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CITY OF CASEY ARTS MAGAZINE

Summer 2016/2017

**Celebrate
a creative
Summer in
Casey**



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Cover image: Lee Clements and her art journals.
Photo by Darryl Whitaker.



Journals by Lee Clements

Summer exhibitions now showing at Casey's Art Spaces

Take a journey through the subliminal, the subconscious, and the history of our local landscape this summer in the exhibitions at Casey's Art Spaces. At the Civic Centre Art Space, Lee Clements exhibits her intuitive works made from a disciplined journaling practice, and Julia Daboub presents beautiful wooden sculptures of amazing forms. At Cranbourne Library, Nur Athirah Abdul Rahman's contemporary video art explores her experiences of sleep apnoea in a mesmerising display. At Endeavour Hills Library, Di Lockwood and Heather Merrett, neighbours for many years in Narre Warren North, chart the changes in their local landscape, in evocative prints and mixed media artworks.

Civic Centre Art Space

A Soul's Expression by Lee Clements and Dark Sonata by Julia Daboub

30 November 2016 – 27 January 2017

Cranbourne Library

I once had a dream that a father kept his daughter's favourite toy... by Nur Athirah Abdul Rahman

9 November – 10 December 2016

Endeavour Hills Library

Synergy in print by Di Lockwood and Heather Merrett

7 December 2016 – 6 February 2017



The Aveo Grand Art Exhibition at The Edrington

Provenance Artists Inc, a not-for-profit society of local artists, present the Aveo Grand Art Exhibition and Garden of Sculptures at the Edrington, the historical homestead of Lord Casey. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to visit the historically significant building, and enjoy this curated exhibition of local and interstate artists. The garden will be filled with sculptures and the exhibition features a range of art mediums, including a scratchboard section, a petit (postcard sized) section and more.

Date: Friday 3 March – Sunday 5 March 2017
Time: 10.00 am – 5.00 pm
Venue: The Edrington, 6 Melville Park Drive, Berwick
Cost: Adults \$7, school students \$3
Contact: Judy 9704 8376 or Barbara 0414 833 383
 provenance@tpg.com.au www.artshowsofoz.com



Making Music at The Factory – A Summer Choir

This fun-filled four-day program is led by well-known choral conductor, Faye Dumont and accompanied by Simon Loveless. At the completion of the program the group will showcase their achievements in a performance at a local venue. Bookings are essential.

Dates: Tuesday 3 January – Friday 6 January 2017
Time: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm daily
Venue: The Factory Rehearsal Centre for the Performing Arts, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne
Cost: \$250 includes full catering (this cost may be reduced depending on numbers)
Bookings: Jennie 5998 7485 or 0417 567 125

School Holiday Program

Pick up a copy of the Casey-Cardinia Libraries School Holiday program at any of our Libraries or online at www.cclc.vic.gov.au. There's a range of activities for all ages - from storytime, crafts and performers! All events are FREE! Bookings are essential.

Book online at www.tinyurl.com/cclchols or phone your local Library. Bookings will open on Tuesday 3 January 2017.



