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President's Report

Hi to all members of our CACA community. I hope and trust you are all well when you receive this update.

The last quarter as I am sure many of you are aware, has been very exciting and challenging.

In this edition, I wish to just give you a quick update overall about CACA.

The articles as per normal, includes updates via each of the groups, which are extremely well put together – thank you for each of you who has helped our Editor, Maureen, put their piece together. Maureen puts in a great amount of energy and effort in compiling and issuing these Editions – Thank you Maureen.

I am extremely pleased to advise that Susan Dickie has been nominated to the Management Committee to fill the position of Vice President, which has been approved under the CACA Constitution. Thank you Susan for your acceptance of this position.

From an operational view, we have had two major events throughout this period, being the Destash Market and then the Mothers Day Fair. Both events were remarkably successful, with great interest being shown in running another market later on in the year. The Mothers Day fair was a greater success than the comparable Fair in 2024, and we will be running our next Fair later in November 2025. Once again, thank you to all members who helped in the events, with special thanks to those who were responsible for the delivery of both events.

In regard to the overall responsibility of CACA, the Management Committee has been very busy ensuring all matters of governance and responsibility for the centre including all operational matters, have and are, being addressed. The Strategic Plan which I have commented on in earlier Editions, has now been approved by the Committee. We are now ensuring the plan forms part of our normal monthly agenda.

As reported in previous Editions, we have now received a draft lease agreement for consideration from the Sunshine Coast Council, but with conditions, for a 30 year period. However, under this draft agreement, if the conditions were not met, the lease may revert to a rollover, one year type, lease. Our current agreement expires December 2025. We are still in discussions with Council.

Thank you for your contributions to the Centre.

Mike McDonald OAM.



Happy Yarners

Hello from the Happy Yarners,

We've had a productive start to this time of the year. We sincerely hope that everyone's Easter was a good one for you.

Our members have made 10 "Sky Whale Mumas" for the Horizon Festival which happens to fall on the same time as our Mother's Day Fair. SCU at Sippy Downs will have the hot air balloons on display over that weekend and will take off (weather permitting) at dawn on the Sunday, showing of the talents of balloon makers and pilots alike. There will be Muma and Dad whale balloons. What a sight that will be.

As you will see the Sky Whale Muma is certainly a different creature than you'd expect from your knowledge of whales in general. Our members generously gave up many hours of their time to get these creatures made in time for the event. My sincere thanks to all those involved in our group for your support of this great venture. Well done all.

Remember, it's not how much you do but that you're there to help out.

Cheers all,



Quilters



Caloundra Quilters meet twice a week, Tuesday evening for Night Owls and Friday morning for the day girls. So many public holidays have fallen on a Friday recently that our day girls must be having withdrawal symptoms!

There has been a lot happening in the quilt group just recently. Edith Blanck was kept busy making a quilt for Caloundra Quilters to celebrate International Women's Day 40th anniversary. Some of our members contributed blocks for inclusion in the quilt and Edith used her time and expertise to put it all together. Thank you, Edith!

A big event was planned to celebrate International Women's Day, but cyclone Alfred put a stop to that, and the display of quilts is now planned for 14th May at the Queensland Quilters Picnic at Mt. Gravatt.

Plans for our Quilt Show at the end of July are well in hand and the quilt committee are busy making sure that the event runs smoothly. Raffle tickets are on sale and there are many valuable prizes to be won.

Meredith, Jenni and Anna are our "Team Treasure". A new monthly venture where pre-loved sewing related items donated by members are sold at our meetings. The proceeds are added to club funds to subsidize workshops and purchase new books for our library.

Members have been busy making "Quilts for Kids" as part of our charity programme. These will eventually find their way to kids in care to provide warmth and comfort in the cool days ahead.

Jan has been busy organising workshops. Our next one, Thread Painting with Terri Ahrens is on Saturday May 31st (Just one day). A mid-week workshop on Wed & Thurs July 9th & 10th will be with visiting tutor, Racheldaisy Dodd, an Australian quilter who makes colourful quilts with a twist.

Plans are underway for monthly demonstrations by members who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise with others. This will cover a variety of topics to suit all levels of skills. This is a perfect way to encourage all our aspiring quilters in our group.

Sit and Sew Dates have been organised for the full year, and we thank Judith and Dianne for ensuring these weekends are well planned.

Sylvia is busy planning bus trips to outside local events. There will be something for everyone to enjoy with friends without the stress of driving!



