



Channel Regional Arts Group

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2017

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From the President

It is exciting to announce the ***Channel Regional Art Expo and Auction***, a major new arts exhibition in the former Dick Smith shop at Channel Court on 1st to 3rd December. This is a magnificent opportunity for CRAG to display the extraordinary creative talents of our region as well as an excellent time and place for artists to sell their work direct to a large, pre-Christmas audience.

CRAG is staging the Expo by courtesy of the Channel Court Shopping Centre and in co-operation with the Lions Club of Kingborough, in support of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation.

For more information see the attached invitation to artists and craft people. I encourage members to register early as we anticipate that the booths will sell out quickly.

Following the AGM on 14th September we have an active new committee. The minutes of the AGM are on our website at crag-tas.org.au together with our financial statements. You will see that we are in a healthy position.



As you will see in this newsletter, we are developing our program for 2017-2018, commencing with the **Expo** in December. Please contact any committee member with any suggestions for additional CRAG activities which support our local creative community.

It is sad to note the final closure of Tasmanian Regional Arts (TRA) on 30th June after 70 years of service to the arts community. Some of the functions of TRA have been absorbed by Arts Tasmania. However, CRAG is an independent body with its own vitality and a firm commitment to the arts and crafts people of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

In another administrative change, the Kettering Concerts group and CRAG are now independent and separate incorporated bodies. The grand piano has been transferred to the Concerts group and we wish them continued success with their excellent musical events which give so much pleasure.

Plans for the 2017-2018

As a member of the Channel arts community, we look forward to supporting you and to your participation. We welcome your suggestions for future CRAG activities. At this stage we have the following events planned or proposed –

2017

Channel Regional Art Expo and Auction

1st to 3rd December. See attached flyer.

2018

Autumn Folk and Country Concert

This is a new initiative which Ned Trewartha will be pursuing.

Jazz in July

The Lions Club of Kingborough have committed to staging this popular event again, in co-operation with CRAG

September - Channel Art Trail

The first Channel Art Trail was held in September 2008. This will be the 10th anniversary of the very popular event.

Theatre productions

In previous years CRAG has facilitated the presentation of a number of theatrical productions at Kettering Hall, in co-operation with Tasmania Performs. Jane Marris has undertaken to explore options for us to host a production in 2018 and has one tentative possibility.



Workshops and other suggestions

In 2016/17 we held a number of popular workshops. We are currently looking for suggestion for workshops in 2018, and any other suggestions for activities which will support and promote artists and craftspeople in the Channel area.

Have you paid your membership subscription?

Membership subscriptions became due on 30th June.

Single member \$20 Family \$35

Pay on-line. Go to <http://secure.crag-tas.org.au/subscriptions>

Your username is the email address that we have for you. If you have lost your password it is simple to request a new one.

Or by cheque made out to CRAG and posted to PO Box 147, Kettering, 7155.

We are aware that there have been some difficulties in making on-line payment and hope to have that sorted soon. Thanks for your patience.

Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful, creative time

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