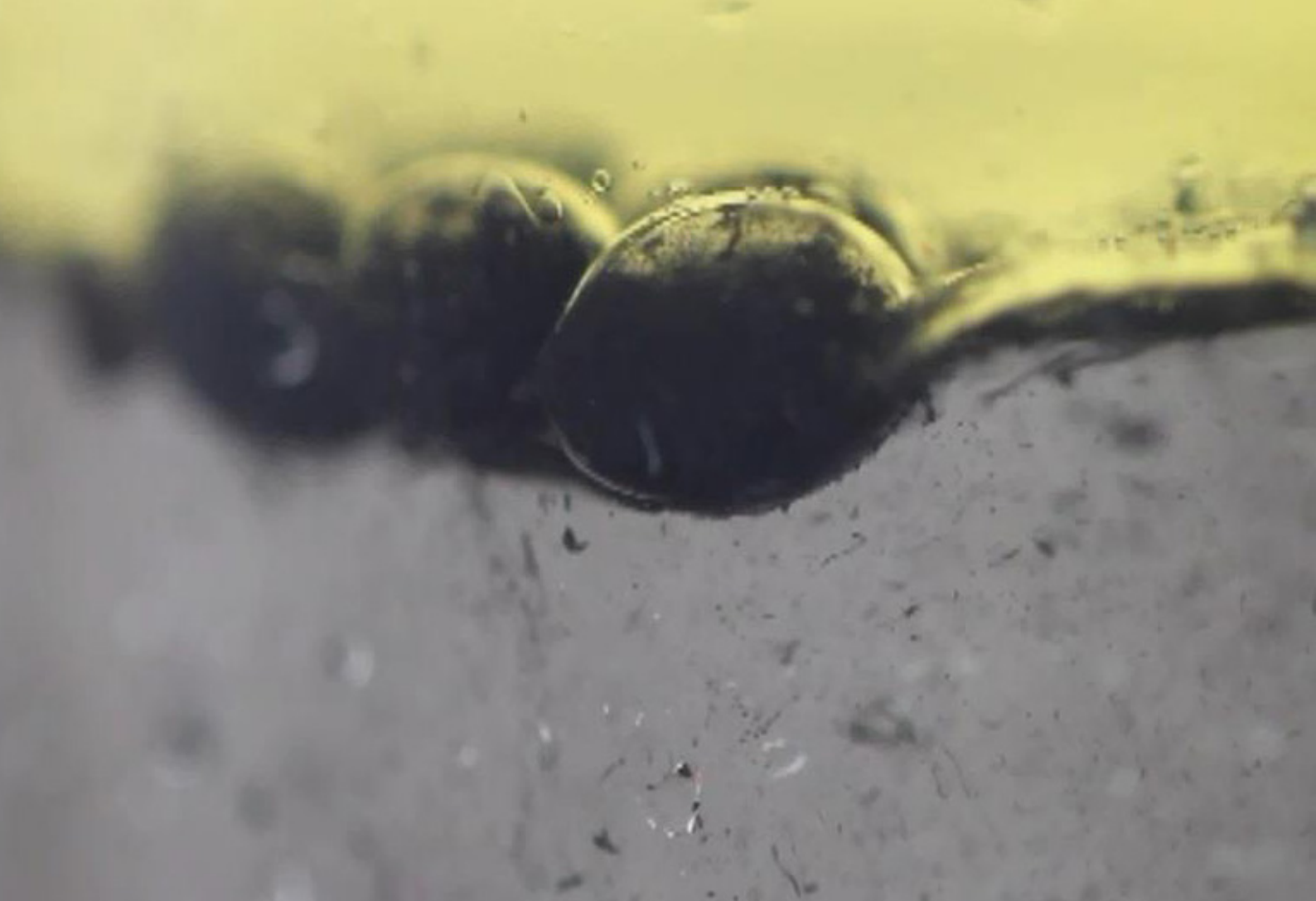
Sharon Start and Cr Sam Aziz

Sharon Start receives the 2016 Lindsay King Arts Award

Sharon Start was named the 2016 Lindsay King Award winner at a recent ceremony. The Lindsay King Arts Award is Casey's most prestigious award for the arts, recognising people whose initiatives have made a significant contribution to the arts in Casey. The award was established in 2007 and is named in memory of Cranbourne resident, Lindsay King, whose commitment to the arts and passion for local history, tourism and culture made a positive impact on the community in Casey.

Sharon Start was nominated for her performance skills, charity arts programming work, church and community choir conducting. Sharon founded many locally-based choir groups and has been teaching music and performing arts in primary schools for thirty years in Cranbourne West and Clyde.

For more information on the Lindsay King Arts Award see www.casey.vic.gov.au/arts.



"Born Fall" by Nur Athirah Abdul Rahman

Meet the Makers: creatives in Casey



Nur Athirah Abdul Rahman

Nur is a local artist who recently completed a Bachelor in Fine Arts (Monash University). Her multidisciplinary practice includes video art, textiles (including embroidery) and installation, and more recently analogue photography. Her delicate and intriguing artworks explore her dreams, and her experiences of sleep apnoea and paralysis. Nur's works have elaborate and poetic titles and her videos are slow, meditative works featuring moving forms and liquids but it is unapparent at first glance how they are made.

"My videos are filmed through a macro lens and involve the transformation of black ice cubes.

As they melt through a layer of oil, they turn into little round spheres and then burst into little pieces through a layer of water. It's a bit like watching a science experiment," Nur explains.

Other artworks of Nur's involve threads and textiles. Nur cites Chiharu Shiota's string installation as influential to her, and artist Lee MingWei's practice, "as he incorporates performance, sculpture and audience engagement as part of his work."

