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ACT Inc. NEWSLETTER

"Showcasing Toowoomba and region

as a vital creative center for the arts.."

The Presidents Report – ARTSLINK LAC networking and AGM

With Splashing back launch and grant reporting tucked away, ACT is now looking at the future and hopes tommorrithat our members can become more involved. It was timely to visit ARTSLINK at Dutton Park for Local Arts Council (LAC) networking and AGM on the 9 May. Here are a few highlights.

CEO Steve Beardsley described how ises and are moving into new premises near Powerhouse where there would be a coffee shop. A strategic overhaul has identified 6 new goals to be delivered strategically across sectors. The position of manager of the coffee shop is advertised on the website.

Membership and Funding Coordinator Robyn Lawnton looked at how we might look at need, values and relevance of LACs with comments including:

- LACs should provide services mem- exhibitions can be enriched by: bers can't provide themselves.
- LACs need relevance but also need to be revolutionary
- LACs should provide exciting experience that engage members in a profound way
- Not one size fits all...

to how we look at membership can be seen at:

Strategic Membership Solutions http://www.smsonline.net.au/ pages/membership.html>

The Demand perspective < http:// <u>demandperspec-</u> tive.com/2012/11/05/engagement-

value-and-blaming-the-member> Tom Morrison http://

son.blogspot.com.au/2011/09/wowthis-membership-thing-reallyworks.html>

Stacey Muller, Training and Development Program Director went through the benefits of Volunteering Queensland counsels. Arts-focussed they had sold the Dutton Park prem-skills: which are subsidised and lead to qualifications:

- Cert 3 2 days Training per month for 3 months costs \$295 or \$150 for volunteers
- Cert 4 Two days per month for 4 months costs \$595 or \$300 for volun-

You can apply on line, up skill and obtain accreditation at http:// artslinkald.com.au/training/courses.

Lisa Bilby, Exhibition program touring talked about the way how touring

- Integrating exhibitions with community events
- LACs scope providing choirs or poets to perform.
- Miles tea cosy added value with big morning teas.

See <http://artslinkqld.com.au/ Exhibitions> for more. The paintings Useful information for ACT in regards in the exhibition Dichotomy of place were hung in the meeting room and enjoyed by participants.

> Letitia Norton talked about Animating spaces which will strengthen unique sense of place and employ local artists. Toowoomba is one of the places selected to trial this pro-

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ject which was launched at theGRID. Funding is open for the second round. See http://artslinkqld.com.au/

animatingspaces/2014applicationinfo>

Annette Kerwitz presented the current face of Ar-TOUR and overviewed the Showcase where voting was underway. ArTour delivered 129 performances in 2012.

Perhaps the highlight of the day was hearing from other presidents about how they grew their LACs **Kerrie Marshall has been president of Hervey Bay Council for the Arts** for 8 years and membership has grown from 80 to 300 members. They have increased the value of the arts and building community events including:

- Whale festival arts activities
- Queensland Day
- Poetry readings, writing groups and musical groups in the regional library to enhance exhibitions
- Touring show
- Sundays in the park

LAC is a focal point and hub for information on what's on in the community and has LAC stalls at all events.

See < http://www.herveybayartscouncil.com.au/artsqld/arts-home.html

Janice Churlish President Moreton Bay Arts Cocuncil has a system where artists display work in businesses. A total of 88 artists displayed 176 paintings in venues in the last year.

LAC needs to maintain standards and know members' interests, motivations and values. She said younger members don't want to go to meetings but want to be part of an event.

ACT hopes to learn why our members joined, discover the constraints and preferred communication methods. Hopefully this will in time lead to a LAC with more engaged and happy members.

Jennifer Wright (Summers)









FLYING ARTS QUEENSLAND LIVING CHANGE INFORMATION & ENTRY FORM

Queensland Regional Art Awards 2013

Living Change

The Queensland Regional Art Awards is an annual visual arts prize and exhibition for established and emerging artists living in regional and remote Queensland. The program aims to highlight the wealth of creative talent located outside the capital city and provide a platform for further professional development.

