

From the Manager

When trying to think of some words to describe my first 3 months at the Gallery "Never a dull moment" expresses it best, and that's just the way I like it.

Prior to coming to the National Cartoon Gallery, I was the Deputy Director (Operations, Education & Public Programs) at the New England Regional Art Museum in Armidale. It was a buzzing place with 30 exhibitions and 100 public programs a year. Wearing 3 hats, often all at the same time, kept me very busy but I enjoy the challenge and dynamics of working in a creative industry.

I hope to bring some new ideas to the Gallery to take us from strength to strength. It will be a fun ride!



Volunteers



Some of our wonderful volunteers

During Covid our amazing volunteers have continued to keep our doors open and welcome visitors to the Gallery. Their enthusiasm and dedication have made such a difference to the gallery. They have had to step up and meet all the challenges that Covid and lockdown forced upon us and they always show our visitors what we have to offer with a smile on their face.

Volunteers are coordinated by Hayley and provide the staff with support in areas from front-of-house, shop management, installing exhibitions, guided tours for the public and much more.

They are wonderful ambassadors for the Gallery and we thank each and every one of them.

Recent changes

With the NSW lockdown Coffs Harbour has seen a drop in tourism and consequently visitors to the Gallery have slowed. In response the Board have decided to temporarily change our opening hours to the following:

Tuesday to Sunday | 10am to 4pm

We also saw the postponement of our 25th Anniversary celebrations to a date to be announced and we rescheduled our Open Day. We're happy to say the **Open Day** will now be on 31st October with free entry to all. It will be a fun day of making, creating and animating so spread the word.





Emile Mercier Kickstarter Campaign

A book of cartoons featuring Emile Mercier has recently been launched on Kickstarter with sales of the book going toward supporting the National Cartoon Gallery. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved with this project and to help support the gallery.

You can join the Kickstarter campaign to secure an early copy by visiting: <http://kck.st/3kS78hx>.



Café News

The Bunker Café under the guidance of Maddy Bannerman did a great job providing good food to our visitors. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions lead to the temporary closure of the café and Maddy has decided not to reopen the café and instead focus on her other businesses.

The Gallery is currently seeking a new operator for the Café so we can get the doors open and thriving again. If you know of anyone interested in operating out of this treetop space, please ask them to contact our Chair, Paul McKeon at chair@nationalcartoongallery.com.au



Friends of the Gallery

Our Friends of the Gallery already know the great benefits being a friend of Australia's only Cartoon Gallery, but have you told *your* friends? We would love to double or triple our numbers so tell others about us and encourage them to join or better still surprise them with a gift membership. It's the gift that keeps giving, and Christmas is not that far away. Discounted membership is still available with your Dine & Discover Vouchers.



Welcome to our staff member

Hayley Ward has joined our team as Assistant Manager and many of you may have met her already. Hayley has an arts and museum background and will make a valuable contribution to the Gallery. Hayley is used to juggling lots of balls in the air and her role here involves Volunteer Coordination, Project Management, Marketing, Grant Applications, Exhibition Coordination, and anything else that lands on her desk.

Sponsors

We have amazing sponsors at the National Cartoon Gallery who share our vision to make Coffs the Cartoon Capital of Australia and we are always appreciative of their support!

We would love to bring new sponsors onboard to help us take the gallery to the next level that will make us known Nationally and Internationally. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor please contact our Chair, Paul McKeon at chair@nationalcartoongallery.com.au



Current Exhibitions

Manga Mania – extended to 3 October

We have extended Manga Mania until 3 October as lockdown meant some people missed out on seeing this exhibition. Make sure you come in before it closes and there is also still time to book the kids in for a Japanese school holiday workshop next week. Check our website and Facebook for details.

<https://nationalcartoongallery.com.au/workshops/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalCartoonGallery>



Extended to 7 November

We want to say a big thank you to Johannes Leak, Bill's son, for generously allowing us to run this exhibition until November. Warren Brown describes Bill Leak as an "Exquisite artistic talent, a curious, agile mind and a ruthless, rapier wit were the tools of a unique – and uniquely Australian – satirist". There is so much in this exhibition that people come back several times and enjoy it each time, finding something new and witty in Bill's larrikin nature.



This is the only venue holding this exhibition this year. If you have already seen it come back again and spread the word far and wide.

Upcoming Exhibitions

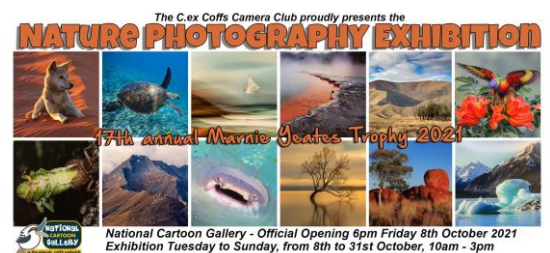
C.ex Coffs Camera Club Nature Photography Exhibition

Opening Night 8 Oct @ 6pm

Exhibition Dates - 8 to 31 October

We are pleased to announce this popular photography exhibition organised by the C.ex Coffs Camera Club is back at the National Cartoon Gallery in 2021. Australia is a nature lovers paradise and these photographers have captured its amazing beauty.

The winner will receive the Marnie Yeates trophy for 2021.



Open Tues – Sun 10am to 3pm* | Ph 02 6651 7343 | John Champion Way, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

Turn off Hogbin Drive at Racecourse Roundabout | * Closed Mondays, Good Friday and Christmas Day

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Poetry Slam Event – Sat. 23 Oct 12-3pm

Poets and budding poets are invited to come along to the Nature Photography exhibition and be inspired by nature, write a poem, then present it to the audience. If you're not a poet come along and be part of the audience. Prizes to be won!



A Last Hurrah – Opening Night 5 Nov @ 6pm

Exhibition Dates: 5 Nov – 5 Dec

What better way to say farewell to our wonderful Margaret Cameron than to ask her to choose her favourite works from the collection. This exhibition covers the humour, the chaos and the seriousness that cartooning can present and the sheer talent on display by our Australian cartoonists and caricaturists.

Come and wish Margaret all the best in her new ventures. We hope to see you all there.

Ginger Meggs – Turns 100! OPENING NIGHT – 10 December

Exhibition Dates: 10 Dec – 28 Feb 2022

This year marks the 100th Birthday of the red headed larrikin, originally created by Jimmy Bancks back in 1921, and now the longest running cartoon series in the world. Enthusiasts and collectors from around Australia have offered to contribute works, so we expect this to be a great exhibition of memorabilia and a chance for many to introduce their children and grandchildren to this endearing character. We hope to see the current Ginger cartoonist Jason Chatfield here in Australia in February to celebrate the exhibition.



Rotary Cartoon Awards

Exhibition Dates: 12 Nov – 6 Mar 2022

Rotary Awards Night 25 February @ 6pm

One not to be missed! The 33rd Annual Rotary Cartoon Awards are on again with extended dates. This year's special topic is *In Our Backyard Bubble* and we can't wait to see what our cartoonists will come up with. Always a crowd favourite we again expect to see a collection of the best Australian cartoons over the past 12 months.

The Awards Night will be held on Friday 25th February to coincide with the Australian Cartoonist Association Conference and Stanley Awards on 26 & 27th February when hundreds of cartoonists descend on Coffs Harbour. Come along and meet some of these amazingly talented cartoonists and see what makes them tick.

Come in and choose your favourite work in the exhibition and you'll be entered in a draw to win a prize.