Hello members, welcome to another addition of our newsletter. Firstly thank you to all the volunteers who turned up for training, we hope you found it informative. Thanks also to those who have completed the online fire assessment module. If any of you have any feedback on the training sessions, please don’t hesitate to contact us with your queries.

Congratulations are in Order for our own Robert Davis whose exhibition went off with a bang. The opening evening was a great success with well over a hundred people attending. Robert also sold about half of his pieces, which was a fabulous result. Gary Alford and Robyn Christoffel along with Gayle and Peter Van Der Veen dismantled the “Ashes” exhibition and installed the Ipswich U3A display. Unfortunately I was unavailable to assist, but as it turned out I wasn’t needed, because the folks mentioned did a fantastic job.
Basi was invited to participate in the Summer Land Camels Art festival on the 30th of March. This was to be an exciting day out for us. Several of our members nominated to be there to display their work, but due to the weather, the festival was postponed until the 6th of April which was not suitable to us, as most of those who nominated to go had other commitments for that date. We did offer another date that would have seen us able to attend, however it wasn’t an option for the camel farm as they’d already sent 3’000 e-mails notifying the date change. Maybe next year we’ll be able to participate.

It’s hard to believe we are into April already, and there are lots of things happening in the next several weeks. As you all will be aware by now the Gallery is celebrating its 25th year of operation in 2019. In an uncanny coincidence it will be the gallery’s 200th exhibition, and if you are considering entering you only have a few days to get your application in.

There will be plenty of memorabilia on display, thanks to our 25th anniversary committee, Barbara Travis, Betty Lankowski, Marjorie Tate and Margaret Van Blommstein. These ladies have worked hard to put together paper cuttings, photos, and information from the archives, and I’m sure everyone will find something that will take them on a trip down memory lane. Thank you for all of your efforts ladies.
On completion of our anniversary celebration there will be a closing ceremony and a presentation to the winners of each art section in the competition. We will have some of our local council dignitaries in attendance, and we hope to see some of the past committee members as well. So don’t forget the 18th of May at 1.00 pm, mark it on your calendar and come along and join in the fun of the closing ceremony. There will be a gold coin entry fee for all non-exhibiting visitors; this is to help cover the expenses incurred with the catering. Could you please R.S.V.P to the Secretary before the 12th of April so we have an idea of how many we need to cater for. Thank you.

On completion of the anniversary exhibition, it will be the Boonah State High Schools turn again, with their KickstART 2019 display. This always seems to generate lots of interest and as there will be a popular choice award it should be well attended. Before we know it Just art will be with us again in June, and I’m sure there will be some fabulous art pieces entered for this year’s member’s exhibition. A popular choice award will be conducted for this year’s Just Art show. Prize to be advised.
We would like to see some more interest from junior members of the community to join our society so if you know of any young and enthusiastic youngsters who would like to be a part of BASI please encourage them to join $5.00 is all it costs, and the more we can get interested the better our future will look. There are other things being planned and as they come to fruition you will be informed by email and also in the newsletter.

Peter Fowler – Aboriginal Artist–
Workshop Sunday 12th May

Peter is offering a full day workshop to be held in the Boonah Regional Art Gallery from 9am – 3pm
Cost $80 cash for this workshop

Resources: Peter will provide canvas, paint, palette and brushes. Aboriginal culture and the stories behind the paintings will be addressed.
You will need a lead pencil, eraser and paper to take notes and design your painting.
If you are interested please contact one of the following:
Peter and Michelle Fowler: 0410 018 132 or Deb Easton: 0458 002 444

Our meeting dates will be on the second Tuesday of each month at 4.00pm. All members are welcome to attend, but please advise Robyn Christoffel if you will be coming along. Any change to the above will be notified.

We hope you all have a great month ahead.

Cheers to all. The BASI Committee.