra gave a heartfelt and informative speech. He shared his thoughts and valuable information which added depth and meaning to our theme. Our exhibition



GREG WUTH'S COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBITION

This exhibition occurred one week after the MM's and was a very special event with all proceeds from sales donated to charities Greg was involved in. Greg was our friend and a member of both Mixed Media and Calligraphy.

Greg's untimely passing was a shock to all, especially MM. Greg left many unfinished paintings which we (Calligraphy and MM) decided to 'finish' for him, forming the basis for the exhibition



VALUED MEMBER'S AFTERNOON TEA

Elaine Bienholz is a valued member of the Buderim Craft Cottage and a special afternoon tea was organised by MMs to show appreciation for her contribution to the Cottage. Elaine is a long-time member of Mixed Media, been a Group Leader, a past President and also Secretary on the BCC Executive committee, and a talented artist. A lovely afternoon was had by all.

A big thankyou Elaine!

(See below 4 presidents with our current president Karen Doyle, then Elaine Bienholz, Jan Nelson and Margaret McGinness.)



Drawing Group

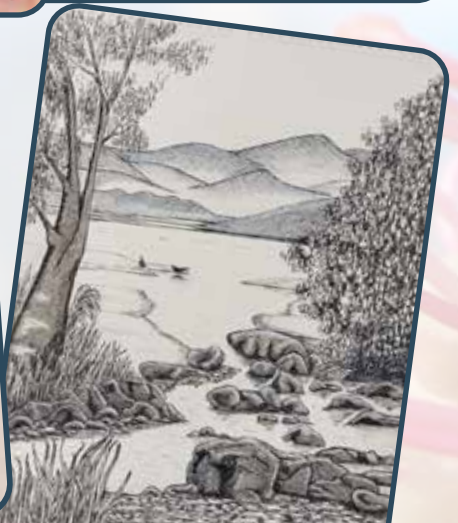
Well, its Spring.

The beautiful season of renewal, bright colours, and warm weather.

A time to celebrate the vibrancy of blooming flowers and baby animals.

Nature at its most splendid.

The time to draw.



*Art is unquestionably one of the purest and highest elements in human happiness.
It trains the mind through the eye, and the eye through the mind.
As the sun colours flowers, so does art colour life.*

— John Lubbock

Life Drawing & Portraiture Group

Would you like to try your hand at drawing from a live model? Free of charge! All materials provided! This opportunity is on offer at our “Figure & Face” Exhibition coming up in September.

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September 24-27, 10am-3pm daily

Open Night:

Thursday 24, 6pm-8pm

Drop-in drawing workshops:

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27, 10am-12noon

The group is pouring all of its energy and ideas into its forthcoming “Figure and Face” Exhibition. Please join us as we celebrate the art of life drawing and portraiture. And bring a friend.

To hone skills and muster enthusiasm for our exhibition, Leader Lisa organised a one-day workshop with artist David Bongiorno. David is a highly skilled figurative and still life artist who shared many approaches to figurative drawing, developing both our anatomical accuracy and expressiveness.

We congratulate two of our members who recently won awards at the Pastel Society of Australia Annual Exhibition:

Dianne Downs won the Alexandra Award for her portrait “My Fair Lady”

Dee Roy won second prize in the Portraiture Category for her portrait “Erudite but Kind”

Hoping you all enjoy our “Figure and Face Exhibition”! See you there!

Kay Weber



Fibre Arts and Surface Design Group



Our exhibition was a great success, both for our group and for the many visitors who attended. A successful group exhibition would not be possible without mutual respect for the creative endeavours of all participants.



What may not have been obvious to the casual observer was the tremendous respect our members have for one another's work. We are a diverse group of artists united by a common thread—our love of fibre. Although our levels of experience and expertise vary, it was clear that everyone had created and presented their very best work. The variety of pieces offered visitors much to explore and appreciate, not only through the artworks



themselves but also through the artists' personal stories and explanations.

As one visitor told me, "Regardless of personal taste, I will always appreciate the gift bestowed upon an artist to create." I feel the same, as I imagine most members of the Buderim Craft Cottage do.

Suzy





Calligraphy and Papercraft Group

Three of our members won prizes for Calligraphy at the Brisbane Ekka. Congratulations to all three on this wonderful achievement, Bethany Stapleton, Margaret Woodgate and Ali Stegert. Their success is a real highlight for our group.

The Calligraphy and Papercraft Exhibition was successful, with beautiful work on display, and plenty of interest from visitors, resulting in two new members joining our group.