To see Nur's artworks, visit Casey's Art Spaces at the Cranbourne Library before 10 December for her solo exhibition, "I once had a dream that a father kept his daughter's favourite toy..."



Laura White

Laura White is a nature-inspired realist oil painter. Laura paints a variety of subjects including still life paintings, plants and other natural forms. Her process involves some underpainting (Flemish technique), with multiple layers of glazing, giving her paintings the lushness and depth true to nature.

Laura took up painting three years ago and is now painting full time. Laura says, "I worked for Victoria Police for almost 24 years, and decided I needed a change. That same year, both my sons moved out of home, and I found myself with a lot of spare time. So I picked up the brushes, never realising that the benefits of art would expand so much further than my canvas."

Laura now studies with the Petruccelli Art Studio in Upper Beaconsfield.



Laura's accomplished paintings are made with Southern Buoy hand stretched canvas, and Art Spectrum oils used with Liquol.

"I find I pick a canvas and stare at it until a concept comes together in my mind," Laura said.

"Sometimes I have a strong craving to paint lush green foliage, and other times, it's the drama of a still life. It's initially an imaginary process, sometimes sourcing photos that might work together. I draw a couple of images to decide on layout, and then focus on lighting and shadows. I usually have five paintings going at once, which is great for me as I hate sitting around waiting for paint to dry!"

See more of Laura's paintings at her upcoming solo exhibition 'The Painted Garden' at Yering Station, in the Yarra Valley in February/March 2017. To find out more, visit Laura's website: www.laurawhiteart.com.



Joy Sellars

Joy Sellars is an indigenous artist whose ancestors are from the western part of South Australia, as part of the Wirangu language group. Joy started painting only recently despite working for many years at Bunjilaka, the Aboriginal Gallery at the Melbourne Museum.

"I have been a participant in the Yarn and Art group for about two and a half years, and when I started never put paint on a canvas before and I convinced myself that I couldn't do it. I watched the amazingly talented group and the work they were producing and told myself that I could do that, and I did and have not looked back," Joy said.

Joy's canvases are painted with a background colour first, applied by a roller, and then Joy uses brushes or most often a toothpick to apply dots in compositions that relate to her ancestry.

"Before I start a new canvas I think about the stories, the colours of the landscape, and how I can put that on the canvas. The artists from my traditional lands inspire me to keep painting. We all use our stories and traditional lands for inspiration and interpret the same stories in different artistic styles."

To view Joy's work, visit: www.joysellarsaboriginalart.com.

Christmas events

■ Christmas Choir - Victorian School of Performing Arts (VSPA)

The VSPA Community Choir is open to all (children 12 years and under, must be in attendance with an adult for all rehearsals). The choir aims to prepare Christmas Carols and songs for a performance on Tuesday 13 December. No experience necessary, just a love of singing. Come along and enjoy the spirit of Christmas through song with members of our community.

Date: Tuesday evenings starting on Tuesday 18 October, Performance Tuesday 13 December
Time: 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm
Venue: Music Room, St Margaret's School, Berwick (enter via St Margaret's Place)
Cost: Free
Bookings: Kim Sanders 9703 8143
 vspa.admin@stmargarets.vic.edu.au



■ Create Your Own Gingerbread House

The festive season is marked by many traditions, crafting a gingerbread house is a fun and creative way to celebrate this special time of the year. Learn how to make, create and decorate your own perfect ginger bread house, a stunning centre piece for your Christmas table. All ingredients included in cost, BYO lunch and snacks.

Date: Saturday 3 December
Time: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm
Venue: Balla Balla Community Centre, Casey Indoor Leisure Complex, Building 3, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne East
Cost: \$50

Bookings: 5990 0900
Website: www.ballaballa.com.au

■ Just Harmony Choir at the Doveton Library

Christmas Carols with the Just Harmony Choir singing favourite carols and a selection from their repertoire. Light supper provided. Supported by the Friends of the Doveton Library.

Date: Tuesday 6 December
Time: 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Venue: Doveton Library, Autumn Place, Doveton
Cost: Free
Bookings: www.tinyurl.com/cclcevents or phone 9792 9497

■ Twinkle Toes the Christmas Elf followed by the Cranbourne Chorale

Dress up in your Christmas sparkles for an evening of entertainment music and fun with Twinkle Toes the Christmas Elf (6.00 pm - 6.45 pm). Followed by Christmas Carols (7.00 pm - 7.45 pm) with the Cranbourne Chorale. Supported by the Friends of Cranbourne Library.