In 2013 all participating artists will be featured in the QRAA Online Gallery and have the opportunity to be selected for the touring exhibition, to be curated by Tim Morrell (Curator, writer). The exhibition will tour to key centres around Queensland including the State Library of Queensland. Main prizes offered in 2013 are:

- Wayne Kratzmann Art Award \$10,000 plus 2 week Brisbane residency (acquisitive)
- Flying Arts Young Artist Development Award \$1500 (non acquisitive)
- Art Shed- Brisbane People's Choice Award \$750 art materials
- The Edge Digital Art Award 2 week fully funded residency at The Edge #
- TAFTA Textile Award part scholarship to annual TAFTA forum +

All entries will be featured in the QRAA Online Gallery and will be eligible for the Art Shed Brisbane People's Choice Award. The judging panel will view all entries and select the prize winners and shortlist artworks to include in the touring exhibition.

Key Dates

Entries Close at 5pm

Online exhibition and online voting for the People's Choice Prize opens

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TIMOTHY FRY

Member Profile

Q. Can you introduce yourself and tell us about your artistic background?

Hi my name is Tim Fry. I am an artist. I don't like to pigeonhole myself too much so I don't often introduce myself as an artist, and I don't go into sub categorisation such as a ceramist, sculptor, drawer or such. I guess that's partly a response to the ego that artists often have and the clichéd notion of being an artist. So I am Tim, I am really passionate about art and making art. Art is something I was always interested in, I always enjoyed making things. I subscribe to the idea that creativity is innate in all people, it's just educated out of most.

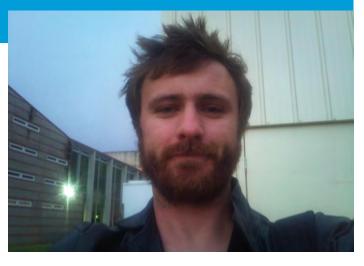
To save this becoming a life story I will just list some of the media and processes I have used. I have drawn a lot with biro, but also with oil pastels, oil sticks, conte, charcoal and pencil. I have worked with film and digital photography. I have painted mostly with oil, but also more recently used gouache and water colour in my drawings, I have used aerosol on its own on skateboards and with oil paint on canvas.

I have done some relief printing (lino) and fell in love with intaglio printing while studying at TAFE, I really enjoyed hard ground etching with zinc plates. I have screen printed on paper, t-shirts and clay, and have used photo emulsion to expose biro drawings onto screens. I have also worked for another artist, who had a t-shirt business, screen printing and hand painting his designs.

I have worked a lot in clay, mostly hand building but also some wheel throwing and a little slip casting. I have done some large scale wire sculpture/ installation, and have worked on large scale bronze sculptures in a commercial sculpture studio,



Tim Fry Kings pier 2012 37x25cm ceramic, glaze, oxide and glass



where I also did some work on resin sculptures and stained glass in the same studio.

I have done some curating of group shows, designed flyers for exhibitions and performed various other exhibition related tasks. I have also taught art privately and at TAFE.

Q. You are a diverse artist. Are there any important elements in your creative projects that link your many mediums together? Moreover, is it important to you to have a diverse range of skills, and does this enable you to be more expressive in your arts practice?

I think most of my work, certainly all my 2D work and a lot of my 3D work exhibits strong use of line. I have always loved strong lines. These days I think there are some strong ideas or themes that all my work stems from and so is tied together by. A path diverged in art school and I took the ceramics path over the printmaking one, and since then I have done a bit of screen printing but I haven't gone back to etching. So in short my work is falling into two areas at the moment (over the past 2–3 years), ceramics and drawing.

It's so easy for me to get distracted and not see a path or project through, but I make myself see things out and not take on too many things at once. As you can see from my diverse background I have tried lots of media, but I don't think you get any good at anything if you don't pursue it for a decent amount of time. I think of the theory that you have to put in 10,000 hours to be an expert at something, and I say ok just drawing and ceramics, no more media for you Tim. For a long time the range of work and styles I had dabbled in worried me, and I tried to refine my style and practice, and I think eventually that has happened, now I don't worry so much I don't know if my diversity of skills is an asset or a hindrance, I wish sometimes I had the





self-discipline to work exclusively in a single medium for decades. I guess I like to have distinctive features or a style, but I don't want to be pigeon holed either, so maybe it is a strength, ask me in 20 years.

