



# THE ART SPACE

## NEWSLETTER

### *We asked and you delivered!*

A HUUUGE thank you to all the artists who donated to our AC/DC fundraiser. Because of your overwhelming generosity, we raised nearly \$5000 towards new lighting for the Art Space, which will benefit us all in lighting our work professionally. Many people (including many artists) bagged a bargain; a win/win all round!

The good folk at Planet Lighting in Bellingen are putting together a quote for us, and the money raised from your donations will go a long way towards lighting up our gallery.

And for coming up with the original idea, many many thanks to Carol Knight and Guus Brunnekreef.

### *Coming up @ the Art Space*

**20/20 Vision, Artists with Disabilities** 21-29 November

**Working Bee** 1 - 3 December

**Summer Show** registrations due 31st November

**Members' Summer Show** 8 Dec - 24 January, incorporating

**Bellingen Shire Arts Week**, 10 - 17 January

**The Core Crew**, Committee and helpers 29th January - 3 March

**A Fresh Change**, selected group show, 6 March - 7 April

The members' Summer Show, open to all members, is just around the corner! The **Summer Show** is generally our biggest (in terms of number of works) and one of the best in terms of sales, as we have many visitors to the area over that time. Entry forms can be filled out at the gallery, or online at [artspaceurunga.com](http://artspaceurunga.com) Get your entries in by **Monday November 30**. The Summer Show opens on Dec 8th.

This year, the Summer Show also incorporates the **Bellingen Shire Arts Week**, with the Art Space providing the Urunga Hub for the Shire. Arts Week runs from 10-17 January, and the opening of Arts Week will be held in Urunga at 10:30 am on Sunday 10th January, showcasing David Bromley's mural on Bowra St. Please join us for the festivities!

**THE SUMMER SHOW**  
Calling all Art Space Members

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Register Now online - show opens 8th Dec 2020

## *Artist of the month*

### **Adrienne Hmelnitsky**

From the very earliest days of the Urunga 'pop up' gallery, Adrienne has been a pivotal and valued member of the Art Space.

Growing up in a family that valued all types of creative pursuits, there was never a time that Adrienne can remember that she wasn't drawing. She began exhibiting as a practicing artist in the 1990s, and over the years has developed mastery in various art forms, including painting, drawing, collage and sculpture.

Adrienne has a particular love of life drawing, and her works depicting the human form are unfailingly elegant and emotive.

Most recently, her sculptures have also gained a lot of attention, particularly the collaboration with Nick Warfield and Brentyn Lugnan, 'Warraaday', on the road to Hungry Head, and her recent win in the 2020 Small Sculpture prize with the poignantly beautiful 'Loss'.

Adrienne's creativity is a fundamental part of who she is, and the Art Space is all the better for it. Although a new business means less time for her 'traditional' art, there is little doubt that she will be part of the arts community in Urunga for many years to come.



## *President's Report*

It's hard to believe that the end of another year is nearly here...Melbourne Cup and it's a steady slide to Christmas decorations and too much food.

While 2020 has been such a difficult year I'm pleased to report that the end of the year has delivered a good report card for The Art Space. There is no doubt that COVID restrictions have affected our sales. However, we have forged on, with a successful online exhibition, a fundraiser with generous donations from our member artists to upgrade lighting in the gallery, and most recently a sensational NAIDOC exhibition with lots of interest, great feedback and healthy sales.

Significantly, 2020 has seen the expansion of our gift shop in the gallery. It is the only gift shop in Urunga, and the lower cost items for sale in this area, compared to the exhibition works, have been very popular, especially with tourists. While the Committee acknowledges the income generating potential of the gift shop, we are also focused on maintaining the quality of items for sale to align with the high artistic standards set by the gallery. For each new artist wishing to sell work through the gift shop, the Committee will look at a sample of the work and deliver a consensus vote on including the new items for sale. We will also work with gift shop artists to include them on the volunteer roster for supervising the gallery four days per year.

None of the gallery's achievements would happen without the incredible generosity of our volunteers. The wonderful contribution of each member of the Committee, plus all the other people who give their time and skills to The Art Space is so appreciated. Beyond the dedicated work of the Committee members, I would particularly like to thank Jenny Goode who organises volunteers to sit in the gallery during opening hours, and Gethin Coles and Danielle Hickey for the consistently brilliant artwork on our posters and flyers. We are very fortunate to have access to such big-hearted and talented people.

I look forward to year ahead that will be even better; hopefully under easier conditions. On behalf of the Committee, I wish all Members a happy festive season and health and peace in 2021.

***Penny Adams***

## *A note from the Treasurer*

Volunteers on duty in the gallery have generally been maintaining the daily Sales Sheet properly and clearly. There have, however, been a small number of sales where the name of the artist has not been recorded in the Sales Sheet. (This has most often been the case with the sale of cards). There have also been a couple of occasions where "Square" (electronic) sales have not been recorded in the Sales Sheet. In these cases it is not possible for me to know the artist to be paid for the sale.

If you are an artist with work for sale in the gallery, it would be wise to keep an inventory of your work. Please let me know if you have had work in the gallery which may have been an unrecorded sale.

***Chris Wynne***