2032 Olympic Games



CACA was one of many invited by the 2032 Olympic committee to attend a brief on plans for 2032 Olympic Games. Jonathan Jones attended as CACA's representative and following are some of his notes:

Speakers were Mr Andrew N Liveris AO, President Brisbane Organising Committee and Rosanna Natoli Mayor Sunshine Coast.

The Brief was a broad- ranging , high level material focussed on the main aspects of 'The Plan' delivered last week by The Premier. This group are on a big visit itinerary to tell all locations chosen for high levels of Oreos (infrastructure and venues) to imbibe the enormity of the event - the projected number of visitors, athletes, volunteers required (10000) paid positions (1000) being gathered now and eventually building to approx 5000) - awesome stats to gather everyone's attention.

Rosanna had a great positive delivery and concentrated on the huge initial benefits (and accentuated the LEGACY in particular) for the Sunshine Coast.

Jess and Kurt focussed on the athletes expectations - facilities , future usefulness, bringing the young local athletes on board for their future aspirations - and such - very positive and what wonderful Ambassadors they are !

Early Community Input has been called for - very strong on that aspect at this planning stage and they all encouraged all reps there to give up suggestions eg, volunteers - service organisations (eg ROTARY) will be involved as probably many more clubs and ASSOCIATIONS.

Promotion booklets have been ordered for CACA.



Jess Fox - Olympian and Kurt Furnley - Para Olympian pictured with Jonathan Jones AM.



Community Button Bowl

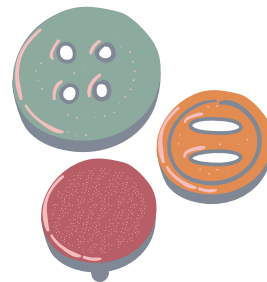
Have you ever wondered how much joy a little piece of plastic can bring?

The new Community Button Therapy Bowl was created by Seaside Scrappers for the entire CACA community. Please feel free to play, sort, feel and touch to your hearts content.

Buttons have so many uses and we have such a wide and diverse group of people visit our centre, we can all use buttons in different ways. Whether that be in a traditional fastener type of way or an embellishment for your project, you might even use them to create texture in paint or pottery. No matter how you use them, if you need a button or 2 please feel free to dig through and find what you need.

If you don't need a button, but would like to take a moment to escape from the world, dip your hands into the bowl and feel the magic. Some buttons may bring back memories from a time in the past or a certain dress, please take the time to reminisce.

And lastly, If you have buttons at home that you know you will never use, please feel free to add them to the bowl - you never know how much joy your button could bring to someone.



Embroiderers



Welcome to May!! We are thrilled and honoured to have a piece of work created by Dot Black from our butterfly display last September on the cover. Thank you.

Embroiderers have had a change of leadership following Anne's retirement. We thank you Anne for your tireless work organising us and arranging such pleasant events that we have been able to share with, not only others here at CACA but others from both Buderim and Bribie. I have "picked up the keys" and we continue along with our friendly chatty afternoons.

During March, several of us were able to join the Buderim ladies with the Bribie ladies to celebrate International Women's Day. It was lovely to see their creations made after our Friendship Day in 2024 with the slow stitching challenge we set. It was thrilling to hear how much they enjoyed it.

We would like to congratulate Carolyn and all of our fellow members for yet another successful Fair in May. As there were a number of long weekends that involved no Friday meetings with Easter, Anzac Day and the set up the Fair, we invited any Quilters to join us. I must say it was really nice to see some of the ladies accept the invitation and join us.

Currently we are working on a Stitch book with ladies expanding their embroidery horizons whilst we are well underway with the planning for a Jenny Clouston workshop.

We must welcome home our intrepid travellers with one of their photos. Yes its Kelly and Tanya enjoying everything just as only twins can, exploring all over Paris and further into the south of France!!

To close, this tale began with a reference to our display last year....watch this space in November. We are already working on our creations in preparation for 2025!!



Pottery

Greetings from Caloundra Potters.

It is with a sense of deep satisfaction that we realise we have produced a lot of work this quarter. It has been very encouraging and inspiring to see some beautiful unique pottery and sculptures emerge from our humble lumps of clay. Our newer members are slotting in well, after spending some time with Jan who helped to familiarise them with some basic techniques.

One of the special qualities of this group is the willingness of experienced potters who share their established potting skills with others. This adds to an atmosphere of creative inspiration which contributes to building confidence in our potting abilities. It's a learning journey, which requires patience and experimentation and encouragement from qualified potters is greatly appreciated.

Recently our dedicated kiln team worked hard to keep up with the amount of pottery items created for sale at the yearly Mother's Day Fair, a weekend event held in the premises of CACA. We're so grateful for their careful kiln packing and unpacking, for their time and efforts spent to bring our pots into fruition. Consequently the Fair was a big success and the general feedback about the event was pleasing.

