

HALF DOZEN GROUP OF ARTISTS

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Please support your art group and attend the: **Annual General Meeting and Luncheon**

- Date:** Wednesday 22nd February 2017
- Time:** 11.00 A.M
- Venue:** Your Studio, 37 Quarry Rd, Sherwood
- Note:** You must be a financial member to vote at the AGM - if you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2017, it's not too late to do so!
- What to bring:** Yourself and a plate to share for the luncheon that will follow the formal proceedings.



PHOTOS NEEDED FOR WEBSITE



THE WEBSITE FOR HDGA INC IS BEING UPDATED
Photos of your work are needed!

Whilst the current slideshow on the **Home page** of the website is a wonderful exhibition of members' work, it is *now some years old* and in need of replacement, in order to reflect the **CURRENT WORK** of members.

- ◆ **Each slide** in the new slide-show will contain **BOTH the artist's name and the title of the work** contributed. This is a great opportunity to **advertise** yourself **and** your art group at the same time. As an example, see [www.hdg-artists/gallery/artists' work](http://www.hdg-artists/gallery/artists'work) for last year's Lambert Wall. If you would like to contribute, but prefer anonymity, that's fine too.
- ◆ **New Header for each page completed!** *Everyone* who contributed to the 2016 Annual exhibition will see at least one of their artworks included in the new headers for each page on the new-look website. Check it out !
- ◆ Therefore, as the majority of the most recently available photographs of finished artworks have already been used in the new page headers and Lambert Wall slideshow, **photos of other works are needed to compile a new slideshow for the front page!**

It would be great to receive photos from every member! Please submit photos **by 1st March 2017**, using any of the following methods:

1. By **email** to cjmatanovic@gmail.com or **text mssg** to Chris at 0412780055
2. **Leave printed photo/s** in an envelope in the Studio (addressed to Chris Matanovic)
3. **Post printed photos** to the HDGA: P.O Box 303, Corinda, Qld 4075.

All printed photos will be returned to their owners. Lots of thanks, in advance, for your assistance with this project.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE



HDGA membership fees are due by 31st Dec Yearly. If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2017, it's not too late! See details for how to pay below.

1. Financial members enjoy privileges such as: **Discounted** workshop fees

Organised **Exhibiting** opportunities

Access to newsletters and other regular communications

Social events

2. Fees are used to: Assist in the provision of equipment when needed (such as easels, boards, seating)

Assist in the payment of utility accounts and regulatory safety checks (e.g. electrical system)

Assist in the provision of improvements to the studio- some that have already been installed are: air conditioning, professional lighting, picture rail system, internal painting, etc.

Membership Fees are:

One year \$70

Two years \$135

There are two ways in which you can pay your fee for 2017:

Option 1: Direct Deposit

Account name: Half Dozen Group of Artists

BSB: 484 799

A/c Number: 606007570

Please include **Your name & the word Fees** in the Details for Recipient's Statement



Option 2: Cash, Money Order or Cheque in an Envelope

Please write "your name" and "Annual Fees" on the envelope AND

Place in the locked letter box on the studio kitchen wall.

If you have any enquiries about membership, please contact HDGA Membership Secretary, Robena Elder.

Please also advise Robena IF you have changed any of your contact details. Your prompt response will be hugely appreciated!

Note: If you attend workshops before paying your membership, the non-member fee is applicable.

2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual HDGA Christmas party was held on 24th November 2016. With the studio decorated in festive fashion, members and friends enjoyed a lovely, social evening, partaking of delicious food and drink and catching up with each other. A huge thanks to the members who displayed their work in the studio on the evening!

Here are some snaps of the evening:



2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY Cont..



