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## Hi Creatives and Welcome to the March 2017 Newsletter!

### Important Dates:

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2017:** Stall at Samford Valley Markets – more info below.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2017:** AGM - 3pm, Bendigo Meeting Room – more info below.

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April:** Trails Working Bee – 7am at Nicki Marsh's house - 24 McCombe Road, Camp Mtn. All Trails Artists asked to please attend, but all members welcome to help out! More below.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017:** Arts Trail Launch and Fundraising Evening. 6:30 at Samford Community Hall (next to Samford State School). Please mark this in your diaries. More below

**Artist Gathering Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2017:** at Dianne Minnaar's Studio – Sanctus Sacred Images, 1 Cormorant Close, Cashmere at 9am. Please bring a plate to share!

**AGM:** Heather has given notice that she needs to stand down as Secretary. Jenni Meek has volunteered for this position. Nicki Marsh is standing down as a General Committee member and Pia Robinson has volunteered. Many thanks to Heather for her work as Secretary and to Nicki for several years work on the Committee. And we are grateful to Jenni and Pia for their offers to fill the positions. Nomination forms and Notice of AGM are attached to this Newsletter.

We realise that the Bendigo meeting room becomes crowded, but it is free for our use. Other Hall hire has become expensive.

**Trails Working Bee:** All Trails Artists are asked to attend the Working Bee on Sat, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 7am at Nicki's place: 24 McCombe Rd, Camp Mtn. Please bring a plate for a shared breakfast, we will then be working on a few fun projects in preparation for the launch night and trails. Can I ask that you park on the grass verge in front of our place, as we will need to move our own vehicles to transport kids to sports.

We have a number of jobs that need doing for the Trails and Launch and it should only take an hour or 2 if most people attend. If you are not able to attend, we will have other jobs for you to do which include helping in the kitchen and food/drink service during the Launch (5<sup>th</sup> May). Please indicate to Nicki how you will be contributing to making this inaugural event a huge success.

## **Arts Trail Launch: 6:30 pm Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

I have received over 50 small boards with the most amazing array of art. Thank you for the great response and effort put into this initiative. If you still have artwork to drop off it can be left with Helen or myself (Nicki) on the above contacts. There are also more boards available if you feel inclined to create.

The program for the night will begin at 6:30 for meet and greet, enjoying drinks and canapés . There will be a short round of obligatory speeches and then some theatre art to lead us into the auction. The small boards will be displayed with a fixed price (\$48 or \$45 for multiples).

Obviously we will be calling for volunteers to help set up/ take down, clean, prep and serve food and drinks, meet & greet, etc.

### **Donations of Art:**

For those who have offered pieces to auction, Nicki would like to start collecting them in so they may be catalogued and display needs can be assessed.

Thank you to those very generous members for their Art Auction donations .We welcome more!

Please contact Nicki Marsh [nicolamarsh@bigpond.com](mailto:nicolamarsh@bigpond.com) if you have some art to donate.

**The Arts Trail REPORT/ UPDATE:** Please contact **Nicki Marsh** our Trails Coordinator at [nicolamarsh@bigpond.com](mailto:nicolamarsh@bigpond.com) about any Trails related issues.

I have sent out an email to trail participants with regard to Insurance, please respond by the due date: Wed 22 March. I hope to get the first copy of your layout in the next fortnight. At this point you will be asked to check the details. A fast turnaround means faster to the printers.

**Participation fees are now due:** \$100 Creative Samford Inc BSB 633 000 Acct # 150830982  
Please include your name for reference.

### **JOB REQUESTS:**

#### TRAILS COORDINATOR/S 2018

I really encourage you to consider this role; we envision the co-coordinator would have a limited two (2) year tenure and would like someone to step forward now so you can be mentored in this position during the current Trail.

Firstly, so you can experience the whole process that goes into organising such an event and secondly, so you have the fullest confidence to take on the role in 2018 and beyond.

#### LOCATION SCOUTS

Do you know of a great location for either a banner or a large sign (think expensive real estate size)?

