



# *The Bigger Picture*

*Your monthly update from  
The Bass Coast Artists Society*

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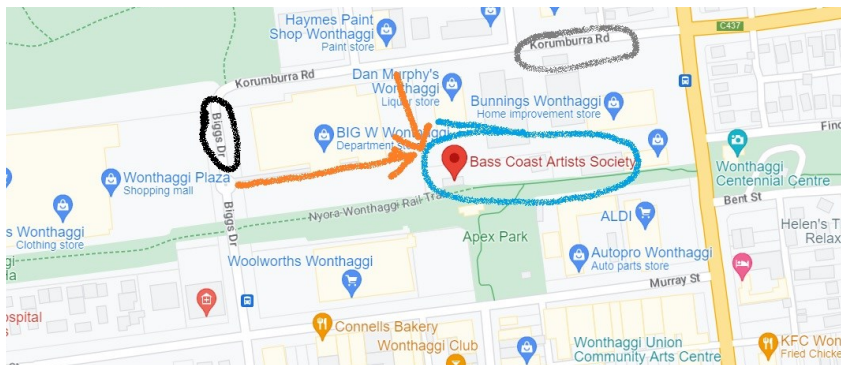
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*Easter 2023*

## Looting in Wonthaggi



### GOODS SHED IN FLAMES

Still another fire occurred on Saturday night, this time at the rather isolated goods shed at the Wonthaggi railway station.

The alarm was sounded about 9.30pm and in a very few minutes fully 2000 must have congregated in the vicinity of the enclosure.

The fire brigade promptly ran a long length of hose from Murray Street. Having a good pressure of water they quickly had the flames extinguished before any serious damage had been done to the building.

A quantity of furniture, bedding and other goods stored in the shed, however, was demolished or otherwise damaged.

The origin of the fire is a mystery which is likely to remain so.

A regrettable feature connected to the fire was the looting which, it is alleged, took place.

The police were informed and, as a result of their enquiries two arrests have been made.

*From THE POWLETT EXPRESS*

**20.12.1912**

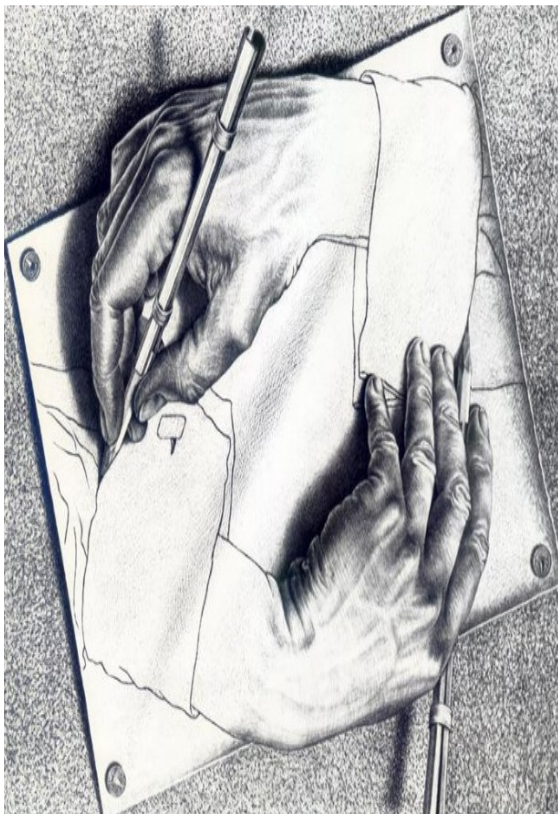
## *Friday Open Art*

**Friday! 10.30 to 2pm at the Goods Shed.**

Our Open to All Art session has room for new members. Oils, watercolours, pastels and other forms.

Even if you're not currently painting or drawing you're welcome to come along and sculpt, sketch, knit, weave or just be with other artists.

**More details? give Carol a ring on 0417 352 921**



## *Life Drawing*

We have room in Tuesday's Life Drawing session.

Starts at ten, goes to noon. Currently \$12 per session per participant.