Exhibitions & Events - 2017 Schedule to date

MAY 2017 (dates to be advised soon):

- ◆ **ANNUAL EXHIBITION** with **FOLIO SHOW** incorporated (2nd Weekend of Exhibition) - in HDGA studio
- ◆ Participation in BVAC Pop Up Shop in Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens - May 6th & 7th

SEPTEMBER 2017 (dates to be advised):

“**ART IN THE PARK**” /EXHIBITION day—HDGA Studio and grounds

NOVEMBER 2017

- ◆ Participation in Sherwood Festival (Friday 11th November 2017)
- ◆ Possible participation in BVAC Pop Up Shop in Auditorium, Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens

Reminder: The HGDA is affiliated with BVAC. For more information on BVAC visit www.bvac.org.au



Committee News - Important Changes



Members have been previously advised that our wonderful **President**, Anna Reynolds, is having to relinquish her role. Anna will be greatly missed in this position. Her dedication and leadership over the past years have not only seen the establishment of a permanent home for the HDGA, but also the enhancement of the group's reputation within the community. It's not all bad news though! Anna will remain actively involved with the group and will also continue to assist with grant applications. A full report on Anna's Presidency will appear in the next newsletter.

Also, **Workshop Co-ordinator**, Linda McNally, is also unable to continue in that role

THEREFORE.....

- A) A NEW PRESIDENT is needed for the HDGA &
- B) A NEW WORKSHOP co-ordinator/committee member is needed for the HDGA. It's not a busy role! Wendy Stevens will be very happy to outline the few duties associated with the position.

Reminder: Nominations for the positions of committee member/s and president must be submitted by 8th February.

A BIG "Thank you" to the following members who have volunteered their time:

Carolyn Farbach: co-convenor/back-up for the Wednesday PM workshop

Tom Mason: co-convenor/back-up for the Tuesday workshop.

Jane Van Dyke: co-convenor/back-up for the Monthly, Friday PM workshop

**The majority of the hard work in establishing the HDGA at 37 Quarry Rd has been done!
We now have a great studio/exhibition area for our workshops and events.**

- ♦ Whilst the committee very much appreciates those members who supported 2016 events and functions, more **member pre-commitment** is needed for such things as **sub-committees** for specific events.
- ♦ Your committee cannot do it all!
- ♦ Future exhibitions and events are reliant on greater member participation in planning and production (i.e. sub-committees).
- ♦ You can choose to be involved with just one, or some, or all events.
- ♦ Your involvement will be hugely welcomed, and you will have fun!
- ♦ Thank you to the couple of members who have already indicated that they will be happy to assist. When the call goes out for a sub-committee, please consider helping.

"Many hands make light work" !! (old proverb).

Studio Cleaning Roster

The Cleaning Roster system is working quite well with the odd exception.

Workshop participants are asked to check the roster and ensure that they do their part in helping keep the studio and toilets clean and tidy for all.

If you're not sure about what needs to be done, please check with your convenor.





Studio News



STUDIO HIRE AVAILABLE, TO MEMBERS ONLY, FOR WEEKEND EXHIBITIONS - TRIAL BASIS

A full set of Rules and costings is being composed and will soon be forwarded to members. Note: the committee will re-evaluate the facilitation of this hiring option, in due course.

CURTAIN RAIL BEHIND DAIS

Following workshop participants' feedback, a curtain rail will be positioned behind the model's dais, to allow for the hanging of props/background materials.

SOLAR PANEL GRANT

The solar panel grant is underway with permission now being received from BCC. The final application will be submitted by 27.03.2017.



NEW CHAIRS AND STOOLS FOR STUDIO

Due to a grant from local Councillor, **Nicole Johnson**, new folding chairs and some new stools have been purchased for the Studio. Many thanks to **David Pagendam** for researching, buying & collecting the items, and also to **Derek Johnston** for helping Dave assemble the stools (also a very time consuming task). The committee is very grateful to Nicole for her continued support of the HDGA.

FLAGPOLE IN HDGA GROUNDS

The leaning flagpole has been removed (presumably by BCC).

MEMBERS' NOTICEBOARD IN STUDIO AND GALLERY



It's fantastic to see the pin-board being used to display members' work. The pic (at left) was taken at the annual Christmas party.

Members are encouraged to keep on using the board and to also hang work in the sitting room and main gallery areas. Ps. Don't forget to sign your work!

CALLING FOR IDEAS, AND DONATIONS OF SUITABLE PROPS FOR WORKSHOPS!!

Before you throw out that small item or piece of colourful fabric, think....HDGA ?? !!

It may be useful in creating different scenes in which to place the models during workshops.

