



# MALVERN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL *Newsletter*

**May-June 2017**



## **AGM News**

At our 11 April AGM, the Malvern Community Arts Council elected its Executive Committee for 2017–2018. Office holders for the coming year are Philip Baldwin (Chairperson), Alastair Nicol (Treasurer), and Lana Coles (Secretary). Committee members include Terri Elder, Meg Morten, Judith Pascoe, Kirsty Peel, Paul Rosanowski, and Carol Van Leeuwen.



## **Introducing the new Chair for MCAC**

New to the position of Chairperson, Philip has been a member of the Performing Arts Committee for seven years. Since moving to NZ in 2009, Philip has held several administrative positions for the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch, as well as covering local events for The Malvern Record (2010–2013). He has earned BMus (Hons) and Master of Arts degrees from Western University, and a Master of Theological Studies from Huron University College, in London, Canada.

## **Committees**

Also elected were the various sub-committees for MCAC, which include the Gallery Committee (responsible for developing the exhibition programme and overseeing Selwyn Gallery operations), the Performing Arts Committee (responsible for developing a calendar of concerts and performance events), and the Artweek Committee (responsible for planning and managing Artweek each year). The elected chairs of these committees are: Meg Morten (Gallery Committee), Melissa Jebson (Performing Arts Committee), and Terri Elder (Artweek Committee).

We are thankful that we have dedicated committee members who continue to volunteer their time and talents year after year to continue the MCAC's work, but new faces and fresh input are always welcome. If you would like to attend any of the committee meetings, become a volunteer, or participate in the running of MCAC, we would encourage you to contact Philip on 022 637 5296, or contact Rose Gerard, our Arts Administrator at [mcac@clear.net.nz](mailto:mcac@clear.net.nz).

**SELWYN GALLERY**  
DARFIELD

**28 April—25 May 2017**

<b>'From the</b>	<b>Mountains</b>	<b>to the Sea'</b>
		
<b>Cathie Bell</b> Photography	<b>David Lloyd</b> Copper Sculpture	<b>Blanche Fryer</b> Ceramic Sculpture

**An Exhibition of Photography,  
Ceramic & Copper Sculptures**

17 South Terrace, Darfield  
Open: 10am-4pm Tues-Sun P: 03 318 8702  
[www.selwyngallery.co.nz](http://www.selwyngallery.co.nz) [www.facebook.com/selwynartgallery](http://www.facebook.com/selwynartgallery)

## Current Exhibition

**'From the Mountains to the Sea'**  
28 April – 25 May 2017

**Cathie Bell, photography**  
**Blanche Fryer, ceramics**  
**David Lloyd, copper sculpture**

This exhibition is a wonderful mix of feelings for the world around us, which these three artists all capture, from Cathie's touching photos from the Rakaia Gorge, to Blanche's and David's intriguing and intricate ceramic and copper sculptures, inspired from the lowlands near the sea.

We had a wonderful opening night to this exhibition with forty art enthusiasts attending. Cathie Bell has already sold a photo and David Lloyd has sold a few copper pieces.

## Obituaries

### BUB MURCHISON

The celebration of life for Bub Murchison on Monday, 10 April 2017 was attended by many of her Malvern Community Arts Council friends.

Bub was involved with the Arts Council from the early nineties until a couple of years ago. Bub's generosity and cheerfulness is well remembered as she was the first to help with chores such as cleaning the Gallery and, of great importance, feeding all the workers particularly during Artweek! Through her extensive network of friends she always sold many tickets for performances.

Bub's enthusiasm and work ethic have been inherited by her daughter Meg Morten and, the many MCAC volunteers she influenced. Bub has left us truly blessed

### SALLY HOLTHAM

Also we farewell Sally Holtham who was part of the Arts Council in the mid-nineties for a number of years. Recently Sally retired from her work at the Christchurch City Council and was looking forward to enjoying her hobbies, including patchwork and travel. However, her excitement at retiring was dashed when she was diagnosed with cancer. When Dee Innes was Chair, she commented one year that Sally not only contributed her excellent administrative skills, but also her infectious giggle. Sally's honesty and integrity always kept the Arts Council true to its mission



## New Zealand Guitar Quartet to perform

The New Zealand Guitar Quartet (NZGQ) will perform at Trinity Church, Darfield for the first time this July. This exciting guitar quartet plays a diverse range of music from much loved composers like Bach and Rimsky-Korsakov to the Spanish and Latin masters. The Performing Arts Committee of the Malvern Community Arts Council is able to bring the NZGQ to Darfield because of the generous support of Arts on Tour NZ, Creative Communities NZ, and the Selwyn District Council.

The Darfield concert is scheduled for Sunday, 2 July 2017, 2.30pm at Trinity Church, Darfield. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students, and will be available from the beginning of June at the Selwyn Gallery, South Terrace, Darfield, or at the door.

## Message from the Treasurer

Artist members and friends will have recently received a request to keep MCAC funded in 2017 by their membership or donation. If you would like to support the work of the MCAC either as an artist or a friend, please contact Alastair Nicol so that your contribution can be acknowledged and receipted. (email: [treasurer.mcac@xtra.co.nz](mailto:treasurer.mcac@xtra.co.nz))

## Opening Nights

All Friends of the Gallery are warmly invited to each exhibition opening throughout the year. Be among the first to inspect the artwork and meet the artists. No special invitation is required and complimentary refreshments are available. Opening nights will usually be either on a Friday evening at 6pm or Saturday morning at 10am, depending on artist requirements. Please do look out for dates and times for each exhibition as we advertise them.

## Seeking Volunteers

Malvern Community Arts Council is always looking for more volunteers to help with a once-a-month gallery duty at the Selwyn Gallery. It is a pleasant way to spend a morning or afternoon, and you will be helping us keep the gallery open for the more than 6000 people who visit the gallery each year. Please let Meg Morten know if you can help in this way on 021-189-6596 and she will ensure you are trained and supported in your role.

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