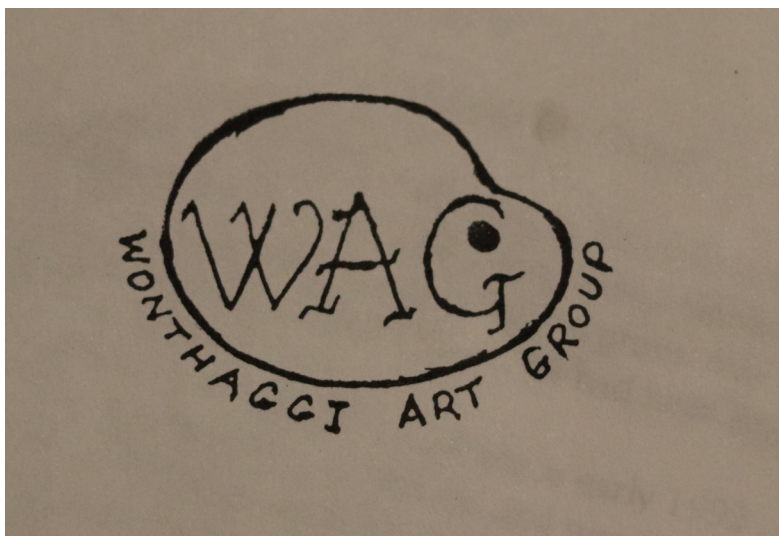
Of course you're interested and more details available from **Sue on 0420 859 626.**

Wonthaggi Art Group was founded in 1968. It moved into the Wonthaggi Goods Shed in 1992, became the Bass Coast Artists Society in 1995 and in 2008 someone who was there at the start sat down and wrote these words for the 40th Birthday celebration. I'm feeling very privileged to be one of the custodians of this heritage.

And 'no' we haven't lost the certificate of incorporation that made the change to BCAS official.

The Wonthaggi Art Group.  
 Founder was Policeman Bill Mitchell  
 He also founded the Theatrical Group.  
Original Members - President, Nell Quilford  
 Greg Page - Glen Elvie  
 Elsie Johnson, San Remo. - dec.  
 Ted Shives " " Queensland?  
 Ruth Rowell - Dorwin  
 Phylis Low -  
 Zoe Kedd.  
 Lesbia Thorpe - 1st Tutor for CAE.  
 Group had lessons with Fred Coventry  
 First meeting at Nell Quilford's  
 Later meetings at Wonthaggi  
 Primary School  
 Then Goods Shed.  
 1/26/08

Do not lose the Cert of  
 Incorporation.



Members of the Wonthaggi Art Group turn out in force for the final clean-up of their new art workshop, the renovated railway goods shed.

## It's the goods!

When, in 1992, Wendy Crellin asked Wonthaggi Council to allow the Wonthaggi Art Group to take over the town's disused railway goods shed, the proposal was greeted with skepticism.

Several of the conditions for the building part of the initial money loan donation were met at 1992, was decided and about to be handed over to the group.

But on a recent weekend the art group held its first workshop in the shed, which is now the group's new headquarters.

And at no cost to the group, the goods shed has been transferred into a \$100,000 community asset.

It is an asset which the art group hopes will be used by young people and old alike for various artistic enterprises.

The shed has been completely renovated through the hard work of a big group of who group members assisted by two \$10,000 grants from Arts Victoria.

The art group matched the grant money in materials and labor and the through grants provided joined the bridging loans.

An group treasurer, Lesley Miles, said they had been greatly assisted by the work of various tradespeople and in particular by a donation from Mark Haines of the shed used to line the ceiling and walls.

Much of the work and organization for the renovation was done by art group president, Nell Fall.

She was behind the project from the beginning and was in driving force.

For the artists, the group made her a life member.

The shed has been packed with Colorbond, removed and had the water put off and wash room have been added to the shed and a kitchen fitted out.

The interior walls and the ceiling have been lined.

There is now a smaller meeting area which can also be used as a gallery, plus the large shed area which will be used for workshops and large exhibitions.

