

NEWS FROM THE EBACC April MONTHLY MEETING Monday 11th April Meeting 2016

The news from this meeting will not start in the usual orderly fashion because there was nothing orderly about the behaviour of the pottery girls who insisted that everyone visit the pottery space to admire the new cupboards! You may wish to view a couple of photos on our Facebook page or the web site. Everyone of course was suitably impressed then allowed to return to the clean room to get on with business.

Membership

Members paid in full to date total 85.

Classes

All nearly full apart from the children's pottery (as 3 students will be away for term 2), and a few spots in Art and Watercolour and Tuesday Patchwork.

If you know anyone wanting to join, please let one of the committee know and we can pass on the details to our tutors.

Waiting lists

Adult Pottery: 18 in total. Katherine is planning an extra class in Term 3 so these numbers should reduce.

Silvercraft: 7 in total. Waiting list has reduced as new class starting in Term 2, Tuesday 2-5pm.

Workshops

CONFIRMED:

Gelatine Printing, with Karen McPhee. 15th & 22nd May. Class is full. Several people on waiting list. Will see how first offering goes and potentially offer again.

Recycling Denim. 28th May & 4th June - no applicants as yet.

Shibori Dyeing. 30th July, 6th & 13th August. Not yet advertised.

Crochet for Beginners with Sabine Parge. 18th & 25th June. We already have several people on the waiting list.

PROPOSED:

Basketry, Felt scarves etc. – all with Lindsay Cameron. Several people very keen on the basket weaving, so let us know if you are interested.

Functional Art Glass – possibility to run another workshop. Discussions on hold as Robyn Lowe is currently unavailable. This will be followed up when Gwynneth returns from holiday.

Boobs & Bags

A total of 110 comfort cushions have been supplied to the hospital already this year with the request for as many more as can be made a.s.a.p. There are plenty of cushion covers ready to go, so the stitchery ladies would be very happy to have a few volunteers who would be happy to spend a couple of hours at our centre just stuffing on Thursdays 12-3pm!

Council

We are following up with council to investigate the possibility of constructing a covered walkway between the 2 buildings, and to place weather proof roofing on the pergola.



**THE PATCHWORK GROUP WORKING ON
THEIR DAYS FOR GIRLS PROJECT**

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Garbage Bins

While this may sound like a rather mundane item of little interest for a newsletter, having one of our bins stolen has caused numerous problems. A replacement has been organised but due to our requests it has come to light that we are required to pay an annual fee to have this service of garbage collection provided. This becomes another expense that we have to cover at the cost of \$382.00 per annum. Having said this we are a not for profit organisation and therefore do not pay council rates. We can't have our cake and eat it too !

Mural

For far too long we hear the old comment "we did not know you were there" - so never fear we are working on it and one of our artists, Meg has come up with a stunning concept that we will submit to Council for approval.

If council agrees maybe everyone will be talking about that building with lovely bright colours on the wall sooner rather than later.

Contact form for parents of students

With the safety of our younger students in mind we have now developed a form for all parents to complete that includes their emergency contact details; a request for parents to ensure they sign their child in and out of each class; who will be picking them up after class. With the current climate we consider it important to take every precaution to provide a safe environment for children in our care.

The Silvercraft class missing equipment

We eagerly await the start of term 2 in the hope that the missing tools (mentioned in the last newsletter) have been located and returned to Marie. What a lovely start to the term that would be for her.

Ettalong Diggers Club

Our lovely EBACC cards are now included in a display with other local business cards as part of their contribution to the Central Coast tourist information service in the Club's foyer. Next time you pay a visit to this club, check out the cards and if ours cannot be seen let a committee member know and someone will replenish the supply.

Quilters rejoice!

The committee has agreed to investigate the viability of purchasing a long arm quilting machine that would assist the students to complete their quilts more efficiently. If this process comes to pass it will be on a user pays basis that would eventually see the machine pay for itself.

Facebook

Last week Facebook reported:

The weekly total reach increased from 285 to 406 = 42.5%

People engaged increased from 29 to 62 = 113.8%

Total page likes increased from 281 to 283 = 0.7% (only 2 extra likes but better than none we think)

Admittedly not a lot of total page likes but the other figures show a growing awareness and following from the community. All very good news for all of us.

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Make sure you visit our [Facebook page](#), “share” our posts on your own page to spread our creative news and also visit our [website](#) and let us know what you like and things you would like to see posted.

We love having input from our family of members especially when there is something to celebrate and good news to share!

Keeping informed

For your convenience you will now find folders on the tutor’s desk (in the grey magazine holder) that contain:

- A copy of the AGM minutes and annual reports.
- Minutes of 2016 meetings
- Job descriptions for the positions held by the committee members

As we progress with setting new processes in place there will be a copy of each available.

Term 2 Start Date

We must all have the 2nd May highlighted on our calendars as another term of creative activities commences for all of our members.

Come to your first class bearing cheques or the correct cash ready to pay your term fees please to help us keep our records up to date.

Contact details

Don’t forget to inform us if you have made any changes to your address, phone or email details

Gosford Show

The weekend of April 30th and May 1st is drawing near for the annual Gosford Regional Show.

Come along with family and friends and whilst there be sure to visit the quilters and potters in The Dwyer Pavilion who will be displaying their artworks.

On the Grapevine

(AN EXCERPT FROM LINKEDIN)

Critical Things Ridiculously Successful People Do Every Day

“The difference between successful people and very successful people is that very successful people say ‘no’ to almost everything.” If something is not a ‘Hell Yeah!’ then it’s a no.”

Remember, you only have 1,440 minutes in a day. Don’t give them away easily.

*That’s all!
your EBACC committee*

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