Congratulations to those who sold their pottery, particularly those who for the first time, courageously, submitted their works. Many thanks to the general public who attended the event and supported us by purchasing our artworks. We are touched by this gesture.

The Fair was well attended and Patrons helped themselves to some great plant bargains from the plant stall.

We would also like to thank the Fair Committee, the Conveners and all the volunteers from the various groups who, by their contributions of time and effort, made the Fair such a successful, delightful event.

Thanks to Julia who has been producing some new glazes which we have been experimenting with. We have purchased some heavy duty Dollies from the Men's Shed. These are used to house chemicals used in the glaze-making process. We also purchased a new vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter.

Our talented ceramicist, Jan is one of the finalists in the Local Contemporary Art Prize 2025, originally known as "Local Artist -Local Content", which was created by the Friends Regional Gallery Caloundra Inc. Jan's work is so fine and delicate. She is a great asset to our group with a wide range of pottery skills and techniques, which she generously shares. We wish you well Jan.

We are in the process of designing a commemorative bird bath to acknowledge our 50 year celebrations of Caloundra Potters. What a privilege it is to be part of a group with such a long legacy of sustained imaginative creativity still producing unique artworks to the delight of our current membership. We have much to be thankful for this rich creative blessing in our lives.



Friday Art

It has been a slow start to 2025 for our group. Weather seemed to effect numbers attendants at the beginning of the year, and unfortunately health problems for some of our members has been another contributor to nonattendance. Hopefully then next quarter will be better.

We send all our members who have been ill our love and strength to get better soon.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

This year we have had a lot of enquiries from interested community members interested in taking up art lessons (unfortunately our group do not offer lessons).

PERHAPS THERE IS A NEED TO HAVE A GROUP THAT CAN OFFER LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS OR A LIKE....

WELL WISHES go to one of valued members Neil Clarke who has decided to take on a position as Treasurer for the Kawana Seniors. All the best Neil you will be missed by our members.

DONATION

This year Friday Art Group donated \$200 to the WISHLIST SUNSHINE COAST HEALTH FOUNDATION.

MOTHERS DAY FAIR

We had a good attendance from Friday Art Group to help with Registration Day and over the weekend. I thank you ladies for your continued devotion to volunteer for these events.

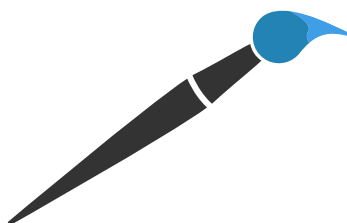
DISPLAY CABINET

This year we have our display in August. Our members will be working towards making it a lovely display to be a showcase of our members talents. Be sure to drop by Sturgess during August.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on board as the weather cools down the creative juices warm up Friday Art Group Leader 😊

Friday Art Group Leader
Janelle Dempster





Hard Pressed Printers

At the start of the Hard Pressed Printers Autumn newsletter we would like to thank our outgoing office bearers and welcome in the new 2025 committee.

Special appreciation to Jann McLennan who, as retiring group leader has served H.P.P. with professionalism and grace for the past three years. To honour her service Lin Smith presented Jann with one of her gorgeous decorated cakes. Lin has also generously agreed to take over the role of H.P.P. group leader and first key holder. The office of secretary and second key holder has become a shared position rotating around group members on a monthly basis. Sue Dickie will continue as our able and efficient treasurer and Dianne Hine will continue to write art-i-facts. Barbi Hemming continues in her role of "new members support " and Jann McLennan continues as H.P.P. representative on the Fair committee. Ellen Kelly has agreed to look after H.P.P. resources. Thankyou to all members who have volunteered for a role this year. Your efforts help to make H.P.P. the friendly, welcoming group it is.

Also many thanks to H.P.P. members who crafted the colourful information folders for the C.A.C.A stall at the Avanti Health Centre open day. This is an annual event that helps promote Caloundra Arts and Craft Association activities.

Our first workshop of the year was hosted by Carmel Campbell who shared her skill and experience with the Colagraph technique. Using a printing press and a simple cardboard block it is an inexpensive print form that produces exciting and varied results. Many thanks to Carmel for helping members extend their knowledge of this form of printing.

H.P.P. members first challenge of the year explored the "gelli-plate" printing method to create an art piece using complimentary colours. Some exciting 3D objects, collages and prints in simple and more complicated designs both bold and striking met the challenge of using a limited and specific colour challenge. Understanding the print process and pursuing the "perfect print" often utilises graphic design principles and various art techniques eg: collage, paper mache and drawing. The visual effect of a print often takes skill and knowledge in its preparation. Even "accidental" beautiful or clever prints have knowledge of colour and form behind them.

