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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST :

- > **BRISBANE EXHIBITION 'DIFFERENT PLACE, DIFFERENT TIME'**
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DIFFERENT PLACE , DIFFERENT TIME

Vast Arts exhibition 'Different Place, Different Time' was held at the Percolator gallery in Paddington from March 2nd to March 15th. The exhibition was opened by the State Member for Gregory, Vaughan Johnson, MP. This exhibition was made possible by the Queensland Government through funding received from Arts Queensland.

Six regional artists were involved in the exhibition: Faye Parker (Longreach), Jill Dyer (Aramac) Jane Donaldson (Aramac), Margaret Stevenson (Windorah), Joanne Taylor (Barcaldine) and Jane Colvin (Longreach). The works included paintings, jewellery and paper pulp sculpture and received very positive feedback on

opening night.

The opening attracted a good crowd in spite of the torrential rain being experienced in Brisbane at the time. Several works sold on the night which was also pleasing.

The Artists and their guests then proceeded to 'Simpatico', a restaurant a bit further down the road, for a most enjoyable evening.

Vast Arts would like to thank Vaughan Johnson, MP for opening the exhibition with his usual flair and Shelley Colvin for all the work that she did arranging media releases and press coverage. I would also like to thank Jill for all her help in getting the show to Brisbane; Faye & Bill Parker, Marga-

ret Stevenson and Jane Donaldson for help with the hanging and to Faye and Margaret for all the hours spent minding it.



Member for Gregory, Vaughan Johnson, MP chatting to another guest, Natasha Bolton of Brisbane



VAST ARTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING , 2010

The Annual General Meeting of Vast Arts will be held in Longreach in April, on a date to be advised and will be followed by the first General Meeting for 2010.

It would be good to see a big role up as there are some important issues to be discussed.

The Rules of Association require that there be five board members, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer. Jill Dyer and Jane Colvin have both agreed to stand again, however for a variety of personal and work related reasons Lisa Kings, Jenny

Turner and Lorna Evans have indicated that they may not be available this year. If you are interested in being a member of the Board and want more information, please contact one of the current board members.

MORE PHOTOOS FROM OPENING NIGHT



VAST ARTS REGIONAL ARTIST TRAIL

Vast Arts is calling for expressions of interest from Regional Artists who would like to be a part of an Artist Trail for the central and western region.

It is envisaged that each artist will undertake to have their studio 'open' for a specific period each year to allow the public to visit them and see them at work in the studio environment.

This is an excellent way to raise public awareness of local artists as well as an

opportunity for the artists to increase their sales.

For those that do not have a dedicated studio, plans are underway to work with Cultural/Arts and Craft Centres to allow those artists to use space for the required period.

Artists would also be able to stipulate if they would be available 'by appointment' at other times of the year.

The details will be put together in a booklet form

that can be distributed to motels, hotels, tourist outlets and the like. Local Tourism operators will also be approached with a view to coach tours etc becoming involved.

This is an exciting opportunity for regional artists and Vast Arts welcomes ideas and feed back during this planning stage.

Contact:

vastarts@bigpond.com



Chris Hardwick (Brisbane) and Jill Dyer (Aramac) chatting in front of some of Jane Donaldson's work.

INTERESTING JOB OPPORTUNITY

Vast Arts is offering a part time job opportunity for someone with flair and enthusiasm and an ability to work on their own. The job will involve sourcing and applying for grants, sponsorships and funding, organizing arts related projects and

providing support for the membership.

The suitable applicant will have an ability to work with MYOB accounting software, Microsoft Office Suite and Publisher and Microsoft Outlook. They will have excellent written and oral commu-

nication skills and a passion for art and cultural development in the central and western region.

For further information please email artswest@bigpond.net.au

Or contact :

Jane Colvin 0427625285

or Jill Dyer 465813347

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BUNGINDERRY ARTIST CAMPS

Artist Camps will again be happening at Bunginderry Quilpie during 2010.

Artists from beginners to experienced are invited to stay at Bunginderry and share the experience of painting the surrounding country, including the Grey Range and Channel Country.

Facilities include accommodation in the shearers quarters with twin rooms and shared bathroom, home-style catering or fully equipped self-contained kitchen and a large undercover area for the odd day that the weather is not perfect.

Workshops scheduled for this year include Pigments on Canvas with

Noel miller, Acrylics with Di McIntyre and Acrylic and Oil with Desley Rolph.

For further information please contact info@annabeltully.com



Bill Parker chatting on opening night.

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Invigorating the outback

Vast Arts is an organisation dedicated to supporting Regional Artists and cultural development .

Art and Culture contribute greatly to the social and economic well being of communities. By supporting the Artists, Vast Arts is making a major contribution to the long time viability of the Central and Western regions.

Vast Arts is member driven and invites all interested people to become involved and make this region the best it can be.

Website under construction

Mary Rich, a long time member and jeweler, has very generously offered to help us with a new website. She has already provided the board with information we had no idea about, and her assistance will certainly be greatly appreciated. Thanks, Mary!

NEW RESOURCE FOR MEMBERS



Jane Colvin, Joanna Johnstone and Margaret Stevenson at the opening.

As a result of the 'Different place, Different time' exhibition, members will be able to access a resource that Vast Arts is developing to assist with planning exhibitions.

The problems and issues that have arisen have all been recorded and this will be put , in a small booklet, together with comments from the artists involved and

other relevant information.

As Vast Arts became a purely voluntary organization just before planning began for this project, the whole thing has been a huge learning experience.

By creating a booklet to assist others, the funding that was received from Arts Queensland to make this

project possible will continue to benefit the region's artists for years to come. It should be available by mid April.

Exhibiting out of the region is an interesting, challenging and sometimes nerve wracking experience, but one that is certainly well worth doing—at least once!

AROUND THE REGION

Barcaldine are holding a Miniatures Art Exhibition and sale from April 30th—May 3rd 2010. Nominations close Friday April 23rd. Contact Dawn Head-Rose 46512272 or Joanne Taylor 46512663 for more information.