Date: Wednesday 7 December
Time: 6.00 pm - 7.45 pm
Venue: Cranbourne Library, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd. Cranbourne
Cost: Free
Bookings: www.tinyurl.com/cclcevents or phone 5990 0150



■ Da Capo Singers presents 'Rejoice'

Join the Da Capo Singers for a wonderful night of Christmas songs and supper. Enjoy traditional carols and other beautiful choral works for the Christmas season, and a delightful supper to follow. Treat yourself to a lovely evening! Da Capo's third concert for 2016 will round off a year of successful music-making under our new Musical Director, Elena Varshavskaya.

Date: Saturday 10 December
Time: 7.30 pm
Venue: St Andrew's Uniting Church, 105 High St, Berwick
Cost: \$25 adult \$20 child
Bookings: Caitlin 0417 808 088
Website: www.dacaposingers.org.au
www.facebook.com/DaCapoSingers

Music and Performance

■ Disruptions - the Alkira Secondary College Annual Production

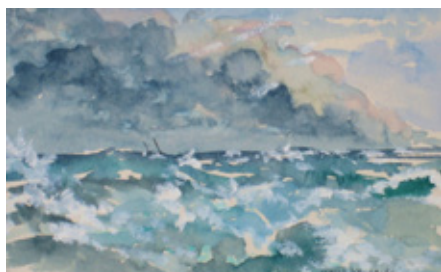
A vibrant, expansive, collaborative work of original theatre, Disruptions is an exploration of the inner world of young people looking towards their future. Devised in collaboration with Artist in Residence, Dale Thorburn, Disruptions brings to the stage a dynamic, energetic performance by Alkira Secondary College students from Years 7-11.

Date: Monday 28 November and Tuesday 29 November
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Nossal High School Auditorium, 100 Clyde Road, Berwick
Cost: \$15 Adults, \$5 concession/student
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/NPMQ or contact Alkira Secondary College 5991 3500

WORKSHOPS, CLASSES, AUDITIONS AND CONCERTS IN CASEY

Visual Arts

■ Berwick Artists Society – Thursday Painting and Drawing Group



Marie Warnecke *Storm on Port Philip Bay*.

The Thursday painting group continues to grow from strength to strength, as Berwick Artists Society welcome new members to the larger venue in the function room at the Old Cheese Factory for informal painting and fun. Berwick Artists Society promises all a very warm welcome.

Date: Thursdays 1, 8 and 15 December, with a break until Thursday 12 January and then weekly thereafter.
Time: 11.30 am – 2.30 pm
Venue: Pottery Studio and Old Shop, Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick
Cost: Members \$6, painting visitors \$7
Enquiries: Lynda Dyer 8790 1404 or Marie Warnecke 5995 9925

■ Mosaics for Everyone

Learn this beautiful and ancient art of creating an image from the assemblage of small pieces of coloured glass, stone or ceramics. This class is perfect for a complete novice or those with experience that would like to work on a project under the expert guidance of an award winning tutor.

Date: Thursday 9 February 2017 for four consecutive weeks, final class on Thursday 2 March 2016.
Time: 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Venue: Balla Balla Community Centre, Casey Indoor Leisure Complex, Building 3, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd, Cranbourne East

Cost: Course cost \$75 plus material cost: Mosaic Kit – Beginners \$25, payable to tutor at first lesson.

Bookings: Balla Balla Community Centre on 5990 0900

Website: www.ballaballa.com.au

■ Berwick Artists Society- Demonstration Night with Ita Hao Pheh

Come to the Old Cheese Factory for Berwick Artist Society's demonstration nights and watch visiting artists take you behind-the-scenes when creating an artwork. A great opportunity to learn tips and tricks for your own art practice.

Ita Hao Pheh will demonstrate architectural watercolour in this session. It Hai Pheh is a prize winning artist who has won over 15 awards including the Kenneth Jack Annual Memorial Drawing Prize, and many watercolour awards.

Date: Wednesday 22 February
Time: 7.30 pm – 9.45 pm
Venue: Function room, Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Rd, Berwick
Cost: Members \$10, visitors \$12, students \$6.
Enquiries: Marie Warnecke 5995 9925

■ Morning talk about travel sketch books with Joan Mason



The Beach at Worthing by Joan Mason

Joan Mason will lead a discussion on keeping a travel sketch. Using pen and ink and a compact watercolour set, Joan's diaries are full of studies of interesting objects. Her pages show a wonderful knowledge of composition. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own sketchbooks for inspiration and encouragement.