The building has been insured by the art group, which has a community interest in the building.

The first major event planned for the new building will be an artists at work mini expo in November.

This will feature artists, art suppliers, craftpeople such as potters and wood turners, with work and products for sale.

Ms Miles said the Wonthaggi Secondary College and the Miggins Centre had both expressed interest in making use of the building.

She said the group hoped it would be made use of by many community organisations, including young people.

**ARCHIES CREEK**

**PANEL WORKS SMASH REPAIRS**

- Spray painting ● windcreens
- rust proofing ● arc welding
- mechanical repairs ● car detailing

Car balanced panel beam metal fastener head loading where applicable. Rust cut out. But welders need to meet.

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*Newhaven College*



# ART EXHIBITION

## EASTER WEEKEND 2023



Opening April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7pm  
April 7-10, 10am-5pm

Newhaven College  
1770 Phillip Island Road

Artwork Courtesy of Shirley Collins

AWARD  
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## *BCAS A.G.M. June 5*

The 2023 BCAS AGM will be held in The Goods Shed on June 5 from 2pm. Members are encouraged to attend and we can arrange car pooling.

The event will be catered,

Official notices and relevant documentation will be distributed closer to the day. For more details, or to discuss the roles of committee member contact

Geoff Ellis on 0403917746

or email to

[bcartistsociety@gmail.com](mailto:bcartistsociety@gmail.com)

## *2023 Memberships Due*

BCAS membership runs from January 1 to December. Fees can be paid on-line via [basscoartists.org.au](http://basscoartists.org.au) or by direct deposit to:

Bass Coast Artist's Society Inc. Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633-000

ACC: 146743349

Please ensure name and reason for payment are included when using Direct Banking ie your surname + membership

CASH or CHEQUE

If paying by cash place payment in an envelope and drop it into the Membership/Treasurer mail box in the foyer at the Goods Shed.

Cheques may be mailed to:-

PO BOX 571 Wonthaggi 3995.

Cheques should be made payable to: Bass Coast Artist's Society Inc.

PLEASE add your name and "Membership Payment" on the back of the cheque.

## *Anything can happen Wednesday*

Looking for a way to release your creativity or looking to try something new in the realms of art? Pop into our Wednesday Open Session and join in the fun. To discover what's coming up next give Susan a ring on 0420 859 626



## *Nothing happens Monday*

At the moment we aren't running any sessions on Mondays and we are looking for ideas. What are we missing or what are you interested in doing? I'm always ready to discuss opportunities and new initiatives. Drop me a line at [bcartistsociety@gmail.com](mailto:bcartistsociety@gmail.com)

# 2023 Inverloch Art Show

Raising money to buy food boxes for Bass Coast Health to distribute to local families experiencing short term difficulties.

**Easter Long Weekend**

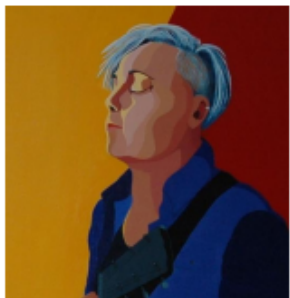
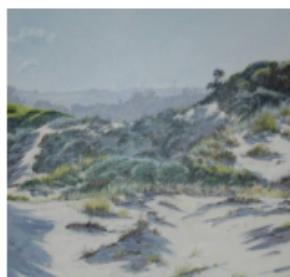
**The Stadium at Inverloch Hub**

**Cnr A'Beckett and Reilly Streets in lovely Inverloch**

Contemporary and traditional art on display and for sale

Art prizes are awarded in the different categories and introducing The Blair Art Prize for the for the best in show.

Official Opening night is Good Friday 7th April from 7pm to 9pm. All welcome Show is open 10am to 4pm Good Friday to Easter Monday Last day is Tuesday 11th from 10am to 12noon.



