



# Newsletter

October 2017

## **Community truly coming together to celebrate Art Excellence locally**

At the last Upper Lachlan Council meeting all the Councillors unanimously agreed to be the lead sponsor for the first prize Art Excellence Award of a \$1,000 in support of promoting Art Development locally and regionally. The Upper Lachlan Council will hand the prize money to the winning Artist at the upcoming annual Willow Tree Sculpture Garden Exhibition Opening Event on the 11th of November. Willow Tree Sculpture Garden will host an opening Exhibition Event as part of the Crookwell Open Garden Festival weekend, with live music in the garden, wine and nibbles also supported by Mary Gilmore and Laggan Market groups. Community truly coming together to celebrate Art Excellence locally.

Fiona van Stom President of 'The Sculptors Society' in Sydney will judge all entries and is also the Major Annual Sponsor for all the School Student Entries, sponsoring 1st - 3rd prizes of \$200.00. It is a great honour to have such a prestigious Sculptor Society fostering Art Development regionally.

The Crookwell and Laggan Schools are working hard to get Student Entries ready for the opening and we look forward to their contributions. Chris Rowlands and Associates Landscaping and Landscape Designer is the Annual Sponsor for the 2nd Art Excellence Award of \$500. Chris through his collaboration on a concept design for Willowtree Sculpture Garden had been on board from the beginning not only being a superb landscaper and designer for Willowtree, Chris has a passion for the idea of supporting Artists and their development. Willowtree Sculpture Garden will be the Annual sponsor for the third Prize Award of Excellence of \$200. The Doug McIntyre: Annual Painting and Sculptural Wall Hanging Award of Excellence for \$100 is Sponsored by well known local Artist, Painter and Architect: Doug McIntyre. Our Patron Pam Kenzit is sponsoring the People's Choice Award. We look forward to the Event and invite all Artists to enter their works into this great Annual Sculpture Exhibition in Laggan. 'Art to Connect to the Soul' is truly a community Event for Everyone to be inspired and uplifted, come and join us at the Opening Even on Saturday the 11th of November from 5.30-8.30pm

Hope to see you at the Exhibition please book your accommodation in advance as the Crookwell Open Garden Festival is very popular and accommodation gets booked up in advance.



## **ARTISAN WORKSHOPS**

Willow tree Sculpture Gardens will offer a range of Artisan Workshops on the fourth weekend in February and March 2018. Opportunities to carve stone, paint a landscape, learn how to felt or make a wire sculpture for your garden? You have the opportunity to join a workshop to learn how.

On popular demand and by request we will add 'Learning the Art of Welding', How to write a Novel and publishing tricks' as well as "Whole food, Plant based Cooking' and three dimensional Mandala Creation.

We now invite you to contact us if you have a workshop you always wanted to teach that you think the community might enjoy." We are about creating Art together, developing community and fostering talent. You may not have taught Art before but always wanted to, now is your chance, if you are passionate about

teaching art or sharing what you enjoy as a hobby yourself, get in touch with us during this planning phase of our workshops for next year to discuss your idea.

Have a look on our website and learn about what others have said from their participation in this year's artisan workshops and perhaps be inspired to share your talents" [www.willowtreesculpturegarden.com](http://www.willowtreesculpturegarden.com) or contact Anna or Rachael on 02 483730246. 0469369481 We look forward to discuss your ideas to add to our Artisan School for February next year.



## **MUSIC AT SUNSET**

Willowtree Sculpture Gardens welcome you to our exciting annual sculpture event hosted in the picturesque village of Laggan. The garden will feature in the Crookwell Open Garden Festival over the weekend of Saturday the 11th and Sunday the 12th of November 2017. The Exhibition will be open 10.00-4.00pm Friday, Saturday & Sunday of each week from November the 11th - November 19th of November. The opening Event on the 11th November from 5.30-8.30pm includes Music at Sunset in the amphitheatre.

Mike Baker (keyboards and vocals) and Garth Prentice (guitar and vocals) are two very experienced musicians who perform regularly in a variety of settings in and around Goulburn and will set the mood of celebration and relaxation. They both work as instrument tutors at Goulburn Regional Conservatorium, as members of The Mike Baker Band (<https://www.facebook.com/MikeBakerBand/>) and also as members of the popular ukulele trio Ukesters Day Out with Keva Abotomey.

At this exhibition opening event bring your picnic rug and basket, friends and family and enjoy an excellent complimentary glass of wine donated by Hatherleigh Vineyard planted by Nick Bulleid our neighbour. Wander through the Sculpture garden with nibbles on offer from the Mary Gilmore Committee. Celebrate and support the amazing talent of over 40 local and regional artists. All works will be for sale.

Enjoy the talent of our local school students participating from Laggan and Crookwell Schools proudly showcasing their sculptures.

Anna and Rachael, with the support of friends and family will make sure that this will be an event to remember. Art to connect to the Soul, together



## **Women's Wellbeing One Day Retreat**

This retreat is for those who want to take time out of the busyness of life to explore valuable meditation and self realisation techniques. The one day workshop will be on the 21st October 2017 9.30-5.30. The retreat will cover and explore the gentle and powerful ways to love self, ways to self nurture, to be self express and deepen in self acceptance. The group size will be limited to 6 women to ensure an intimate and safe space of sharing. It will provide an opportunity and techniques to uncover our intuition which is the doorway to deepen stillness and wisdom.

The divine feminine operating in our lives leads us to powerful expressions of self love and wisdom. Morning tea, locally grown wholesome lunch and afternoon tea included. Anna has facilitated many women's sacred space workshops and will be happy to discuss any queries you may have to participate in this relaxing workshop. You can call Anna on 0248373046 to obtain further information.

Please note due to an unexpected overseas trip the September Women's Wellbeing Workshop will not be offered. If you have planned to do this workshop please consider the October Workshop 2017.

Anna Pye