

Lysaght Watt Gallery

Newsletter April 2020

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The Gallery is currently closed for Levels 3 and 4 while the country is working to combat Covid-19. For enquiries please phone any of the committee members listed below or phone 06 278 7611 to leave a message at the gallery. These will be cleared each week.

A note from our new Chair person

"It's not been without some trepidation I took on the role of Chair of the Lysaght Watt Gallery Committee just over a month ago. That within three days the nation was in lockdown made it even more of a learning curve and so it is only just now I feel I am coming to grips with just a little bit of the workings of the organisation. A sincere thank you to Margaret Springett who has held the position of Chair for some time – not to mention all the other roles she has held within the committee, so I am very relieved Margaret is not leaving us completely and we will be able to continue calling on her knowledge and expertise into the future. The Committee members are a great bunch of enthusiastic, knowledgeable workers who are creative and passionate about having a community gallery which thrives in our town and in our district. A big thanks to them too, for doing the hard work and organisation in the background. It is their commitment that inspires me to work alongside them to continue the promotion of the gallery as a well-known, reputable and dynamic showcase for thoughtful and successful exhibits.

My own artistic journey is over windy and uphill terrain. I like to dabble with pen and watercolour wash incorporating Maori and Pacifica design but of course I see something cool in another gallery or on the internet and before you can wash your brush in water, I'm off experimenting with something new and I am never a master at anything, and not even a jack of any trade either. A friend and I have been meeting on skype for almost five years now, once a week to "do art". We meet for a couple of hours each Wednesday and we work on our own projects. In that time, my friend, who previously had no interest in art, has done six online courses and several weekend courses with artists and she has learned about colour mixing, shape, form, light, washes and a whole host of things I need to learn but because I hate learning and just want to "do" you can guess who is producing the best work and the most consistent results. A good lesson and reminder for me that slow and steady always wins the race.

And so, it is for the gallery. For the last years under other leadership and guidance, the gallery has become a community icon. It attracts quality exhibitions, offers inclusion and opportunity for emerging local artists and creatives, and provides a place for people to gather to appreciate a variety of art. Big things don't happen without work and a lot of learning along the way, slow and steady as we know – and I am looking forward to working with the committee team, members, and public to promote your art and bring exhibitions to excite and challenge you – and have some fun as we do it."

Ella Borrows

April committee meeting

We had our monthly committee meeting on Zoom last week. It was a new experience for most of us, but we managed, and it was nice to meet and see each other after a few weeks of bubble only. During that time, we discussed what our Gallery would look like in Level 3 and we reluctantly agreed Lysaght Watt would need to stay closed for at least another month. Health and safety of our minds is our first priority and the message is "if you can work from home, stay home" so with that in mind we will continue as we are and review the situation next meeting. We will leave our gallery answerphone on to collect any messages or enquiries and it will be checked every few days or so. Thank you all for your understanding and ongoing support.

Facebook

Have you noticed we have been posting links to our Facebook page during lockdown? Please like our page, and comment on our links and share what you have been doing. We are using social media to keep connected with you and to attract others to the gallery so please share things you love, invite your friends to like the page, and message us with anything you'd like to have featured. Thanks!



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Every leaf speaks
bliss to me.....
fluttering from
the autumn tree