November 2023

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Noosa Arts & Crafts is closed from Friday December 15 at 3pm to Monday January 8 at 9am

December 2023

The Christmas Market was huge, despite our initial worry that we were starting a little early, our sales were over \$12,000. I think we actually benefitted by being the first! A nice bonus for Christmas for our members. There were many members involved in the set up and take down, whom I thank sincerely - it was seamless.

Total sales through the Wattle Studio Shop for 2023 were \$35,069 - thanks to Sally and team who kept the shop looking fresh and attended all year. This even exceeded the previous highest total of just under \$12,000 in 2019. Please remember to take home all your items next week before the house closes.



2023 is almost over - the AGM was successful and we had a large attendance. We have a full Committee to start the New Year. Thank you to all those who have made a commitment to support the Association through the coming year and to Gabi for stepping in to fill the V-P role for 2024. The new Committee is listed below. President: Jan Bentley Vice-President: Gabi Dick Secretary: Fran Bate Treasurer: Lynne Saunders General Members: David Gilbert, Annelise Howes, Margo Miranda, Sally Heron, Irene Baker-Finch, and Jenny Blyth.

Next year, we start quickly with the Artastic Sale - we hope to attract some of the many visitors still in town before the end of the school holidays. Please book your tables and be ready to set up on Friday afternoon January 12. There are A5 leaflets around the house so please take one or two and pin them on noticeboards near where you live.

I leave you with these thoughts:

It is said that art in every form:

- 1. Stimulates the imagination and fires our synapses
- 2. Makes us more observant
- 3. Enhances problem-solving
- 4. Boosts self-esteem
- 5. Reduces stress

So over the Christmas and New Year break, please make time to indulge yourself in art in any form and we look forward to welcoming you back in January - rested, enthusiastic and brimming with creative ideas.

I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and New Year with family and friends and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Jan President

OUR FIRST EVENT FOR 2024





Writing a work of fiction can be a daunting process. Noosa Writer's group share their chapters by email before meeting every Monday morning at Wallace House to critique each other's work in a friendly supportive atmosphere. If you would like some feedback on your work-in-progress and are willing to help others to edit their drafts, we would welcome a couple of new members. To find out more phone Roger (0434 901 758) or Shane (0409 826 897)

WORKSHOPS FOR 2024

Bookings are open now and you can also book online.

- Jan 20 & 21 Shellac, Pastel & Charcoal - with Lizzie Connor
- Feb 7 4 weeks Beginners' Pottery - with Jenny Blyth
- Feb 10 & 11 Colour knowledge for watercolourists - with Jan

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• **Feb 20** - 6 weeks Palette Knife Streetscapes - with Lizzie Connor





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