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The News—Liddelow Homestead Arts & Crafts Club Inc.

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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Welcome back to previous members & welcome to new members.

2026 started off unexpectedly for our Club when following the 2025 Annual Inspection by the City of Gosnells (COG), a specialist inspection & report for the Old Homestead was ordered by the COG. A meeting was convened @ Liddelow on January 19th & attended by two representatives from the COG, Geoff, Shirley, Dave & myself. KEY POINTS are as follows:-

- 1). A high level of fungal spores & mould is present in the building. This area is to be used as little as possible.
- 2). Geoff & Shirley will be re-housed off site. An objection was raised & a request made for a transportable office, which we now have.
- 3). Restoration could take approx. 6 months including time taken to find a builder specialised in Heritage Restoration.
- 4). All costs will be carried by the COG.
- 5) The representatives were made aware of the need for all work to be finished by November for our big Annual weekend.
- 6). The Open Day can not go ahead because of the problem.
- 7). Before the building can be taken back a Clearance Certificate will be issued.

Since then:- CREATIVE STITCHES have been re-housed in the old Kenwick Library and the CHINA PAINTERS have happily taken up residence on a Tuesday afternoon in the J.W. ROOM.

A new Pottery group has begun on a Friday afternoon.

Another Skip bin may be needed later in the year if enough rubbish accumulates.

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:- All matters which require attention of any kind must go through the office please. Only then can Geoff & Shirley keep updated on matters which aid a smooth running of our Club.

Dave & Lyn have been active tidying gardens in absence of the COG staff to keep their gardens neat. The biggest was that in front of the Woodies Shed followed by that beside the path. Plants from here will be potted & returned when possible.

Members are reminded that gardens belong to the COG & we are not permitted to bring plants from home to place in them.

Are you able to Volunteer some time between the 16th & 24th of May at the COG ART AWARDS @ the Agonis Centre in Gosnells? The Club receives a generous remuneration for this. The amount helps the Club to purchase much needed equipment for members' use. Lists are now in rooms with time slots needing to be filled. Thankyou all.

That's all for now.

Your President

Eric Moore

FROM THE OFFICE



Hello Everyone,

Welcome back for 2026.

A reminder that the club's membership fees are from January to December and are now due. Please also, remember that if you are paying by Direct Deposit you are still required to complete a renewal of membership Application Form and forward it to the office.

Geoff in Admin.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES 2026

- ◆ *Open Day 14 March
2026 Cancelled*
- ◆ *Annual Spring
Exhibition 20th –22nd
November 2026*
- ◆ *Annual General Meeting
29th August 2026*

*.You can Direct Deposit all
your fees making it handy
and so convenient!*

Our details are-

Bendigo Bank

BSB No - 633 000

Acc No – 155 42815

***A** Membership form still
needs to be completed*

Deadline for the JUNE edition article submissions –

May 28 2026

***Please email or lodge your articles in person at the
office by then. Have your say, noteworthy,
newsworthy, special interest, club related, upcoming
events.***

_If you have a key to Liddelow Homestead

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR-MAKING SURE ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED & SECURED,

