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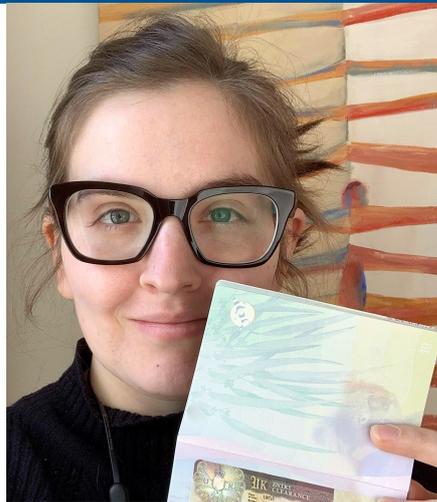
Bouddi Foundation for the Arts Grant Winner Granted Rare Exemption to Travel Overseas

Undaunted by pandemic, closed borders, and bureaucratic process, Bouddi Foundation for the Arts grant winner Lilia Jackson is off to study for a Master of Research Art: Exhibition Studies at the prestigious University of the Arts London.

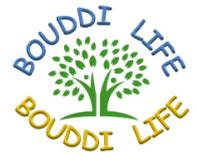
The 2019 BFA Charrington - McBride grant winner has been granted both an exemption to leave Australia by the Australian Department of Home Affairs/Australian Border Force, and an Entry Clearance by the UK Home Affairs Department.

Lilia Notes: "Dear Bouddi Foundation: Last year you graciously provided me with the Charrington-McBride Award for study overseas at the University of the Arts London to complete a Masters of Research Arts: Exhibition Studies. I am happy to advise that I am now very well on my way to attending in September when the course starts, accommodation booked, flights arranged etc. I look forward to updating the Bouddi Foundation on my progress once I've started the course."

Lilia is emblematic of the amazing determination of young Central Coast Artists to continue their education in their chosen genre despite all the hurdles thrown up by the pandemic. We wish Lilia all success in the course.



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Online Art Show For Local Artists

Due to uncertainty regarding COVID-19 restrictions in place in October on the Central Coast, the Bouddi Society decided to cancel the planned Art Show at Wagstaffe that was to be held on the October long weekend.

The Art Show may be held later in the year, but in the interim the Bouddi Society is hosting an On-Line Art Show starting on the Saturday of the October long weekend and running until the following Sunday (2-10 October).

The theme is 'Bouddi Life' with all art to that theme. This show is open to artists residing on the Bouddi Peninsula or with close ties. An artist will be limited to two works.

Art work is for sale and can be purchased directly from the artist. The Show will be hosted on the Bouddi Society Website 'Artshow' folder. www.bouddisociety.org.au/artshow

Artists interested in participating in the show, and who have not been contacted directly by the Bouddi Society, can contact Margaret Crane at bouddisociety1@gmail.com

\$10,000 Audiovisual Upgrade Grant to Make Wagstaffe Hall Venue of Choice

A new remote digital mixer, high grade speakers, wireless microphones, a new high resolution projector and more are part of a new grant from the Federal Government Stronger Communities Programme.

Submitted by Bouddi Foundation for the Arts Chair, John Bell AO and strongly supported by Member for Robertson MP Lucy Wicks, the new grant gives Wagstaffe Hall enhanced capabilities for high end musical productions while improving the experience for casual hirers of the hall for weddings and other events.

Bouddi Society Project Manager, Graeme Anderson said "We have been challenged by our young Foundation awardees performing perhaps better than our hall equipment, but now we will be technically right at the top."

Wagstaffe to Killcare Community Association President Mike Allsop noted: "WTKCA is delighted with the upgrade to Wagstaffe Hall facilities through the Bouddi Society and its successful Grant Application. We have also added internet and WiFi to permit adjunct remote streaming facilities. We see this upgrade as beneficial to BFA events, and to community users for high quality presentations and performances."



Your Input Needed on Music Festival

With the Wagstaffe Hall's new audiovisual system (see article above) and the newly donated baby grand piano, we are in a good position to produce an event such as a music festival when Covid-19 restrictions end. This could consist of a series of two to three afternoon and evening concerts held over a long weekend, similar to the past Pearl Beach Festival.

The Bouddi Society would like your preference for such an event: (1) Your preferred style of music e.g. jazz, classical, world, folk, fusion, and (2) If you would support and attend one or more of the concerts on offer. Please email veronicacrowe5@gmail.com with your response.



