



BOONAH ARTS SOCIETY INC.

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Welcome 2024

Exciting Plans for 2024

On behalf of the BASI Management Committee for 2023-2024, we extend an invitation to all members and community stakeholders to be part of the ongoing commitment to establish and sustain a community Arts Centre for local artists and artisans, with spaces to work, teach, socialize and display a permanent exhibition gallery for members.

Current Exhibition

Member's Exhibition 2023

If you haven't had a chance to see the current Member's Exhibition, don't miss out. Gallery doors reopened on Tuesday 2nd January, and already we have had 55 visitors over the first three days of

January. You still have the opportunity to see current works until Sunday 14th. Bring your visiting friends and family for a look at the local talent.

BASI Updates

Exhibition Coordinator WANTED

Currently, the Management Committee, particularly the very competent Secretary, Lorinda Freeman, are managing the planning and running of Exhibitions in the gallery, with planning taking place for 2024-2025. As you can imagine, this takes some time on top of the other duties that Management Committee members have, so it was decided at the December Management Committee meeting that we would invite Members to apply for the position of Exhibition Coordinator (the Position Description of which is attached to this newsletter) which would be part of the Management Committee and also have the support of existing Management Committee members. If you like networking with people, planning and organizing and making sure policies and procedures are being followed and also improved, as well as working with a great group of people, this role is for you. Send your Expressions of Interest directly to myself or Lorinda at boonah.arts.society@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

2024 Member Fees

Please note that a 12 month Membership with BASI remains at a modest \$10 for 2024. A renewal notice was sent out recently to current Members and I thank all of those who have submitted their renewal payments already. The Management Committee are working towards building opportunities for Members and we welcome any insight into your primary drives for membership of our organization so we can consider these into the future.



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Gallery Shop

The Gallery Shop will continue to operate during 2024, stocking primarily BASI Member's products. If you would like to submit products for sale in the Gallery shop for consideration, please request a form through boonah.arts.society@gmail.com and we'll send one out or organise for you to pick up at the Gallery. The plan is for the current Management Committee to consider stocking rates and items at the beginning of each new Exhibition, with allowance made for products of exhibiting artists if required.

Upcoming Exhibitions

Local Artist's Showcase 2024

For the upcoming Local Artist's Showcase, Members, Volunteers and other local artists are all invited to submit art works. Volunteers are invited to submit up to 5 pieces, other Members are invited to submit 3 pieces, and non-members are invited to submit one piece of art work. Please provide Artist Statements as requested on the registration form (attached). Please note, that dependent on number of submissions, some art works may not be displayed.

Nigel Gillespie Exhibition 2024

28 February-7 April

April Member's Exhibition: Theme – Celebration

10 April – 19 May

In recognition of the thirtieth anniversary of the Boonah Arts Society in 2024, BASI would like to invite Members to exhibit art works of all media to portray the theme *Celebration*. This could be interpreted in many different ways, and the main aim is to celebrate our community, our history, our talent and our persistence. What does this look like to you? Look out for upcoming registration forms with the monthly Newsletter or at the Gallery.

Message from Management Committee

First Open Meeting for 2024 : Saturday, January 13

All BASI Members, and especially volunteers, are invited to join the Management Committee at 3.30pm on Saturday 13 January at the Boonah Regional Art Gallery for our first Open Meeting of 2024. We specifically want to hear about your experiences volunteering for the organization, including the challenges and how we might make it easier and more rewarding for anyone giving of thinking about giving some of their time to the organization in the very important role of volunteer.

Currently, we have 21 people on our volunteers list, including the six members of the Management Committee. Of those, approximately 10 have been engaged with consistent volunteer activities over the last 12 months. A big thank you to those who answered my call out email recently as we have added some new names to these lists as well as clarifying individual's availability for the coming year. We would like to get your ideas about how we increase numbers available to volunteer and spread the load so the whole organization can thrive into the future and continue to get better at supporting local artistic endeavours. Please share your insights and a cuppa with us on Saturday 13th January.

If you want to have a chat or offer some input, contact: **Vikki** on 0437280269 or vikki.a.rose@gmail.com or drop into the Gallery on a Friday where she will be sitting at the reception desk.

Or **Lorinda** at boonah.arts.society@gmail.com



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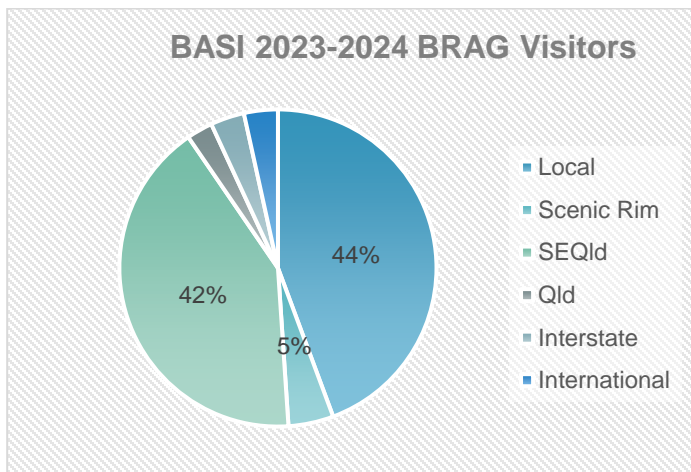
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Special Interest

Visitors to Boonah Regional Art Gallery

Over the last six months, Boonah Regional Art Gallery has had approximately 1130 visitors, 56% of whom have been from outside the local area. Opening at special event times has helped boost numbers, such as the night of the Boonah Christmas Parade when we had 60 visitors from 5.30pm-8.00pm. More visitors means more exposure for our exhibiting artists, and as I write this newsletter I am reminded how important it is to have our doors open, as a couple from Brisbane purchases one of the paintings currently on display. So, I thank all those volunteers who have played their part in keeping the Gallery open in 2023, and optimistically look forward to working with all of you in 2024 as well as those of you have committed to volunteering more recently.

I hope you will come to the Gallery on Saturday 13 January at 3.30pm and share your experiences with us.



Artsy News

Get your message out

If you would like to promote artsy events of other organisations you are part of, please drop us a message and we will do our best to include your news in our newsletter.



[Flying Arts Facilitator Expression of Interest \(tfaforms.com\)](https://tfaforms.com)

A By Request Facilitator form has been sent through by Flying Arts who are looking to expand the team of facilitators into 2024. If you are interested or have anyone in mind – Artist, professional development, established and emerging, Chantel from the Flying Arts Alliance would love to hear from you or them. Please feel free to pass this form on to anyone you like. Feel free to contact Chantel if you have any questions at all!

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