



THE ART SPACE

NEWSLETTER

Here are some of our upcoming exhibitions:

Coming up @theArtSpace

Water, Selected Group Show, 16th March - 16th April

Girls' Night Out, Selected Group Show, 20th April - 14th May

Apron Strings - the ties that bind, Selected Group Show, 18th May - 18th June

Winter Members Show
22nd June - 30th July

Selected Group Shows, expressions of interest

Expressions of Interest are now open for two Selected Group Shows.

Girls' Night Out, our exhibition celebrating some of our women artists, will run from 20th April to 14th May.

Apron Strings: the ties that bind will run from 18th May to the 18th June.

If you are interested in being considered for either of these exhibitions, fill in the forms here, before the cut-off date:

<https://artspaceurunga.com/expression-of-interest/>

Here's One for the Blokes, showcasing some of our male artists, is well underway at the Art Space. It's well worth a visit - there is some excellent artwork on display, in an exhibition that has been beautifully curated by Chris Wilson and Helen Aiken.

We are always looking for members to help with curating and hanging our exhibitions. If this is something that you would like to assist with, please let us know by getting in touch with a committee member.

Coming up in March is *Water*, a Selected Group Show where we expect the theme will be interpreted in many ways. There is certain to be some beautiful examples of our beaches, rivers and waterfalls, but look out for some surprises as well! *Water* will run from 16th March to the 16th April.

Two more selected group shows are scheduled before the Winter Members Show. If you are wanting to be considered for either of these, make sure you get your expressions of interest in before the 5th March for *Girls*, and 12th March for *Apron Strings*. Details are in the column on the left.

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water

exhibition: 16th Mar to 16th April
 opening night: Sat 18th Mar, 5 to 6:30pm
 the art space: 13 Bonville Street, Urunga

"Parting Oceans From Sky" by Alexandra Byrne, 2023

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Artist of the month

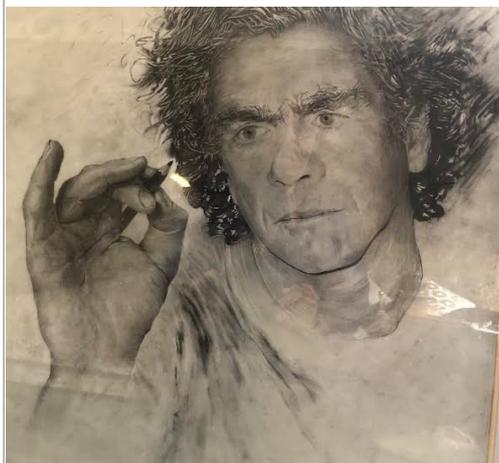
Geoff McSkimming

Part of a prodigiously talented family, Geoff is a sculptor, drawer, painter and photographer.

His work, particularly his sculptures, often have an oriental feel to them - no doubt influenced by his many visits to Japan. Having been an art teacher in secondary school for many years, after retirement, Geoff now finally has time to enjoy extended time in his studio, where he pursues his varied art forms. He is inspired, he says, by friends and family, as well as the beauty of our natural environment.

Geoff is one of the unsung heroes of the Art Space. He recently organised and supervised the very successful working bee at the gallery, and, with the help of those who came to lend a hand, had all the tasks completed a day earlier than expected. He is also responsible for many of the upgrades the gallery has had over the last few years. Plus, he runs art classes for adults at the gallery every Wednesday!

We are so lucky to have Geoff as part of our gallery.



President's Report

Belated greetings for the New Year. I hope it's been good for you so far.

In my report for this newsletter, I thought I'd introduce you to the current Art Space Committee. I've put the names in alphabetical order.

Linda Coomber, Gallery Manager continues her wonderful work in managing the day-to-day operations of the gallery and planning for future exhibitions, including the 2023 Urunga Small Sculpture Prize.

Hugh Wade, Social Media/Website Coordinator/Assistant Treasurer is doing a great job in lifting the profile of the gallery on social media. He has been working over the last couple of months with a local website designer to redesign our website, to improve navigation and make online payments easier for our members and more manageable from an administrative perspective. Hugh also helps the Treasurer with day-to-day reconciliation of the books.

Lyn Walsh, Member Services Coordinator is doing a wonderful job managing the membership database. She's also committed to delivering a Members' Forum later in the year as an informal social gathering, but also as an opportunity for members to contribute their ideas for further improving the gallery.

Rosie Wickert, Grants Coordinator. Rosie brings many years of experience to provide input into governance, strategic direction of the gallery and the delivery of high-quality submissions for grants that are compatible with the gallery's direction and administrative resources.

Chris Wilson, Marketing Coordinator. As an experienced artist, Chris brings tremendous depth to our marketing strategies. There's never enough money to do as much we'd like of course, but Chris's suggestions always get the best bang for our buck. She also adds her lovely voice to local media interviews to promote each exhibition.

Ceri Wrobel, Secretary is a new member of our Committee. Already, she's added so much energy to the Secretary's role. In addition, she's been working hard to lift our profile in the community, through her strong connections with local radio and her social media skills.

Chris Wynne, Treasurer maintains his role in managing our day-to-day finances, in partnership with the Gallery Manager and Assistant Treasurer.

Hopefully, you're as impressed as I have been by the depth of skills in our current Committee. It does seem though, that in order to have a seat at the table, you need to have a surname starting with 'W'....apart from you and I Linda 😊.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next opening.

Penny Adams – President Art Space Urunga

Expressions of interest
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