H.P.P. are always proud to display examples of the printed craft in the foyer display cabinet during April. Our 2025 display was one of our most varied and creative. Thankyou to Blanche Hawthorne for setting up the showcase.

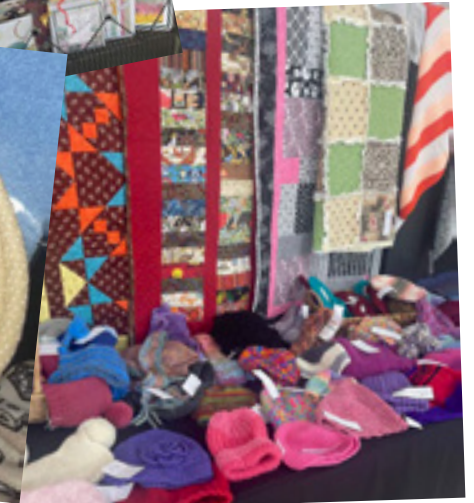
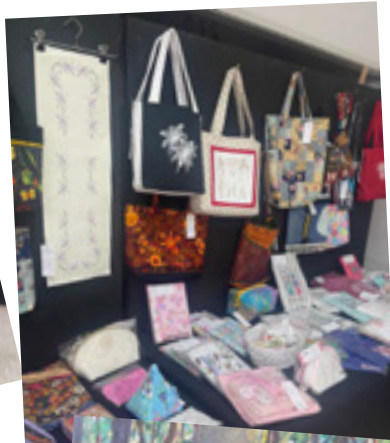


Also thanks to all members who contributed works to sell or volunteered in any capacity to the Mother's Day Fair. The H.P.P. stall was once again filled with wonderful examples of the printed form and attracted lots of interest and sales. Finally congratulations to H.P.P. member Judith Boyes whose artwork titled "Bromeliads" has been selected as a finalist in the Milburn Art Prize at the Brisbane Institute of Art. We wish Judith the best of luck for the competition. The winter season promises to be a busy and active one so from H.P.P...till next time.





Mother's Day Fair



Fair Report

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the May Fair whether you were selling or volunteering . A Big thank you to Cacaphonics for the music which was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to the members that helped make things run smoothly and the ones that helped dispose of left over books. I hope to have something sorted for next fair.

We made a net Profit of \$12002.00 for CACA. Well done everyone.

The first prize in the raffle went to Emma of Pottery, second prize to Dawn from Quilters, and third prize to Susan (friend of a potter).

My one comment is about packing up. We advertise that the fair is open until 2 pm, consequently it means we do not start moving the fixtures to start packing up at 1.30 pm.

**Help
needed**

There is a Position Vacant on the kitchen for the November Fair. Everyone have a think about it. You can give me a call on 0408 458 338 to have a chat about it if you are interested. It is a vital part of the Fair.

Lastly I am looking for an APPRENTICE to learn the running of the fair. November would be great opportunity to learn the role as November will be my last as Fair Convenor.

Again thanks everyone for your help.

Carolyn
Fair Convenor
0408 458 339



Machine Embroidery Girls

Machinery Embroidery Girls (MEGS). We are nearly half way through this year and now we have grown to 15 members with Ann and Karen joining us into the dressmaking section. We have room for another couple if anyone is interested. We meet on a Monday from 9 to 4 in Crafty Pelican and Blue Heron rooms. Pop in and say hello if you are at the centre.

Sadly we scaled down our Biggest Morning Tea. We just had a small one inviting Pumicestone Painting Group to share with us. Thanking the Friday Art Group for their generous donation to the Cancer Fund. The Morning Tea raised \$919.00 and will be greatly appreciated by the Cancer Fund. Many thanks to all who supported us.

Till next time
Carolyn
Group leader.



Sew Happy

North Street Made



North Street Made had a big weekend with the "Mothers Day Fair" and now all of the stock drawers are empty. Everyone will be sewing, painting, dyeing, stitching, tatting, firing etc. to get the stock built up again.

We are open 10 - 2 daily, please feel free to pop and check out all of the new items in the coming weeks.