Q. What is your all time preferred medium and why?

It's a hard one between the clay and the biro. I love the process of ceramics, and the diversity and richness of surfaces and forms it provides, but I also rely on the accessibility of a biro to draw when away from my studio or house. I think you have to work very hard to make a biro drawing look good, to make it worthy of being view, possibly a high art low art value judgement, but then clay needs a kiln and it is not predictable either. I love the unpredictability of clay and the consistent predictability of the mark of a biro.



Tim Fry Still life with baby bottle and coopers 2012 40x25cm

Biro, conte, aerosol and pastel on cardboard

Q. Can you tell us about some of your past projects?

The most recent project I have completed (as opposed to the multitude of incomplete ones) was an edition of zines for a zine fair in Sydney. A friend of mine Jo Kambourian contacted me a couple of months ago about a zine fair she was going to have a stall at. The fair was part of the Sydney

Tim Fry
Veranda Dreaming 2011
105x35cm
biro, conte, and pastel on cardboard

Writers Festival and was held at the Museum of Contemporary Art last weekend (the 26th of May). Jo got 20 artists to make editions of zines for the fair.

I had never made a zine before so it was good fun. I had a series of biro and conte drawings from travelling in 2009–2010 that I had wanted to exhibit but had not gotten around to doing. I also had some poems/raps that I had written during the same time period. The drawings were mostly landscapes, with some still life's, interiors and a portrait. They are a sort of travel diary for me, encapsulating memories and times spent in specific locations. The poems were similar in that they reflect what I was thinking about my life and the world at a certain time. I chose the drawings in good time but left the addition of the poems and the final layout until the last minute. But in a rush of activity and photocopying I got the edition complete featuring 6 edited poems and 18 drawings. One of the interesting outcomes for me was that the drawings looked very similar to etchings once they had been photocopied. The heavy line work resembled the lines of a hard ground etching and the conte resembled aquatint.

Jo said that people often sold stickers or badges with their zines so I made a series of 20 ceramic badges for the fair. I am really happy with these. They mostly feature suburban icons such as houses, bottles, cars and cups. They resemble the limited palate of my cardboard drawings of the last few years, bright reds and blues against beige unglazed clay body and dark oxide line work. I have not heard back from Jo yet so I don't know if anyone else shared my positive view of the zines and badges, or if they will all be coming back to me. But another great outcome of this project, regardless of sales figures is that the 20 artists involved will each receive a copy of each other's zine, so I will have 20 handmade zines to keep.

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Q. Do you enjoy collaborative work, working in a team?

I do enjoy working in a team. I have worked with other people in realising their own creative goals, but I have never had other people working with me on my own project. I think I am a control freak about my own art work and would find it hard to have to explain my views on how and why things should be done certain ways to other people.

Q. What role do you believe the artist plays in society today?

This is something I contemplate regularly. I don't know if I will be up to the task of articulating it sufficiently. One point I think is important, and I have read other similar sentiments so this is not my own idea, is about doing something for reasons other than economic. By that, I mean it is important to have things in the world that are not purely about moneymaking. There are not many of these things left, so art and artists are important for that reason. I also think that art is something that can speak to people on a fairly profound level, it can touch people and move people in ways that other things do not. There is something inside of all people, which connects with art and music, the universal language of human experience...

Q. With the trend of facebook and other social media, how important do you feel it is for an artist to participate in www trends in promoting their arts practice, and keeping abreast of local, national and international arts trends? What do you believe are some of the hindrances and benefits of social networking for artists?

I don't know if it's necessary to be involved in social media and the internet. They make networking, staying informed and finding information much easier and more accessible. I hear that all businesses must be on the net in the next few years or they will perish, but I don't know how true that is. I think you can miss a lot from not engaging in these things, but there's so much I'm sure I miss because you can't connect with everyone and find out about everything, plus it takes time from art making too. So I think there's a balance that is different for everyone.

