



## MAY – POST EXHIBITION NEWSLETTER 2025

Hello Artists

**I hope you might take a few minutes out of your day to read the following.  
The newsletter is for you, the artists in our region.**

### **Post Exhibition:**

As committee volunteers, it has been very rewarding to receive your positive comments, words of thanks, willing co-operation and involvement. This is what we focus on which keeps us going and makes us believe that our exhibition is a worthwhile event for our local communities.

Members of any organisation are often reminded that committees are volunteers – and the Art HB committee is no exception.

The team has given a huge amount of time and energy, use of our vehicles, many phone calls, meetings and helping each other and so on. Committee does all of this for the artists, so **to those who have expressed your words of thanks to us, this has been much appreciated!**

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And.....

Thank you once again to all who participated in the 2025 Art HB exhibition. Another successful exhibition with many of you and visitors calling into the gallery. As always there was a wonderful variety of artworks and sculptures – talent is wide and varied in our region !

Josh Lancaster was the selector for the paintings and Ben Pearce selected the winning sculpture.

They were both generous with their comments on the talent within the exhibition during their opening night speeches.

Josh commented “each piece needs a unique formula of inspiration and imagination and determination to finish it. Simply put, a lot of the artist goes into the art and I just want to

recognise all the hard work and love that I know each and every piece has been given by someone just to be here tonight”.

The committee congratulates all of the winners and to those who received a highly commended recognition.

They were as follows:

**Abstract Category** – winner Karen Pallesen and highly commended was Marie McVey

**Art Unlimited Category** – winner was Gail Davidson and highly commended was Gretchen Buwalda

**People Category** – winner was Penny Madden and highly commended was Gail Davidson

**Land Category** – winner was Graham Stichbury and highly commended was Marion Griffiths

**Water Category** – winner was Ray Sievert and highly commended was Ken Nysse

**Schools Category** – winner was Piper Morris (CHB College) and highly commended was Eva Brazier (Sacred Heart)

The overall **Best in Exhibition** winner was Graham Stichbury

### **Special Thanks**

There are a number of people to thank for the successful running of the Exhibition. The committee – thank you so much for all your hard work in bringing the exhibition to fruition. There is a huge amount of work involved behind the scenes and without your input we would not have such a successful show. Thank you all.

We also rely on volunteers, from receiving works to hanging and the few who helped on the roster.

Thank you all so much for your time and support.

Our caterers (the Taradale Supergrans marching team) did a sterling job with the supper on opening night which was well received. These ladies do a wonderful job preparing “the eats” and not much left over !

We extend our thanks to them also.

Most importantly, thanks go to our wonderful sponsors who support us financially. (**Arty Az; Doevendans Family; Humanity Books; Lisa White-Tremains Real Estate; Roger Sinclair; Finlandia; JW Picture Framing; Langley Twigg Law.**) Thank you so much and we are most appreciative of your ongoing support. This year was the last year for Bostock sponsoring and we have truly appreciated their support for the past 3 years. We now have the task of finding another main sponsor so the work is ongoing.

### **Future Focus**

Those present at the opening night had the opportunity to feedback their ideas for the future of Art HB. Some suggestions have come to the fore such as – having an exhibition that is open to artists who do not belong to an art club; holding an exhibition for school children; taking the lead in collaborating with other art groups around the region. These are good suggestions which I believe are certainly achievable and the committee will be discussing these ideas further.

### **Support is needed**

Our database has approximately 500 artists listed. This means there is a lot of skill, capabilities and ideas out there. We would dearly love to have more involvement from you. Some ways you can help include:

- \* participating in the exhibition as a volunteer
- \* be free with your ideas and constructive feedback
- \* keen to join the committee team – let us know
- \* attend our upcoming AGM in August
- \* help on a subsidiary support group if we want to get some of the above “Future Focus” ideas up and running

Please give this your consideration .

### **Sculptor's Group**

We have noted that there are some wonderful sculptors in our region, however, the sculptors don't appear to have a group. We would love to encourage this and wonder if any of you might be keen to start a sculptors group? If so, we can facilitate the networking process for you to get this off the ground. Please let me know if you are keen ([jandrhay@gmail.com](mailto:jandrhay@gmail.com)) or phone 0276044616

### **Upcoming Event – AGM**

In August (date to be confirmed) we will be hosting our AGM. We hope you will support us by attending this meeting and sharing your ideas etc.

We must vote this year on continuing as Art HB and will have to re-register with Incorporated Societies. We require input from our artists so please come along and have your vote recorded.

Committee does appreciate it when artists take an interest.

We will advise the AGM date as soon as possible.

### **In Conclusion**

In conclusion we are extremely grateful to the gallery staff – to Lyn and Marita – their support to all of us is so much appreciated. We extend special thanks to them.

And so, we hope everyone enjoyed participating in the exhibition and if you sold work our congratulations !

Our Art HB exhibition is there for artists who belong to art groups, to showcase and sell their work; to support each other and to share.

Happy painting and sculpting

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