



BANANA Newsletter **February 2007**

Welcome to BANANA's first newsletter for 2007! We're very excited about the New Year at BANANA, and this year we're planning a number of events to keep you all busy. So without further ado, let's get into it!

BANANA's February meeting...

We were very pleased to have several members of the extended BANANA family come along to our first meeting, and volunteer their services to the core group which does all the hard work to bring you BANANA and all that it offers. It's my privilege to welcome Anna, Tristan, Marlene, Jennifer and Fritz to the team, which already includes Jan, Wendy and Sandra. These Small Bananas are the ones that make it all happen, so many thanks to you all!

I (Elly) have resigned from my role as postmistress/general admin lady, and I'll be handing the role over to Tristan, who has graciously agreed to become postmaster/general admin man. There will be a new email address along with this change, banana.art@gmail.com. It will be a few more days before this is functional, but please add this to your list as your BANANA contact from the end of February.

Coming up in 2007

We have three major BANANA events planned for this year, and busy Small Bananas are hard at work shaping them already.

On May 6th, we will be holding a forum on the business side of creative life. While speakers and timetables are yet to be confirmed, we plan to present workshops and information on a range of topics, including copyright, insurance, funding, publishing and online selling. This will be a great networking opportunity for our members and other attendees, and there will be a chance for smaller groups to get together and discuss their needs and how they can be met within Belconnen's creative and wider community.

The second planned event is another BANANA exhibition and party, just the the one you might remember from last year. The exhibition will run from the 13th to the 31st of August. Dates are still to be confirmed for the party, but this year we have discussed including more film, and a greater focus on the literary talents of Belconnen.

Thirdly, this year we want to make a big deal out of BANANA's presence at the Belconnen Festival. What we haven't decided yet, is how. Lots of our members

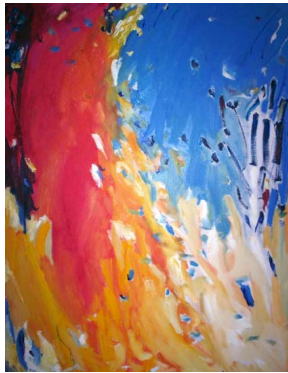
already put themselves out there at the Festival, so we'd love to hear any ideas on what BANANA could do to draw attention to ourselves!

Now on.... BANANA members doing their thing!

- Photoaccess is presenting an exhibition called '*Affluence*' by Multifocus, an artist group which includes BANANA member Jennifer K Phillips. The exhibition is open from the 8th until the 20th of February.
- The Art Overboard Awards has been convened by one of Banana's group members, KIKU ARTs. These awards seek to recognise and reward top examples of art with a social or political theme. The award presentations and opening of this years awards will take place at Cafe 2621, 40 Malbon St, Bungendore, at 7pm on 17 February. Works selected by the judges will be on display at Cafe 2621 from 18 February until 30 March.

Some other KIKU ARTs member events coming up include:

- An exhibition called 'See-me', with works from A-M Turner - contemporary oils on canvas and linen at The Gods Cafe, Australian National University Campus until 28 February 2007, 7.30am - 5pm from Monday to Friday.
- Jane Smith, an established New Zealand watercolour who is now an Australian resident, is showing watercolours with quirky middle aged subjects at CJ Harveys, in the main street of Nimmitabel, until 13 March. CJ Harveys is currently open from Thurs to Monday from 9am to 5pm.



- Roger Moore has long been regarded as one of Australia's leading egg tempera artists. This is a medium he was forced to take on when his chemical and food sensitivities prevented him using other materials. Fortunately, he has found a new oil on the market which he can tolerate, and will have an exhibition called 'Vesselating' at the Hughenden Boutique Hotel in Queen St Paddington from 6 March to 17 April.

Don't forget to let us know if you have any events coming up that you would like us to advertise through our newsletter or the BANANA email list!