Date: Wednesday 15 February
Time: 10.30 am – 12.00 pm
Venue: Elliot Centre, Royal

Botanic Gardens Victoria, Cranbourne Gardens

Cost: \$6 members, \$8 non-members

Bookings: Margaret Holloway 0438 985 382

Literature

The New Romantics



Kate Belle

Why is romance the hottest selling genre? Join Jennifer Scoullar, Kate Belle, Kathryn Ledson and Margareta Osborn as

they present a fresh and modern take on Australian love stories. Discover the many facets of love and be prepared for a conversation on power and gender balance in romance, changing image of women in romantic fiction and the inspiration for their diverse work.

Date: Thursday 16 February
Time: 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
Venue: Cranbourne Library 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne
Cost: Free. Drinks, nibbles and door prizes included.
Bookings: www.tinyurl.com/cclcevents or phone 5990 0150

■ Summer Reading Club



Don't forget to register for the Casey-Cardinia Libraries Summer Reading Club. The Summer Reading Club is free and is aimed especially at children from age five to 16 years old. Pick up a registration form at any Casey-Cardinia Library or online at www.cclc.vic.gov.au/ from 1 December, collect a reading log and start reading! Collect stickers, bookmarks and temporary tattoos as you read.

All participants will receive a certificate and will go into the draw for great prizes!

Christmas Carols in Casey



Christmas on the Foreshore

Date: Friday 9 December
Time: 6.00 pm – 10.00 pm
Venue: Tooradin Recreation Reserve, Tooradin
Cost: Gold coin donation
Contact: Ross Wilkie on 0403 535 595

Endeavour Hills Christmas Carols

Date: Saturday 10 December
Time: 5.00 pm – 9.30 pm
Venue: South Eastern Christian Centre, 2–8 Gleneagles Drive, Endeavour Hills
Cost: Gold coin donation
Contact: South Eastern Christian Centre on 9700 2314

Narre Warren North Community Carols

Date: Saturday 10 December
Time: Sausage sizzle from 6.30 pm, carols start at 7.15 pm
Venue: A'Beckett Road Reserve, Narre Warren North
Cost: Donation
Contact: Bert Rae on 9796 8215

Hampton Park Carols by Candlelight

Date: Friday 16 December
Time: 7.30 pm – 9.45 pm
Venue: Cairns Road Reserve Oval, Corner Cairns Road and Campbell Drive, Hampton Park
Cost: Free
Contact: Jeanette Newman 0412 997 798

Berwick Carols

Date: Saturday 17 December
Time: 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm
Venue: Edwin Flack Reserve, Manuka Road, Berwick
Cost: Free
Contact: Gus Dominquez 0432 502 774

Carols by Candlelight

Date: Saturday 17 December
Time: 4.00 pm – 9.45 pm
Venue: Lawson Poole Reserve, 101 Lesdon Avenue, Cranbourne
Cost: Free
Contact: Freedom Christian Church 5995 2005

Carols by Twilight

Date: Saturday 24 December
Time: 6.00 pm – 9.30 pm
Venue: Max Pawsey Reserve, 340 - 350 Princes Highway, Narre Warren
Cost: Free
Contact: Casey City Church 8790 2917



New public artwork eXert at Carlisle Park

New public artwork eXert has recently been installed at Carlisle Park and is an eye catching addition to the park. Local residents have been enjoying the moving aspect of the work designed to mimic the motion of a human arm. The 10m high sculpture is the work of artist Jonathon Leahey, a sculptor whose previous work includes public art works in the United States, Belgium, Ireland and around Australia. Jonathan was previously a finalist in the prestigious McClelland Sculpture prize.

For information visit www.casey.vic.gov.au/arts.



Celebrate Australia Day at an event near you!

Date: Thursday 26 January 2017
Time: Various times
Venue: Various locations across Casey
Cost: Free

Australia Day is the ideal opportunity for the local community to get together to celebrate what's great about being Australian! With formal ceremonies around Casey, including

flag raisings, citizenship ceremonies and the presentation of community awards, there will also be a variety of local events and fun activities to enjoy.

For more information contact the City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200 or visit: www.casey.vic.gov.au/australiaday

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