Art by local artists clockwise from top left, Adrian Johnson, Janice Orchard, Ellen Hubble and Marion Quigley

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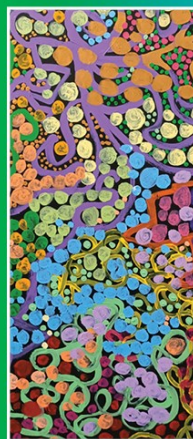
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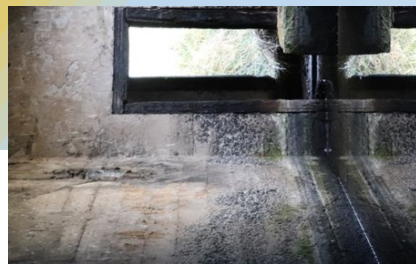
## Jake the Foxy Artist

I have a low vision impairment but I love colour and painting.

# ART SHOW & SALE

CORONET BAY COMMUNITY HALL  
**EASTER WEEKEND**  
April 7th, 8th & 9th  
10am till 3pm





## Camera Group associated with the Bass Coast Artist Society

Here's a little update on what the camera group has been up to. Over the last few months we have had several fantastic outings, to some amazing locations. These have included, in no particular order, Vietnam Veterans Museum Phillip Island , Blue Lotus Garden Warburton, Tenby Point, and just recently the Leongatha Show & Shine.

We have had some good turnouts for these events but would love more people to come along. So grab your cameras and join us. Hone your skills, learn from others, meet like minded people, and most of all have a tonne of photo fun! We always do.

We are running a Landscape / Long Exposure workshop on the 15th of April. This will be run by Greg and Faith. The aim is to get new photographers more comfortable picking a composition, basic camera settings and use of ND and polarising filters for long exposure and the use of a tripod.

We have added a monthly photo comp on the facebook page. Photo with the most likes wins the cover photo for the month. So get clicking those thumbs up. Stay tuned for more upcoming events via facebook.

[www.facebook.com/groups/basscoastcameragroup/events](https://www.facebook.com/groups/basscoastcameragroup/events)

Till next time HAPPY SNAPPING

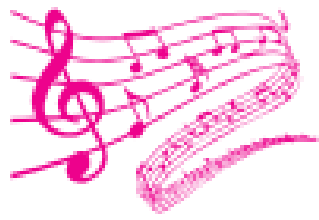


BCAS Camera Group | Facebook

**APRIL THEME: STRAIGHT LINES -  
POST YOUR PHOTOS IN THE  
COMMENTS**

**Only 👍 and ❤️ will count towards  
winner📷**





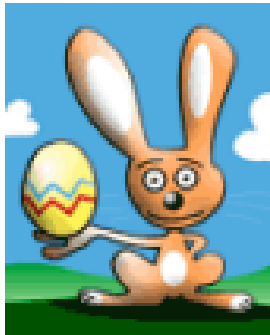
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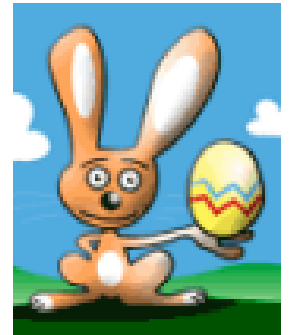
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## The Goods Shed, Wonthaggi

Next to Dan Murphy's, easy  
access through Big W carpark



**Sunday 9th APRIL**  
**1 to 4pm**



For musicians and listeners alike to enjoy an  
afternoon of solos, duos, small bands, singing  
and/or instrumental live music.

## All Welcome

BYO drinks and nibbles

This event is FREE  
but a gold coin is appreciated.