For example: a recent Monday workshop was able to create a "beach-type" scene and atmosphere with the model reclining on some fabric draped over a small box. An opened umbrella sat slightly behind her and a contrasting carry bag (belonging to someone there on the day) was placed in front of the umbrella.

The lack of ample storage space limits the collection of props to smaller items - however, it would be great to have some interesting items on hand, so as to be able to add variety to the workshops at different times.

Please feel free to **approach your convenor** with any ideas that you may have regarding themes and use of props.

Or if you have an **idea about one-off workshops for Wednesdays**, please contact a committee member.

ALL IDEAS AND DONATIONS OF PROPS WELCOME!





Member News



DEREK JOHNSTON



Derek Johnston

The September 2016 newsletter featured an article concerning Derek Johnston's involvement in painting a signal box, under a program run by Brisbane City Council. Derek, as a member of BVAC, was chosen to participate in the scheme.

BVAC, as a group, have now been nominated for an industry award due to the work Derek and two other BVAC members undertook. Council was very taken with their efforts and results (which included Derek's painting of the signal box).

Congratulations Derek and BVAC!



Side view x 1

DELL HARRINGTON

After **over 20 years of convening** the Monday workshops, our much loved Dell is retiring from the role.

Dell has been a wonderful convenor, and everyone will be happy to know that she plans to continue as a regular participant in the Monday workshops and with her other activities within the HDGA!

Dell has advised that she will continue to convene the Monday group until the AGM. She has been canvassing potential replacements and is hoping that a couple of folk, who said that they might be interested, will take over the reins.

Two people are needed: one as the main convenor and the other as a back-up for that person. **Or** if the two people wish to share the role so that the one person isn't required to be there every single Monday, that would also work well.

Dell's replacement/s will need to commence on Monday 27th February 2017.



JACK HOLLINGWORTH AOM



HDGA Members received some very sad news recently, with the passing of esteemed and loved member, Jack Hollingworth.

In 2012, Jack and his wife Una were jointly awarded the Dr Irene Amos Book award, for their services to the HDGA.

Jack's long life saw him earn 3 University degrees, work for the Commonwealth Bank, be a corporal during the war and practice law until his retirement in 1994.

He was also heavily involved with theatre as an actor and director at Twelfth Night and Brisbane Arts Theatre.

In the visual arts he studied at the Brisbane Technical College with Roy Churcher, wood-carving with Elwyn Harvery and pottery with Kitty Dick.

After retirement, Jack devoted more time to his membership of the RQAS, the Water Colour Society and then, later, the HDGA. It was only in recent months that he was unable to attend the HDGA Monday workshops. He has been, and will continue to be, greatly missed.

Jack exhibited with the HDGA as recently as the 2016 Annual Exhibition. Photos, below:



Portrait by Kylie Baker



Items of Interest



This event, is being conducted at the BVAC hub, in April. Contact details that are a little blurry in this scanned copy are as follows:

Anna-Margot@0404945177 or
queenslandenamellersguild@gmail.com

Gallery



By: Dell Harrington



By: Bev H



By David P



By: Wendy Allen



By: Nancy M



Your Current Committee



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Website, FaceBook & Newsletter

Your photos and news items needed please! Please email information and photos, for **any** of the following items, to Chris Matanovic at cjmatanovic@gmail.com. Photos and info can also be sent via text mssg to 0412780055.

1. **Photos of your finished work.** As Life workshops form a large part of the Group's workshops, it would be great to receive **more photos of your work in this area.**
2. Consider **adding your profile to the website.** The web page www.hdg-artists.com (gallery/artists profiles) will give you and idea of what information is needed.
3. **Updates** for an **existing profile**
4. Any **art news about yourself** that you wish to share . eg. pesrsonal exhibitions, recognition received, etc

Help promote your art group by giving your social /art associates the web address and also invite them to **Like the HDG Facebook page.**

Thank you to those who have already sent information and photos—please keep it coming!

NOTE RE COPYRIGHT

Your art group communicates in several ways, including this newsletter, Facebook and the website. You will note that we need photos of members and their work, for promotional purposes, and also to let members know what is happening in the workshops and events that they can't attend. If you **do not wish** to have your photo or photos of your work used for these purposes, please contact Anna Reynolds, President, HDGA.



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By: Harry Millner



By: Wendy Allen



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