

Join St Sebastian's Gala Evening

Where Brisbane's Finest Artists Shine

When it comes to purchasing high-end local art, most of us think we need to visit galleries where we can expect to pay exorbitant gallery prices. Well, this needn't be the case! The P&F committee of St Sebastian Primary School has been hosting Art and Design Showcases biennially for over 40 years.

Varying in format from simple classroom displays to what is now an eagerly anticipated gala evening, this latest event promises to impress.

The showcase will feature over 300 pieces of carefully curated art and high-end designer wares from Brisbane's most awarded, established and upcoming artists. Grab a glass of bubbly, a few delicious canapés and take your time to peruse the displays before enjoying a hot meal and sweet treats. Do all of this while listening to live music from sassy jazz vocalist Adelina Martinez and discussing where in the house your newest purchase will sit!

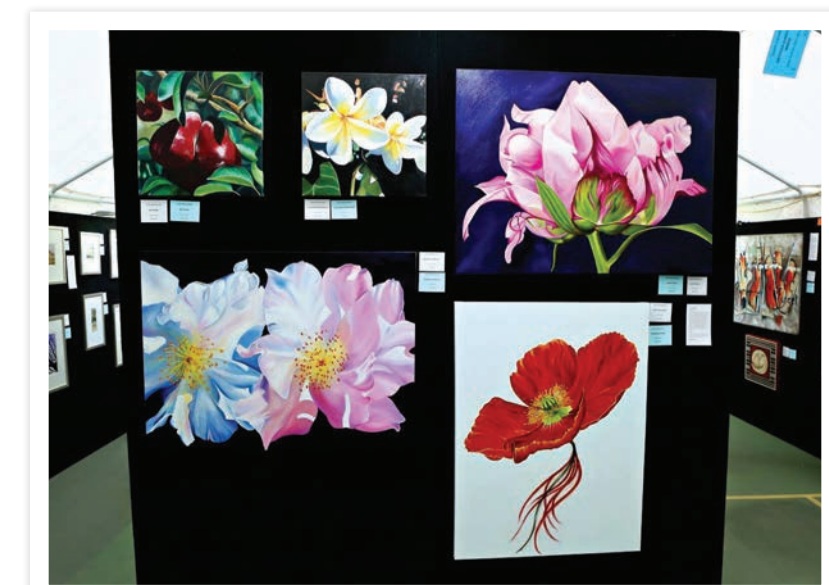


Image: Art & Design Showcase 2016.

For those wanting first pick of the art, there is a pre-sale event, which will open one hour before the main gala event. Guests will be treated to a drink on arrival and early canapés, as well as an opportunity to mingle with artists and hear from local visual artist, illustrator and freelance set designer Benitta Harding. And to ensure there is something for everyone, St Sebastian's will also be hosting a family

fun day where kids can enjoy art and craft activities, snack from on-site food trucks, all while the adults take another look at the art and design on display.

To say that this event has simply evolved would be a grand understatement! From humble beginnings, with a small collection of paintings in a classroom, growing to an impressive display held under a big top, 2016 saw the introduction of the design aspect of the showcase, opening up opportunities for a greater variety of art. Over the years, the event has achieved such a prestigious reputation, that it now attracts the very best of Brisbane's artistic talents and you won't be disappointed by the variety on offer.

Special thanks must go out to all ten parent volunteers led by Angela Petie, Rachael Sharp and Renee Wilson, without whom none of this would be possible.

EVENT INFORMATION

📅 Pre-Sale Event & Gala Showcase:

Saturday 15th September, from 5pm, \$70.00

📅 Art & Design Gala Showcase:

Saturday 15th September, 6pm - 10pm: \$45.00

📅 Family Day,

Sunday 16th September, from 9.30am: Free

🎫 Tickets:

www.ticketebo.com.au/stsebastiansartdesignshowcase

📍 **Where:** St. Sebastian's Catholic Primary School,

141 Kadumba St, Yeronga

Follow the Leader

Featuring Jane Elvin

Jane Elvin is a highly regarded and respected property professional, who has built and enjoyed a successful career in real estate over the last 7 years. Her local knowledge, exceptional customer service and integrity have made her one of the area's most trusted estate agents. Being a third generation in the area with her mother and grandmother living in Ormuz Rd and her mother attending Yeronga State School, the love for the area runs through her blood!

But what sets Jane apart from the pack is her genuine love of everything property. She likens properties to puppies; "Every time I walk into a property, I want to love it and nurture it and make it the best. I can see potential in every property and when I walk into an appraisal, I'm thinking of all the things I can do to help the seller maximise their return. There is much more to selling a property than just signing up the paperwork!"