The Arts Trail is Creative Samford's biggest venture to date. If the Trail is something you truly believe adds value to our community, our group and our Artists then you need to support it and help it to reach its full potential by actively participating in the administering of this great event. Please contact me ([nicolamarsh@bigpond.com](mailto:nicolamarsh@bigpond.com)) to let me know how you can help.

**We have several large display panels still available for Trails Participants to hire for the 4 weekends of the Arts Trail at \$20 per panel.**

The panels are 1.2m wide x 1.3m high and the stands (removable) bring the overall height to approx. 2m. The lights and hanging rails fit across 2 side-by-side panels. The panels are double-sided and are covered in carpet-like fabric. Please send your Expression of Interest to hire a panel to [Nicola.marsh@bigpond.com](mailto:Nicola.marsh@bigpond.com)



**Artists Gatherings:** We would like to continue to hold at least 4 gatherings or fun activities in 2017. If you have a great idea for a guest speaker, presentation, artist activity/challenge or would just like to host a breakfast or brunch, please contact our social director, Janina, at: [janinaliddellart@live.com.au](mailto:janinaliddellart@live.com.au).

### **Membership Fees:**

Membership fees for the 2017 year are now due. There is a slight fee increase to \$25 for individuals, \$40 family and \$70 for associations/groups. Please make payment by direct deposit to:

**Creative Samford Inc**

**BSB: 633000**

**Acct No: 150830982**

**Please include your name and annual fee as reference.**

### **Grants:**

Our sincere thanks to:

**Samford Bendigo Bank**, **Queensland Government** through Arts Queensland QASP fund, **Moreton Bay Regional Council** – especially Darren Grimwade and Sonia Cozens and their grants team for their support!



### **Fundraisers:**

#### **Samford Valley Markets Stall:**

Sally Jones has volunteered to coordinate a stall for the Samford Valley Markets on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April. **Sally would like to put together a huge Mother's Day Raffle. If you have art, wine, - anything suitable as Mother's Day prizes, please let Sally know.** We will need lots of volunteers for 1- 2 hour slots to staff the stall. **This is a great opportunity to fund raise and promote the Arts Trail.** Please contact Sally at [sallyjartwork@gmail.com](mailto:sallyjartwork@gmail.com)

#### **Drakes IGA Barcode Fundraiser:**



Drakes IGA have provided Creative Samford with barcodes. These will be distributed at all future meetings and gatherings as a small keyring. Every time you shop at IGA, ask the register operator to scan the barcode on your keyring and Creative Samford will receive funds through their Community Dollars programme.

**A Small Story of Success:** A few months back, it was advertised in a Creative Samford Newsletter, that a local business owner was wanting to display art in her premises. One of our artists (who asked not to be named) embraced the challenge and took 6 pieces of art along, thinking the owner might choose 2 or even 3 paintings. But the owner loved all the paintings and decided she HAD to hang all 6 pieces. A couple of months went by and our Artist hadn't heard anything, so she went back to the shop to see if anything had been sold and/or to collect her paintings. The owner was Horrified! "You want to take the paintings? But I love them," she said. The artist was taken aback and pleased, but said she really must try to sell them. After a little bit of friendly bargaining, the owner and the artist struck a very amicable bargain. All 6 paintings were

sold! The moral to the story is that there are a lot of opportunities out there if we are willing to take up the challenge. (And a reminder = the owner of Pause would love Artists to contact her about exhibiting in Samford's newest Restaurant. See below!!)

### **Website and New Graphics:**

Rachael King is in the process of getting our new website organised. She has produced a fresh, beautiful new design. Any questions concerning website, please contact Rachael ([enquiries@rachaelkingdesigns.com.au](mailto:enquiries@rachaelkingdesigns.com.au)) Thanks to Rachael for all the work she is doing, often at very short notice!

Our thanks also to John Hudson for printing new posters (over-night turn around).