One of our members Melanie Holt, a forensic

writing analyst, gave an interesting talk about her work. It provided a fascinating insight into how handwritten forgeries are detected.

To celebrate World Calligraphy Day, members created bookmarks. Using different styles and decorative techniques was a great way to celebrate our shared interest in the art of calligraphy

Roz



Pottery Group

LET'S TALK SCULPTURE GARDEN - October 9 to 18



The upcoming Sculpture Garden Exhibition has inspired Pottery Club members to "dig deep" and create original large works of art. The mood is infectious and ideas are randomly exchanged.

The energy is fuelled by the anticipation of exposure, of sharing one's talents with the Sunshine Coast's art lovers, and indeed with connoisseurs from as far afield as Brisbane.

The exhibition is built on the reputation, and support given in the past to our skilled long-serving members – take a bow, Pam, Jan, Deidre, Josie,



Karel, Judy, Jude, Rosanna, Jane. These stalwarts will step up again this year. While on the subject of stalwarts, our fearless Treasurer Sarina has taken charge of finances for fifteen years. She is a gem. Lee-Ellen too sacrifices time hand-building remarkable pieces as she busies herself with the intricate task of measuring and mixing glazes and oxides for the benefit of all.



Lidia's imaginative creations are popular winners, while Tara takes planning and execution to another level. Margie has successfully set aside her paint brushes and picked up the tools.

Christine and Inge are in a class of their own, be it for the classical or the decidedly quirky. Then Deb and Alex both hit the ground running when they joined a couple of years ago.

Claudia was awarded the



prize for Emerging Artist in 2025 for an exceptional sculpture shown at the renowned Swell Sculpture Festival at Currumbin on the Gold Coast. Poonam creates with distinction where ever the mood takes her.

Anneke is equally adept whether sitting at the wheel or hand building. She has most generously donated more than 20 wheel turned pots that club members will decorate and fire for sale at the exhibition. Monies received go into the Club funds. A big thank you Anneke.

Newish members could also have sculptures on show. Nicky, Suzanne, Kelly, Lyn and Sarah are names to look for.

This is about some of the people who make the Pottery Group under Tara's leadership so successful. Those not specifically mentioned are equally valued, but may not

be exhibiting this year.

What to expect? A titillating and thought provoking selection of flawless decorative pieces that could become a loved feature in your home or garden

Have I piqued your interest? 9 October is a date to remember.

Brenda Mee



Painting Group



The Painting Group is to be warmly congratulated on the outstanding success of this year's Art Expo. The exhibition featured an exceptional variety of artworks, each reflecting the remarkable talent, creativity and dedication of our members. From vibrant contemporary pieces to beautifully observed landscapes, portraits and still-life works, the quality



of the exhibition provided visitors with a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the skill and individuality of our local artists.

The camaraderie, friendship and teamwork within the Painting Group also played an important role in the smooth running of the event. Members worked enthusiastically together throughout the preparation, installation and exhibition, creating a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone who attended.

Opening night was buzzing with warmth, excitement and enthusiasm as friends, families and members of the wider community gathered to admire the artwork, meet the artists and celebrate local creativity. The positive atmosphere continued throughout the exhibition, making the Art Expo a memorable event for both participants and visitors.



Buderim Craft Cottage could not be prouder of the Painting Group or of this magnificent display of artistic talent, friendship and community spirit. Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing such a successful and inspiring exhibition to life.

Jane



This and That

Would you like to contribute to this newsletter?

Send your ideas, articles, and photos to newsletter@buderimcraftcottage.com.au by 27th November 2026. The next newsletter, the Summer edition will be published the first week of December 2026. Please include your name, group, and a contact number.

And don't forget that all photographs must be approved by the participants before being sent.



Discounts for Members

Several local Sunshine Coast businesses give discounts to Cottage members. Phone them to learn more about the discounts on offer.

Accolades (framer and trophies)
26 Nicklin Way, Minyama
Mobile: 0417 208 345
Email: accoladesawards@yahoo.com.au

Eckersley Art Store
11 Nicklin Way, Minyama
Phone 07 5444 0311

Sunshine Coast Art & Framing Gallery
8 Nicklin Way, Minyama
Phone 07 5444 0009

Johno's Fabric Variety
77 Duport Avenue, Maroochydore
Phone 07 5443 5966

Art School Co
32 Wises Road (next to IGA)
Mobile 0491 756 172

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