Bouddi Foundation for the Arts



Newcomers might like to become familiar with The Bouddi Foundation for the Arts (BFA), established twelve years ago to encourage and support young artists (16–30 years of age) on the Central Coast with special consideration to indigenous artists and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. See bouddiarts.org.au

So far the Foundation under the leadership of Actor and Theatre Director John Bell, AO, OBE, FRSN has awarded over \$250,000 to over 100 young people involved in music, visual arts, dance, drama, literature, filmmaking, etc, many of whom have already gone on to remarkable success in various fields of endeavour.

Despite limitations from the 2021 lockdown, the Foundation has received over 30 applications for this year's grants. Auditions and interviews will take place when restrictions are eased, followed soon after by an Awards ceremony and performances at Wagstaffe Hall - hopefully by November.

Funding for BFA is from donations from our generous community. This is an ongoing challenge, and we welcome new contributors who see the value of nurturing a new generation of Australian artists. Our community on the Central Coast and its environs is rich in talent and we are doing our best to give it financial assistance as well as guidance through our extensive mentorship programmes.

BFA grant recipients have achieved remarkable successes. Dane Howell, one of our first grantees, was the Director of Cinematography for the movie 'Tall Poppy', which has been released internationally. The full-length film released just before the Tokyo Olympics, observes 10 years in the life of young Australian athlete, Poppy Starr Olsen, the first female to compete in the Park Skateboarding section. Dane spent over 5 years in production, joining Poppy in numerous sports environs around the Central Coast, where his own acumen in skateboarding and rollerblading helped him get some remarkable and true-to-life shots in the skating bowls, camera-in-hand while he skated.

Other accomplished alumni include actor Imogen Sage who has captured audiences in leading roles at the Opera House; Gab Paananen whose life-like moving puppets have achieved international recognition; and Niamh Watson and Lucy Parle, singer/songwriters who have both secured performance contracts with recording labels.

BFA has accepted, due to the time-demands of his own exhibitions, artist Peter Godwin's retirement from the Committee. Although Peter has agreed to stay on as a visual arts adjudicator. Jordan Richardson, 3-time finalist in the Archibalds and BFA grantee, has acknowledged Peter's huge contributions in mentoring young visual artists.

The Foundation Committee has also been joined by new member, Corinne Attard. Corinne is a working lawyer, has recently moved from Sydney to Wagstaffe, brings a wealth of non-profit work to the team, and serves on the Bouddi Society Committee.

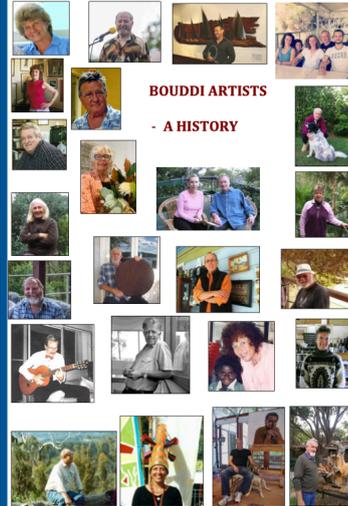


Bouddi Society Launches Free eBook

ARTISTS OF THE BOUDDI PENINSULA A HISTORY

Helen Robinson, David Dufty & Robyn Warburton

Updated, and with additional new material added by local historian Robyn Warburton, the 68-page eBook focused on artists. was originally published in 2009, in CD-ROM format as part of the Bouddi Society History Project launched in 2007.



As one of the original authors, David Dufty, wrote in his 2009 introduction: "The Bouddi Peninsula has long been a place of inspiration and productivity for artists: painters, photographers, musicians, actors, writers, sculptors, cartoonists - anyone whose professional life has been devoted the creative arts."

In a new Foreword to the eBook, Phil Donnelly, President of the Society from 2004-2020 reflects: "The artistic life of a community is necessarily a fluid one. Artists living within the community come and go and, in an ever-regenerating process, the dynamics of the creative process evolves and changes. It is the lifeblood of the community. What doesn't change is the stunning environment of the Bouddi Peninsula and its ability to attract, seduce and inspire – an all-pervading muse to the creative spirit. This survey of artists living in the Bouddi Peninsula represents a snapshot of the creative environment. The passage of time inevitably leads to changes in the line-up of participants and by its nature the completion of a list automatically makes it out of date."

To read the new free Bouddi Society eBook - perfect for a lockdown browse - just Click on or copy bouddisociety.org.au/ebooks

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Membership costs \$10 per year individual or \$15 joint membership (at same address) payable by direct deposit or cheque. The easiest way is to join online at www.bouddisociety.org.au/membership.html and pay by direct deposit (scan & email the form to bouddisociety2@gmail.com) or complete and mail this form to Membership Secretary, P O Box 4081, Wagstaffe NSW 2257. Current members renewing by Direct Deposit need only put "Renewal" as Reference on the Direct Deposit form online."

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