Winners of the Viewers Choice Awards Exhibition

ART

1st June van Blommestein

Bloomin' Marvelous

2nd Genevieve Flynn

Surf's Up

3rd Genevieve Flynn

Twilight Beach Esperance

CHINA PAINTING

1st Pam McKrill

Pygmy Possum on Grevilia

CREATIVE STITCHES

1st Karen Rechichi

Recipe Quilt

2nd Dianne Bass

Tote Bag

3rd Cherryl Wood

Tote Bag

MOSAICS

1st Ali Nottle

Spring Awakening

2nd Fiona McKenzie

Christmas Tree

3rd Susan Henderson

Panda

SOFT CRAFTS

1st Leonie Nicol

Tulips

2nd Lexi Bentley

Wallace, Gwendoline & Gromit

3rd Lexi Bentley

Golf Clown

POTTERY

1st Belinda Hart

Shark Bait

2nd Wendy Vanderlaan

Wood Sprite

Eq 3rd Belinda Hart

Oriental Fish

Eq 3rd Wendy Vanderlaan

Sisters of the Sea

CHILDREN'S POTTERY

1st Stella Barry

Large Red Rose

Eq 2nd Karina Zhou

Cat Army

Eq 2nd Lizzy Vine

Bacon and Eggs

3rd Gursungum Singh Aulakh

African Safari

PATCHWORK

1st Sylvia Alberts

Bella Garden

2nd Karen Lacey

Fox in the Hen House

3rd Karen Lacey

Sugar and Spice

WOODTURNING

Eq 1st Dave Barrett

Vase in Olive

Eq 1st Robin Lethlean

Bunch of Mushrooms

2nd Jim Maslin

Jacaranda Vase

3rd Jim Maslin

Vase

NEWS FROM THE SHED

Here we are again the start of a new year, most of our regular members are back in the shed and working hard on their turning. We have some new equipment and a workshop lay out that is working well.

Some of our men are working on the items for the Shoe Box Charity, a big well done for your commitment to this cause. Recently our members put in some time on a Thursday morning to fill the skip bin clearing away a lot of unwanted items from the grounds, thanks to all who helped it has made quite a difference.

Due to the remedial works to be carried out on the Old Homestead we no longer have a shop for the woodturning as the room had to be cleared. Dependant on the impact these works may have on the other two shops we may still have room in one of these rooms to display our items for sale. But don't let that stop you producing works that can be put up for sale at the Thornlie Shopping Centre.

That's all for this note and further information will be passed on as received.

Keep Turning.

Dave Barrett

Group leader Woodturners.



MOSAICS GROUP

Well, we have started another year and first term with some ups and downs.

We all enjoyed our Xmas wind up and everyone had a great time.

I would like to thank everyone for the support each one has given me to keep the classes going. It is much appreciated.

Both Eric M and Eric B have had major surgery and we hope they make a speedy recovery and will be back on deck soon.

I also have to have some surgery in the next couple of weeks, so will be missing a few days here and there, but with help both Sue and Jo ,our groups will be able to continue with the rest of the groups also helping out.

Most members are working on individual pieces, but we are also getting organised to do a project for the Exhibition.

Happy Mosaic

Paula Currie



THURSDAY AM POTTERS

We welcome back our group after the holiday break, it was a noisy first day with lots to talk about (sorry Thursday artists for our noise). Congratulations to Belinda on her win at our November Exhibition. We are back potting with enthusiasm, and looking forward to producing pieces for the exhibition.

Thanks to Dot for making sure we get our morning tea weekly which keeps us going. Dot (Dorothy Chapman's) daughter Lesley has come from the UK for a family visit. We look forward to catching up with her when she visits the group this week.

Thank you to Barb for cleaning up the Bickley room over the school holiday break, it is most appreciated. Also a thank you to Nik for loading the kilns while Gary has a holiday break.

Lyn Barrett
Group Leader

VALE

We acknowledge the passing of Hilda Bekooy, on February 11th at the age of 89. Hilda a Machine and Hand Embroiderer from the Wednesday group was a group leader, Vice President and President of the club 2008 - 2009.

Hilda spent more than 20 years at the club and was always at the forefront of us getting to Thornlie Square with everything that was needed during the week. Also Hilda worked tirelessly at exhibitions and open days, a great, productive member for our club.

We send our condolences to her family and friends and those at the club who knew her.

SATURDAY CHILDREN'S POTTERY GROUP

Our group have returned with the usual happy, busy and sometimes noisy enthusiasm. We wish to welcome Louise to our group, Louise has already produced a piece of work and is willing to learn.

Congratulations to our group for winning a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize at the November exhibition.

We have started this term again with the basic pinch pot but, this will and has been turned into a garden pot or other crafty piece using the basic skill.

Roman has produced a wonderful large piece of work, much to Mum's delight. This is a young man who loves creating small pieces of work, so, this is an outstanding effort from him.

We look forward to the coming year with great gusto.

Lyn Barrett
Group Leader

WEDNESDAY AM POTTERS

Not a lot to report this time, but perhaps a word of thanks to 'admin' staff for putting up with very difficult conditions, and getting the job done.