For example, I spoke to an artist a few years ago who did not have an email address, he didn't use the net, but he was selling paintings for \$50,000. I don't think he needed to worry too much, he networked in his own way and his practice was being recognised. On the other end of the scale, I stumbled across an opportunity to exhibit at the Shanghai art fair this year through social media, and I doubt I would have been involved in this interview if not for email, so it is helping me to engage with technology. Moreover, although it seems like a

trend I don't see technology going out of fashion in a big way anytime soon, it will change and take other forms but ignoring it is not the answer for me.

Q. How important are such organisations such as arts councils to artists in regional areas?

I think I am still learning that they are very important. The power of the collective far surpasses the sum of its members.

Q. Who are your favourite artists acclaimed or emerging?

So many, but a few I have been inspired by over the past few years are Reg Mombassa, Howard Arkley, Candy Jernigan, Ron McBurnie, Ken Yonetani, and Gwyn Hansen Piggott.

Q. What exhibit have you seen within the last year that has most influenced you? Why?

Theatre of the World at Mona in Hobart. The calibre and diversity of the works coupled with the location, the building and the ethos of the gallery blew me away. The two works that stick in my mind are the giant rainbow serpent mural of drawings by Sidney Nolan that I had never seen before and an installation of wheelie bins that were spewing columns of foam into the air at snails pace.

Q. What would you like people to take away with them when they engage with your work?

This is something that has changed in recent years. I think it varies depending on what the work is about. I guess everyone wants to create a sense of awe. I would like people to get a sense of common ground, a feeling that we're all human and experiencing similar things. Also a sort of positive outlook on potentially mundane aspects of life, I mean it's



easy not to be inspired by the same routine experiences and things you see every day, but I like trying to make something interesting from these mundane experiences. Hence I enjoy working with pop style symbols or images that everyone can relate to like houses, cups, teapots, bottles, furniture. I want to say to people this everyday experience can be half full or half empty, everything's a miracle or nothing is, lets make a conscious decision to appreciate life, even the hard and the boring bits.

Tim Fry BBQ in a bottle 2011 30x10cm Biro, conte, and pastel on cardboard

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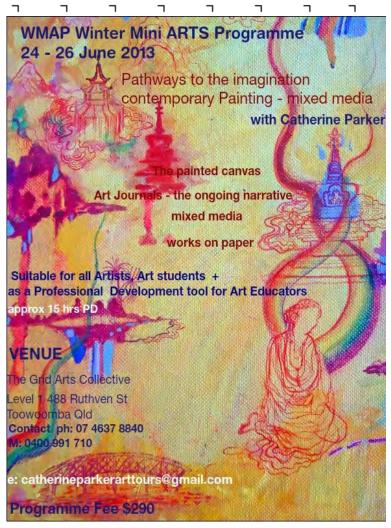
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Twilight Guitar Recital

Mark Sholtez (guitar, vocals) Bruce Woodward (guitar)

Seven years ago, Mark Sholtez created history becoming the first Australian signed to prestigious American jazz label Verve.

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In this special Twilight performance, Mark will be joined by fellow guitarist and frequent collaborator, Bruce Woodward in a celebration of contemporary song, re-imagined for acoustic guitars.

Bruce is a graduate of the Western Australian and Queensland Conservatories and is renowned for his distinctive playing and unique voice on the guitar.

Wednesday 12 June 2013 Date

Time 6.00pm Duration 1 hour

Venue **USQ Arts Theatre**

\$20.00 Adult, \$16.00 Concession, \$14.00 Student, \$9.00 Child

This recital is proudly sponsored by the USQ School of Creative Arts.

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He holds degrees from the Vienna Conservatory, Trinity College of Music in London and a doctorate in piano pedagogy and performance from the University of Michigan.

Jovanni is co-founder and advisor of the national MTNA Piano Pedagogy Symposium and is currently a professor of piano at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi.

This recital includes a post-show reception with the artist - light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday 10 July 2013 Date

Time 6.00pm Duration 1 hour

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The Shop is operated by the Toowoomba Gallery Society Incorporated with enthusiasts from the Society staffing the shop on a voluntary basis

The Gallery Society actively promotes and supports Toowoomba and region artists and the Regional Art Gallery.

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