



INVITATION TO ALL THE CREATIVE ARTS - and the artists who make it happen.

An Arts Week is planned for Bellingen Shire from 10 - 17 January 2021 when normally Camp Creative would have been held.

The previous Arts Week, held in 2013, was a great success. We are hoping this event will give a much needed boost to creatives and encourage visitors to the Shire after a difficult few months.

Arts week will include:

- * Displays of 2D & 3D work in cafes, shopfronts, libraries & information centres in Urunga Bellingen, and Dorrigo and surrounds
- * Workshops and performances
- * Open studio visits
- * Local gallery participation
- * Musicians, writers, actors, filmmakers invited to join in

Artists and performers interested in taking part or wanting more information please contact us as soon as possible.

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President's message

I'm not sure how I'll remember 2020. It's been like a dream, full of the pestilences! Hopefully we avoid the locusts! Despite the difficulties and the ongoing worries, life goes on, even if that means it may never be the same. So many people have contributed to maintaining the momentum of the gallery during this difficult time. There are too many to mention. A huge thank you to all of you from all of us.

Given the closure of the The Art Space until recently, it's given the Committee some valuable time to think about the future, especially around some new ideas and how we can improve what we do. It was wonderful to see the online exhibition for *Burnt*. A special thank you to Toni Southwell for the time she put into turning this long thought about idea into a reality. Some positives have come out of this time, and an online presence was certainly one of them for the gallery. To build on this, we'll be thinking further over the next few months about how to invest in a quality photographic portfolio for The Art Space, both as an online sales possibility, but also as an exhibition record.

Over the coming months, we'll also be focusing on improving information management around membership. Once again thanks Toni for getting this started with an online membership form. A gentle reminder that with the arrival of the new Financial Year, membership renewals are now due.

As we enter a new Financial Year, the Committee is preparing for our Annual General Meeting. We'll let you know the date as soon as it's confirmed. I strongly encourage you to attend. There's no doubt this year our reports will be as never before! Please bring your ideas along and as always, if you aren't already involved as a Committee or Sub-Committee member and would like to be, it would be great to have your contribution. Despite the significant challenges, The Art Space is in a strong position to face an even more vibrant future.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish you, your family and friends health and peace at this time.

Penny Adams