Also to thank Gary for the firing of the kilns and making up the glazes. It's good to have people who work in a positive way.

It's good to have an abundance of clay also.

Wishing everyone a good enjoyable, creative year ahead.

On behalf of Wednesday potters,

Evelyn Hunter

Group Leader

SOFT CRAFT GROUP

Our Wednesday sewing group got off to a good start, most of our old members have returned after a relaxing break.

Lexi Bentley came back with a special quilt that she had made over the break. I also had a busy break at home.

We welcome Sandra, our past Treasurer, to our group, after not sewing for twenty—thirty years.

Happy sewing everyone for 2026.

Marie Borg

Group leader

CREATIVE STICHES

Hi Everyone,

Hope everyone had a good break. All the girls in our group were very happy to return.

Lots of laughter and talking on the first day back, but we are all doing our new project now.

So looking for different materials for our class project.

Not much news, and a little difficult being at Kenwick Library but looking forward to coming back to Liddelow for our craft.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Cherryl Wood



THURSDAY ART GROUP

As we enter the month of March and the end of summer, it is very hard to comprehend the speed of this year.

Our Group started on 9th January as we enjoy the conviviality and information sharing in the group and a number of us do not have grand children commitments during the school holidays.

It is most unfortunate that the Open Day in March cannot eventuate due to the mould problems. We really look forward to this day with the interaction with the public and the opportunity to sell some paintings. A number of us have been painting for many years and have numerous paintings looking for homes. We have had to reduce our prices to “give away” level as the market has reduced significantly. We are just looking for movement to “make room in the house” . In recent times we have had good sales and interaction at Thornlie Square and look forward to showing our art again this year.

We were very pleased to see June, one of our painters, win “People’s Choice” at the last year’s Annual Exhibition. Penny had success at the Gosnells Art Awards and Trish was successful at Riverton Art. We look forward to the exhibition here this year, all being well. With this in mind, we will continue on with our work each week and look forward to workshops, as appropriate.

It is noted that the Gosnells Art Awards are scheduled from 16th to 24th May. Entries close on 16th March, 2026.

Liddelow members have been granted the 25% discount entry once again. The Council is seeking volunteer assistance from us, so please consider.

Art entries can be lodged with a fee of \$23.63.

Margaret Barrie

FRIDAY POTTERS

Another year is underway. It will be a year with a few disruptions with the homestead repairs but I'm sure we will all manage to make it another successful year. Plan your year early, don't leave your exhibition masterpieces until the last few months. We may have a few unknowns that may disrupt the normal process of firing.

With no pottery shop and no open day make the most of the opportunity to sell your creations at Thornlie Square on our market days.

The Friday potters took a day off and went to the Art Gallery for inspiration from the Pippin Drysdale exhibition. It was well worth the train ride in. Her glazing methods are outstanding. The group enjoyed lunch together before our return train ride

A REMINDER TO ALL GROUPS. We have no cleaning service so please ensure you CLEAN your workstation after each session. Assist in leaving the pottery area clean. Don't leave this up to your Group Leader
Hope all potters have a successful, fulfilling years with some masterpieces created .

Barb King



A Prayer to the Kiln Gods

Oh higher power that makes my mud great,
I pray that you fire at a mighty rate.

I hope my work stays in place as it fires,
And you work your greatest as it slows and tires.

A successful fire is all that I wish for,
If not I will be sad but, will just make more.

I know you will have my back,
for I do not want a crumbly crack.

Forty-eight hours is a long time to see,
So thank you for being patient with me.



Hand building with Clay Classes with Carolyn Warren-Langford .

Monday and Tuesday Groups

Everyone has settled back into getting their hands into clay again, despite the hot weather.

This year brings new members to Monday and Tuesday groups, including the Homeschool group – welcome everyone!

Everyone is always pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and creating wonderful pieces – the proud smiles on their faces are always worth it!

Some members have been experimenting with glaze lately and the results have been fabulous.

The Sunday workshops have been going well. They are from 10 am to 3 pm and are open to anybody who would like to try it out, as they are suitable for beginners as well as those with more experience.

Play with Clay every day!

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