Jane takes a hands-on role in preparing properties for the market. This can be as simple as a room-by-room walk through and advice on presentation, emptying her own home to help dress up others, through to co-ordinating full renovations with an extensive list of trades on her books, including a stylist. She works closely with potential sellers, discussing renovation ideas and plans, as they decide whether to sell or renovate, and also with purchasers on how to make their new house their home.

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It's Jane's own personal passion for renovation, always working on her own projects, that is integral to the sale process, not only with the preparation for sale but also the ability to sell the future potential of the property. This coupled with her 'never give up' attitude and



exceptional negotiation skill set is what makes her a true property professional, or in Jane's words a "property nut."

Her hard work has seen her recognised by her peers across the LJ Hooker network for her ability to consistently list and sell a diverse range of property; she operates across social media under the hashtag #sellingallpropertiesinallmarkets.

Jane believes in investing money into quality marketing campaigns, but it is about investing in what is best for the property and not the agent's profile, with a clear understanding of the importance of keeping up to date with relevant market knowledge and trends in an ever-changing landscape.

For Jane, real estate is much more than a career, it is a passion and a way of life.

Call Jane to discuss any of your real estate needs, whether you are selling or not. Please ask her about special sales rate for seniors and properties that have been flood impacted.

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The History of Yeronga Part I

By Dr Michael Macklin, Yeronga Resident & Historian

The human history of Yeronga started with the arrival of the Indigenous people in the area about 50,000 years ago.¹ However, it was probably abandoned during the Last Glacial Maximum or Ice Age, which peaked about 21,000 years ago.² When sea levels started to rise again and the now Moreton Bay was formed, the water levels in the coastal rivers subsequently rose on three sides and eventually brought the Yeronga area into existence some 7,000 years ago so that it could again be repopulated.³

The consensus seems to be that, at the time the British penal colony was established in 1824, the southern part of the now Brisbane area was occupied by the Yuggera people and that the Yerongpan clan lived in the lands around the now Oxley, Norman and Bulimba creeks. Given the extraordinary abundance of food and a mild climate, the population in this area would have been substantial.

The first Europeans to sight the area later called Yeronga were Thomas Pamphlet, Richard Parson and John Finnegan. Lost at sea out of Sydney, they were shipwrecked on Moreton Island, where they were looked after by the locals, who showed them the entrance to a large river flowing into Moreton Bay and took them along its banks across Yeronga and as far as the Oxley Creek.⁴ Meanwhile, the Surveyor General, John Oxley, was looking for a site for a new penal colony. Oxley, sailing in the cutter "Mermaid" arrived in Moreton Bay and had a very lucky encounter for his survey, as Barron Field recounts:

...we were all on the look-out when they approached; and to our surprise and satisfaction, when opposite the vessel, the man hailed us in English. The boat was immediately launched, and Messers, Oxley, Stirling and I went ashore in her. While approaching the beach

the natives showed many signs of joy, dancing and embracing the white man, who was nearly as wild as they. He was perfectly naked, and covered all over with white and red paint, which the natives make use of. His named, it appeared, was Thomas Pamphlet.⁵

Oxley was shown the river and rowed past the area. He judiciously named the river Brisbane in honour of the governor who employed him. Oxley's Field Books on 2nd December 1823 recount:

At half-past five, resumed the examination of the river. Landed on high bank starboard shore. Station 1st 122 - North 178° three-quarter mile to a brush same side, opposite all brush land (now Yeronga).⁶

The upshot of Oxley's report to Governor Brisbane in Sydney was the establishment of the new Moreton Bay penal colony of which the Yeronga area became a part. To be continued...



Image: Map of Aboriginal Australia.

[1] Ray Tobler, Adam Rohrlach, Julien Soubrier, Pere Bover, Bastien Llamas, Jonathan Tuke, Nigel Bean, Ali Abdullah-Highfold, Shane Agius, Amy O'Donoghue, Isabel O'Loughlin, Peter Sutton, Fran Zilio, Keryn Walshe, Alan N. Williams, Chris S. M. Turney, Matthew Williams, Stephen M. Richards, Robert J. Mitchell, Emma Kowal, John R. Stephen, Lesley Williams, Wolfgang Haak & Alan Cooper Aboriginal mitogenomes reveal 50,000 years of regionalism in Australia. Nature. Vol 544, August, 2017, pp.180-184. [2] Alan N. Williams, Sean Ulm, Andrew R. Cook, Michelle C. Langley, Mark Collarde. Human refugia in Australia during the Last Glacial Maximum and Terminal Pleistocene: a geospatial analysis of the 25-12 ka Australian archaeological record. Journal of Archaeological Science Volume 40, Issue 12, December 2013, pp. 4612-4625. [3] Lewis, S.E., et al., "Post-glacial sea-level changes around the Australian margin: a review", Quaternary Science Reviews (2012), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.quascirev.2012.09.006>. [4] "Narrative of Thomas Pamphlett" as taken down by John Uniacke. Reproduced in Steele, J.G, The Explorers of the Moreton Bay district 1770-1830, University of Queensland Press, St Lucia, 1972: p.69. [5] Field, B. (ed.) "Narrative of Mr. Oxley's Expedition to Survey Port Curtis and Moreton Bay" Geographical Memoirs of New South Wales by Various Hands. John Murray, London, 1825 p. 54. [6] "Oxley's Field Books: 3rd December 1823". Reproduced in Steele, J.G, The Explorers of the Moreton Bay district 1770-1830, University of Queensland Press, St Lucia, 1972: p.112