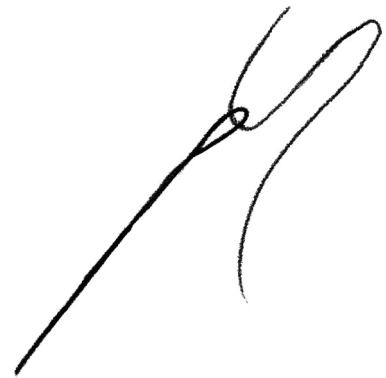
Regards
Lyn Weston



Stitchers



The last few weeks has seen our members busy working on their various projects. Many took a break from these on the 23rd April, and enjoyed a social day out on a bus trip organised by Yvonne. Our first stop was the Ginger factory at Yandina where many walked through the beautiful gardens and others enjoyed a delicious morning tea. Their array of plants was amazing and the walk under the canopy of umbrellas was so special.



Destash Market

Our March Destash Market was very successful and we were surprised and pleased that 30 individuals (including 2 groups) booked tables which meant that we had to utilize the whole of the CACA buildings and Courtyard. All comments received on the day were very positive. We made a gross profit of \$2,326 and as a bonus, we gained 4 new Annual Members and 4 new Part Time Members for CACA.

The only dampener on the day was the weather. We are sure that if it had been a sunny day more visitors would have attended.

I would like to thank everyone that was involved starting with the ladies and groups that booked tables, Marilyn Owen and her team of volunteers who baked and willingly gave their time to assist and sell morning teas and lunches, all members who helped with sales and hostessing, and those who donated additional items for sale on the CACA tables. Last not but not least those who helped with setting up, the advertising and signage, and then the packing up.

We are now currently taking bookings for our September 20th Destash Market. Already, we have 25 bookings and the cut off point will be 36 tables.

Rosemary Gowlett & Carolyn Price.





Creative Arts

The last 3 months have flown quickly for our group, with some of them on various holidays including a 3-month cruise. Meanwhile, our group still works together, creating and having a lovely time.

Congratulations to Christopher Blake for being a finalist in the prestigious Doyles Awards!

Also, the lovely talented Teresa Durie is off to Japan with views of arranging an exhibition there. Teresa has exhibited in South Korea and will do so again this year. Her work is sublime, with her favoured subject matter being of ballerinas under the spotlight!

Two of our members, Tricia Wheatstone and Jenny Newbound have just finished participating in the Sunshine Coast Open Studios.

Currently, our group is gearing up to exhibit yet again in December 2025 and January 2026 at Beerwah library, showcasing our work to the wider community, as well as bringing awareness that we are part of a larger group – the Caloundra Arts Centre Association.

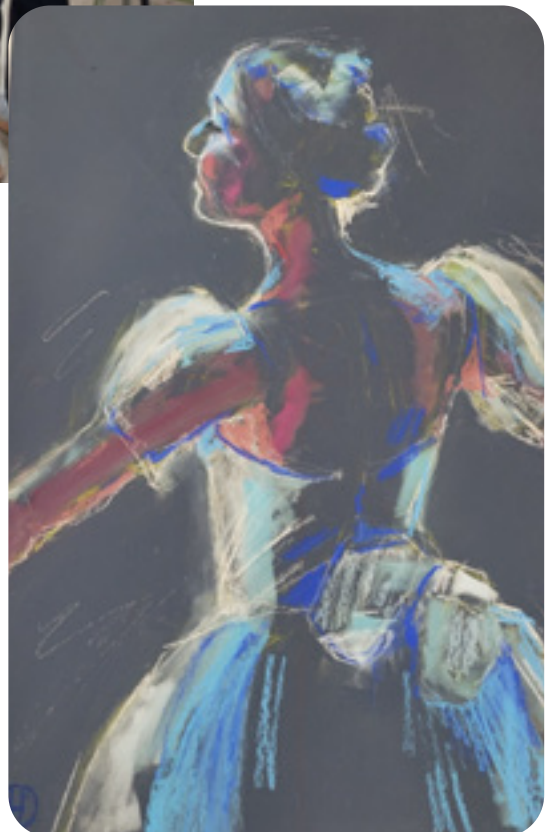
A thank you to Heather Dunlevie for standing in for me the last few weeks as I attended to family needs. It is appreciated.

Happy creating everyone!

Christine Hopkins

Group Leader





WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

➔ LEARN NEW SKILLS AND HAVE FUN WITH LIKEMINDED ARTISTS. ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME!

8 JUNE

Momigami Workshop

3 AUGUST.

Lino Cut Printing Workshop

23 AUGUST

Eco dyeing Workshop.

7 SEPT.

Slow Stitching Workshop

OCTOBER

TBA

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

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Many thanks for supporting the new workshops.

More Workshops being added!

Eco-Dyeing, Slow Stitching,
Lino-cut Printing and more...





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