**Second Sunday Every Month (market day)**

BassCoast Artists' Society:  
Supporting the Arts and Community



# How to Hire the Goods Shed

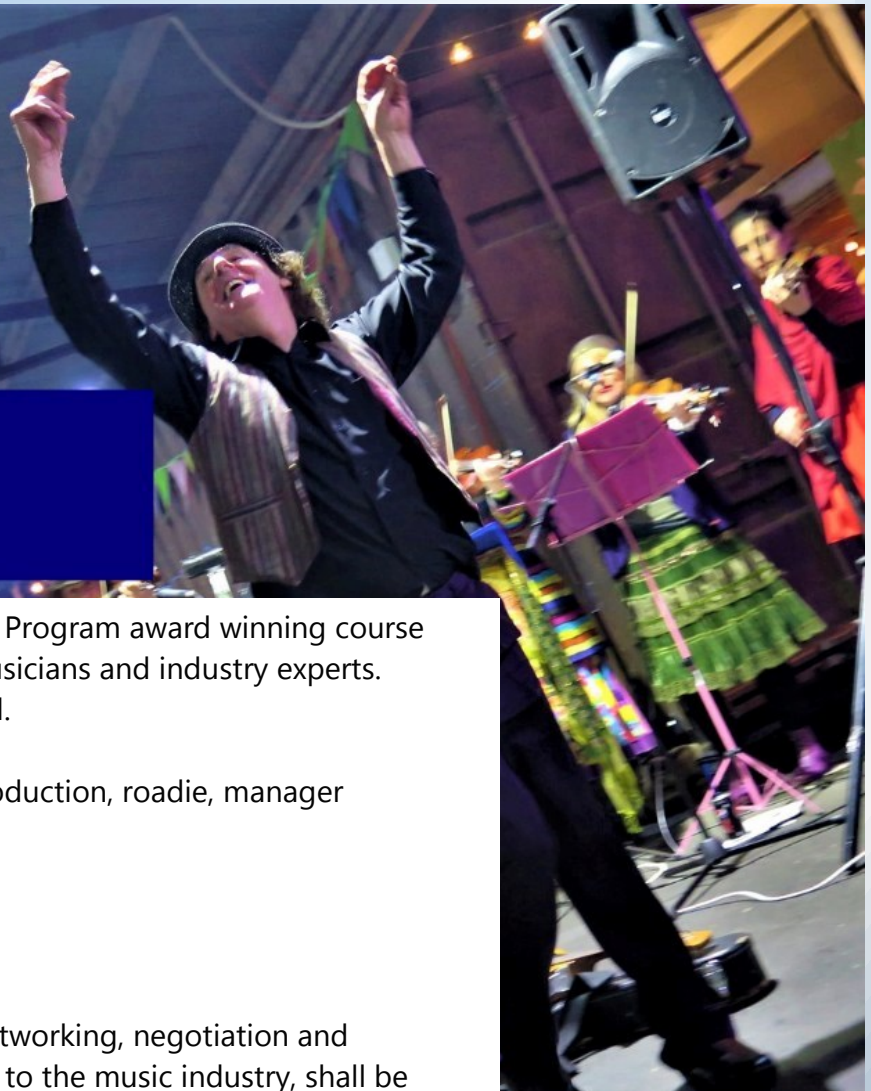


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## Practical Music



Music

Thurs 27 April

This Learn Local Pre-accredited Program award winning course is facilitated by professional musicians and industry experts. No musical experience required.

Topics include.

- Industry roles – performer, production, roadie, manager
- Song writing
- Performing
- Legal considerations
- Promotion
- Selling recordings online

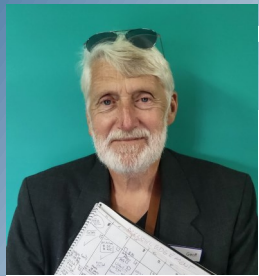
Micro business skills such as networking, negotiation and marketing, and how they relate to the music industry, shall be explored. The course includes weekly music sessions, excursions to venues, community radio and performance opportunities.

9 weeks, starting Thurs 27 Apr

10.00am – 3.00pm

\$90 (\$70 concession)

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## *President's Report: We're doing well.*

*I am proud and humbled to be writing to you today as President. It's great to be back, though I never really left. I was President of the combined BCAS/ArtSpace for two years and, when those two mighty organisations parted I stayed on as Vice President of BCAS. This year I have again stepped up to the Presidency, as Wendy Saphin, who has been at the heart of BCAS for many years has retired.*



The Goods Shed has been a vital part of Wonthaggi since the township sprang up next to the State Coal Mine in 1910. I am reminded of that vitality every time I walk up the gentle ramp to the hand built front door. The shed is part of the DNA of the town. After the train service retreated in 1978 Apex became the guardians of that heritage and BCAS took over from them. We are about to re-ignite lease negotiations with our benevolent landlord, Bass Coast Shire Council.