Live Love Local



Yeronga Park Memorial Swimming Pool

How long have you been involved with the complex, and how did you come to be involved?

I have been the Lessee at Yeronga Park Swimming Complex since 1989, coming up 30 years. I was a swimming coach in Cairns FNQ and applied for the lease of a number of pools in the state and was lucky enough to attain the lease of a Brisbane City Council pool while Sally Ann Atkinson was the Lord Mayor.

What's the most rewarding element and the hardest part about what you do?

The most rewarding part of running the complex is watching my 4 children, whom have all grown up at the pool, interact with our clients and friends. Most people who come regularly to Yeronga Pool become our friends, who bring others and find the pool a wonderful meeting place. Coffee, food and swimming activities bringing people together.

The hardest part about running the complex are the long hours and keeping patrons safe in the hot summer months. We are finding there are many more young children attending the complex NOT being taught to swim at an early age. This creates a situation for our lifeguards to be extra vigilant because parents do not understand the risks their children are under. It truly is every pool lessees greatest nightmare.

What is it about what you do that gives you that 'fire in the belly' feeling and keeps you at it every day?

The feeling that the pool isn't just about swimming; it's about the community that has grown over the past number of years, a place to belong. Older swimmers bringing their children for lessons. Mums and dads being involved in lap swimming and aqua aerobics. I find families of all age groups have a place at Yeronga, and this is what keeps my passion alive to make the complex as community friendly as we possibly can. The most important part is teaching young children to swim and a love of the water. Swimming is a sport for life.



Images, left to right: Early days of Yeronga Pool; Aqua Aerobics Class.

We firmly believe in supporting local enterprise. When you hear the words 'live, love local', what do they mean to you?

Live, love local is what I try to follow always. Buy Australian, keep locals in jobs. Most of our team working at the pool are our swimmers who have grown up in this environment. Live close to the community you love, for me that happens to be Yeronga!

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Community Spirit & Giving Back

With Robin Blackson & The Yeronga Anglican Op Shop

Life has tested inspiring local community contributor Robin Blackson, but she's managed to cope through many adversities. Robin has had to move several times; not once, but twice, lightning struck her home, bushfires destroyed everything she owned and rising flood waters threatened where she lived. Her final move was from Capalaba to Yeronga, where she settled around 53 years ago. After every natural disaster, Robin and her family gathered what was left of their possessions and with strength of spirit and sheer determination, they soldiered on, giving them a reason to help others.

Robin's daughter Bobbie was born deaf, but she was determined for her to lead a normal life with children her age. Whilst living in Capalaba, Robin reflects on the times she would piggyback Bobbie to the main road, through flood water, so Bobbie could catch the bus and tram to Dutton Park, where she attended a school for the deaf. This effort wasn't in vain; later Bobbie managed to integrate into primary and secondary school in Yeronga. Today, Bobbie lives in Mount Tamborine and works at Griffith University.



Robin started her volunteer work in an op shop in South Brisbane. This role lasted her 20 years before she moved to the Yeronga Anglican Op Shop in April 1999. She would volunteer her time there on Saturdays and school holidays until she became the driving force behind it, keeping it running through its ups and downs with unwavering dedication.

If you have a story to tell or would like us to feature you or your business, please call us. We would love to hear from you.



Images, left to right: Robin inside the shop; Robin outside the shop.

Robin's contribution extends beyond the op shop; when the floods hit in 2011, Robin had to leave her home for 8 months, but still managed to raise \$1,000 for the residents of Banana Shire. In recognition of Robin's valued commitment to local community, she was awarded the Moreton Australia Day Award 2018. She was also a finalist in the The Quest Community Newspapers Business Achievers Award 3 years in a row (2007-2009). Today, Robin is 80 years old and still going strong, with 2 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren, and is an integral part of what makes Yeronga such a brilliant community to be a part of.

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