[john@primepixelsmedia.com.au](mailto:john@primepixelsmedia.com.au)

[www.primepixelsmedia.com.au](http://www.primepixelsmedia.com.au)

### **Samford Commons:**

Most members are aware that there has been much discussion with Council about the future of Samford Commons. Sally Jones has been attending numerous meetings on our behalf and has spent many hours documenting and reporting back to the Committee. We are very grateful and wish to say a HUGE THANKS for the time Sally has spent with this.

**Samford Commons Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:45pm - welcome/ induction for a 7pm start.** As 'partners-in-principle' of Samford Commons, we have formed a 2017 roster for members of Creative Samford to attend these meetings. Please see the roster attached and contact me at [Kathy.sydes@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.sydes@gmail.com) to register which month you can attend. It is important that Creative Samford continue to have a presence at the General Meetings. (Thanks Phil, Bev, Wendy S and Janina for January, February, March and June!)

### **Samford Home and Garden Expo (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May) 2017: - CANCELLED**

### **Hillbrook Sustainability Day (13<sup>th</sup> May)**

Samford Commons has indicated that they will be holding a stall at this event as well. If anyone can spare the time to join their stall and hand out Trails and Creative Samford promotional material, that would be fantastic.

Please contact Kathy ([Kathy.sydes@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.sydes@gmail.com)) if you can help.

### **Maker's Festival**

Here are some great links about Maker's Faires or Festival:

[www.makerfaireadelaide.com](http://www.makerfaireadelaide.com)

<http://burningman.org>

Samford Commons is in the planning stages of a Maker's Festival to be held on site in October, 2017. This would be a fantastic opportunity for members of Creative Samford as a group to be involved in an event which highlights CREATIVITY in all its forms. Maker's Festivals are a global phenomenon and have never been held in QLD.

Please contact Pia Robinson ([pia\\_robinson@hotmail.com](mailto:pia_robinson@hotmail.com)) if you can see yourself (or a group of artists) being involved in this exciting Makers event!



## Current and Upcoming Events:

### Exhibition Space Opportunity: The new **Pause Restaurant**

Isabelle Robson from the new Pause Restaurant, Main Street, Samford is interested to hear from artists who may like to use space to exhibit their work. There are 2 lovely rooms upstairs from the restaurant as well as other wall space available. Please contact Isabelle direct at [robson.isabelle@gmail.com](mailto:robson.isabelle@gmail.com) if you are interested.



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a fun way to approach figurative drawing.  
This one day experience will leave you with astonishing results!  
Cost: \$190pp from 9am to 4pm on 26 April '17 - Bookings essential.  
Bring a glass to enjoy tea, coffee & juice in the courtyard.

**IRENE SPARKS  
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One of our very talented North Queensland Artists  
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Enjoy an evening of colourful culture  
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From 6pm to 10pm Clear Mountain Road,  
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### From Vicki Tull at BCC:

I am contacting you to see if any of your members would be interested in exhibiting work at the Everton Park Library? We have an art wall with hanging system which measures 255cm by 145cm with an A4 frame for artist details.

Although we cannot have price tags displayed we can hold a price list with contact information to give out from the Counter.

We also have 2 small display cabinets so we can accommodate mixed media if required.

Ideally I would like to change the display monthly; I already have bookings for March and April so currently have availability for the remainder of the year. If you have any questions or queries please contact me.

Regards

Vicki

**Vicki Tull**

Team Leader | Library Services

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*Please let me know if you have any news or events to share.*

### **Grant writing Team:**

Thanks to Sally J, Marie-Ann C and Carolyn H for volunteering to help with Grant writing.....we could always use more help ☺.

### **NB:**

I get *many* emails after each newsletter asking for more information about various things. **It would be a huge help if you could please direct your queries to the appropriate person.** ☺ See contact list at the top of this newsletter or as noted in the relevant sections. Thank you!

Cheers,

Kathy ([Kathy.sydes@gmail.com](mailto:Kathy.sydes@gmail.com))