In preparation for that tenancy discussion and our June 5th AGM I have been reading through lots of documents including the current BCAS charter which was signed by Wendy Crellin, President, on July 7 1998. From the seven stated aims and objectives these two clauses jumped out at me:

***“To encourage members of the Society and of the community to recognise and to develop, the creative, artistic and cultural parts of their being.”***

***“The Society shall be non-political and non-sectarian, open to all people regardless of age, race or sex.”***

The aim and the objectives of BCAS need to remain front of mind whenever our committee of management (CoM) meets to determine the direction we head in and review the progress we are making. We also need to keep the views, needs and ambitions of our members as our guiding beacon.

Our last CoM meeting on March 20 was full of good news which is the basis of this update. The minutes of the meeting are available, on request, to financial members of BCAS.

The main message from me is that we are doing well financially with attendance at workshops and sessions increasing. Suggestions for new activities and great feedback about what we do are coming in at a great rate. Like every group rising into the post pandemic we could use a few new members. See you soon!

*Geoff Ellis, 6/4/2023*



Seeds 'Time Capsules of Life'

by Meg Viney

Good Friday 7 April —  
Easter Monday 10 April

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## WINTER SOLSTICE EXHIBITION

Tuesday 30th May–Sun 25th of June 2023

This year's Winter Solstice highlights the concept of

**'UNCERTAINTY'**

Artists are invited to submit up to three 2D or 3D  
artworks relevant to Climate Change Issues.



Selected works are exhibited at ArtSpace Gallery 30 May to 25 June 2023

**Official opening – Sunday 4th of June 1-3pm.**

### Prizes awarded:

**Open section:** 26 years and over  
**2D \$400 3D \$400**

**15-25 years/emerging \$200 each**

An emerging artist can be aged 18–25 or if over 25 has practiced for the last 5 years and **not sold an artwork** over \$200 or **won a prize in an Art exhibition**

**Peoples' Choice Award. \$100**

### Conditions:

**All works must be for sale.**

Entry form must be submitted no later than Mon 22 May.  
Payment and delivery of works no later than Sunday 28 May 2pm

### Enquiries and application forms:

ArtSpace Gallery Wonthaggi 56725767  
Ursula Theinert artspaceexhibiting@gmail.com

ArtSpace is open seven days a week 11am – 3pm

**Tea Tree Dreaming by Ursula Theinert**



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**Information and maps on sight seeing, beaches, walks, bike tracks,  
tours, activities, wine & food brochures also available.**

