

## History of Tamborine Mountain Creative Arts Inc.

In 1974-5 a group of community minded people led by Rita Mundell organised 'Hobby Week' for children during the school holidays. These were so successful and created interest among parents and others that the possibility of a similar activity for adults was canvassed. In 1975 a group was formed with the aim of having get togethers on a regular weekly basis. This would provide an opportunity for residents to acquire worthwhile skills and hobbies as well as social contacts within the community.

In February 1975 sixteen people met in an old slab hut in Doris Agaard's garden and the Tamborine Mountain Creative Arts Group was formed. Rhoda Rushbrook was elected President, a constitution was drawn up, and the hut became affectionately known as 'The Workshop'. Members enjoyed a variety of crafts including art, woodcarving, copper enamelling, screen and block printing, batik, pottery, china painting, tapestry, bark pictures, macrame, crochet, collage, patchwork, basketry, spinning and weaving, and bobbin lace making.

By 1981 membership had grown to around 100. It became obvious that larger, permanent premises were needed. With the aid of a dollar for dollar grant from the Department of Cultural Affairs and a lease of land from the Beaudesert Shire Council, plus a huge amount of hard work by members, this became a reality. On 10 September 1983 the Creative Arts premises on Wongawallan Road, Eagle Heights was officially opened. This was to become the **first cultural complex in the Beaudesert Shire**. The Group was **incorporated** in 1987 and is now known as **Tamborine Mountain Creative Arts Inc.**

In 1994 after years of fundraising another building was added to cater for the growing membership and groups. In 2000 a pottery studio was added to the complex. A new firing shed now houses the kiln, built in 2015-6 and a full extractor system has been installed addressing health and safety issues.

Creative Arts members continue to contribute in many ways to the community by donating quilts, crafts, money to charities, and support to our local show. Examples of members' creativity can be seen in the wall hangings and displays which grace our library and our community centre. **Tamborine Mountain Creative Arts Inc. is proud to provide the venue to nurture arts and crafts within our mountain community.**



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### Group Activities currently available

Mahjong	Monday	9 - 12 noon
Patchwork & Quilting	Monday	9 - 12 noon
Painting	Monday	1 - 4pm
<i>(Tutor Steve Buntrock fee)</i>		
Creative Writing	Monday	1:15 - 4:15pm
<i>(1st, 3rd, 5th Monday of Month)</i>		
Pottery	Monday	6 - 9pm
General Craft	Tuesday	9 - 12 noon
Pottery	Tuesday	9 - 12 noon
Life Drawing	Tuesday	9:30 - 12:30
<i>(Model fee)</i>		
Painting & Drawing	Tuesday	1 - 4pm
Pottery	Tuesday	6 - 9pm
General Craft	Wednesday	9 - 12 noon
Pottery	Wednesday	9 - 12 noon
Machine Sewing	Wednesday	9 - 3pm
<i>(excl. 2nd Wednesday of Month)</i>		
Embroidery	Wednesday	9 - 12 noon
<i>(1st Wednesday of Month)</i>		
Bridge	Wednesday	12.20 - 4.30pm
Wearable Arts	Thursday	9 - 5pm
Botanical Drawing	Thursday	9 - 12 noon
<i>(2nd &amp; 4th Thursday of Month)</i>		
Bridge	Thursday	1 - 4pm
Pottery	Friday	9 - 12 noon
Pottery	Saturday	9 - 12 noon
Yarners	Saturday	1 - 4pm
WAGS Retreat - Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun x 4 times a year		

# A Little About Creative Arts

Members of the public are warmly invited to join our Organisation.

Creative Arts is a not-for-profit organisation and has a membership of over 200. There is an annual **Membership Fee** payable by 1st August each year.

A **Management Committee** is elected at our Annual General Meeting held in August to run our affairs, see to the maintenance of the four buildings in our complex, and to keep our organisation running smoothly. All office bearers are volunteers and most positions are held for a period of two years.

Our **Library** contains over 2000 catalogued art and craft books that are available on loan free to all members.

There is a charge of \$5 for each session attended and this covers tea/coffee/biscuits and helps with running expenses. There is a **sign-on-folder** inside the main door, and it is important that this is signed to cover our insurance requirements. Visitors may attend three sessions at a cost of \$5 per session before Membership is required.

There are many opportunities to **learn new crafts**, either from members at our weekly meetings, or at **workshops** held on some Wednesday mornings. A tutor can be arranged if there is sufficient interest in a particular craft presently unavailable. The Monday painters have their own **tutor** (fee applies). Tuesday Life Drawing requires a **model fee** contribution.

Members are encouraged to display their finished crafts each week at our gatherings and there is a **sales table** for crafts.

**Special events** are held during the year, including our Biggest Morning Tea, bus trip to Brisbane Craft Fair, and the popular Christmas Luncheon Party.

*We are sure that you will find us a friendly and helpful group where you can relax and enjoy yourself whilst indulging in your creative arts.*