**ArtSpace Gallery is open daily 11am-3pm**

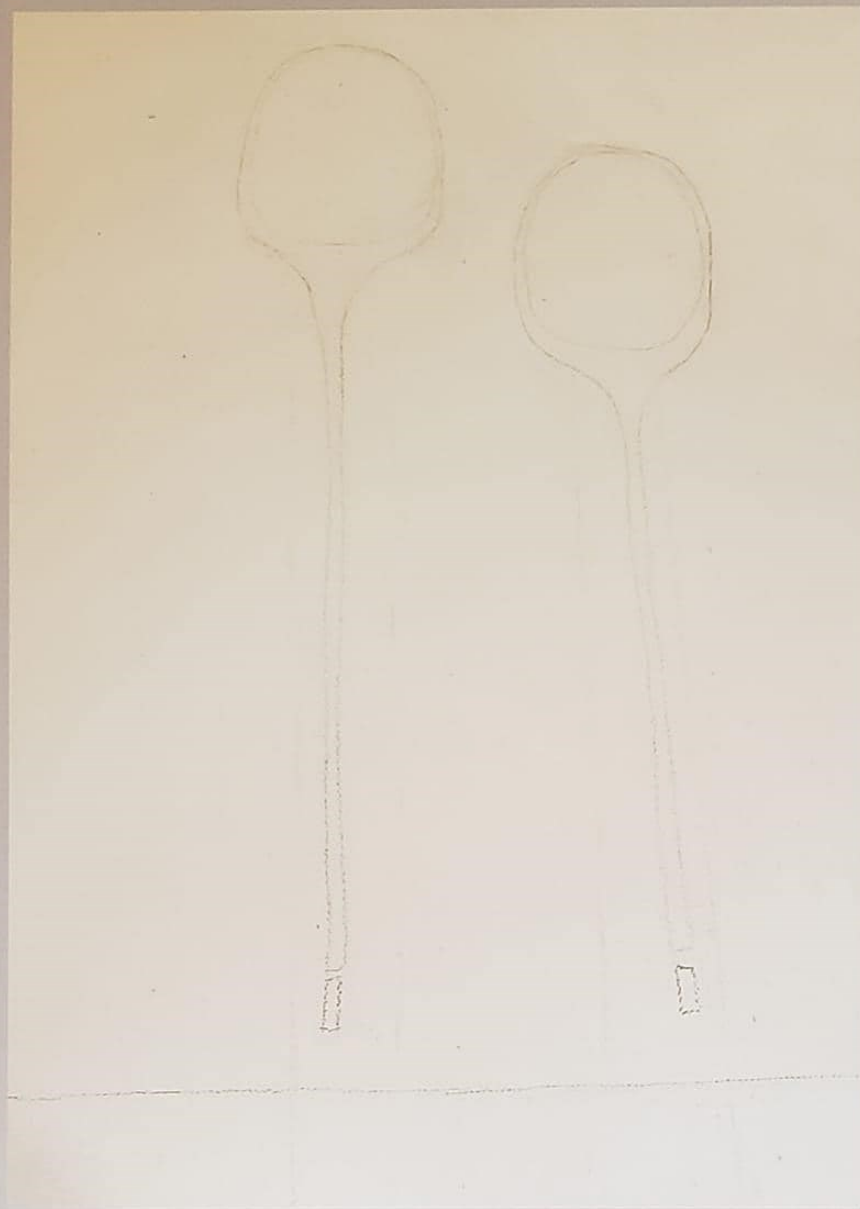
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# spooning:

a multi-media exhibition

rare earth studio gallery 44 stanley st toora

april 8 - opening drinks 5-7pm all welcome - till april 30

gallery open 10.30 - 4 over easter, then friday - sunday till end april

enquiries 0408 871 379



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**Membership Application**

Year \_\_\_\_\_

**12 Months Subscription: 1st January to 31st December. Payable 1st January.**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

**I support the purposes of the Association and agree to comply with the Association's Rules,**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Single Adult Membership \$40

Age: For insurance purposes. Please circle.

Family Membership \$50

18-25    25-40    40-55    55-70    70+

Youth Member (under 18) \$10

Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Direct Deposit: Bass Coast Artists' Society Inc. Bendigo Bank. BSB 633-000**

**A/C 1467 43349    Reference: Surname + Membership (ie Saphinmembership)**

**Cash or Cheque: Put cash/cheque and form in an envelope and place in letterbox**

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**Email: [bcartistsociety@gmail.com](mailto:bcartistsociety@gmail.com)**



**Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre**



# TECHNICAL CREW

Do you know someone interested in a career behind the scenes in the Performing Arts, Theatre or Entertainment?

Bass Coast Shire Council is recruiting Casual Technical Crew as part of the Arts & Culture Team working within the Wonthaggi and Cowes Cultural facilities.

Working with an experience event delivery team the role offers a minimum 3 hour call and attractive hourly rate of \$46.34 plus superannuation.

Applications close Sunday 30th April 2023

go to [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/jobs/current-vacancies/technical-crew-casual](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/jobs/current-vacancies/technical-crew-casual)

to view the full advertisement, position description and application





