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WELCOME TO 2009 WITH AN INTERESTING YEAR SHAPING UP FOR THE ART SOCIETY.

During the Christmas break discussions have been continuing with the Community College/ARTC and the Goulburn Mulwarree Council. It is rather hard to believe after all this time that we are finally about to be given permission to open our doors as a Gallery.. We have another 12 month lease from 1st July this year under the same conditions as previously and have been given a verbal agreement to open the Gallery with assisted entry for disabled visitors.

There are a couple of small jobs to do with door locks and signs which should be completed this week and then a final inspection by council which should be just a formality and then we can open the doors.

FIRST MEETING FOR 2009

For a number of reasons we have decided to bring the February Meeting forward one week to:

February Meeting Saturday 7th

At

The Gatehouse 10am.

There are a few important things to be discussed so would appreciate it if as many members as possible could attend – after a good break over the holidays we should be fresh and ready with ideas to get going again.

Points for discussion re the Gallery Opening:

- Most important for opening the Gallery – we shall need to have a clean up day to do some dusting and de-cob webbing, lawns mowed.
- Get the Gallery Committee in action and ready to hang and create a display in the gallery – Aina Atkins will be in charge of this committee.
- Get together a roster – we have had a number of volunteers so I hope you are all still ready to join in.
- Publicity for the Gallery – a sub committee might be good idea in the short term until we get underway.

Fortunately most of the planning has been done to get the Gallery up and running it is just a matter of putting them all into action now – its hard to believe it is actually happening – AT LAST.

Other Events in the Pipeline for planning:

- **BLUES FESTIVAL ART DISPLAY - URGENT ACTION NEEDED DUE TO LATE NOTICE**

We have been invited (rather late in the day) to have a display (free of charge) of our art works for sale and promotion at the Market Day for the Blues Festival.

Date Saturday 14th February – For those that are interested in participating I thought we could take down some trestle tables and easels to display our works both for sale and use the opportunity to promote our group and the New Gallery.

- **HERITAGE AND ROSES FESTIVAL EXHIBITION**

We plan to have our Annual Art Exhibition for the Heritage and Roses Exhibition at the Soldiers Club on **Saturday and 8th and Sunday 9th March** – the advertising in the Festival Leaflet is organised so all we really need for this is some paintings for hanging and some workers for a few hours over the weekend.

CANBERRA TIMES OUTDOOR ART SHOW

A number of members are planning to enter this exhibition which takes place from **March 7th to 14th** – **ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY** – if you planning to enter come along to the meeting and we will see if we can arrange a roster for dropping off and picking up.

QUEANBEYAN ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION AND GARDEN OPENING.

On Sunday 8th February Queanbeyan Art Society is having an opening of their “ANYTHING GOES EXHIBITION” to celebrate the opening of their new pergola and paved garden. I mention this as if you are in the area either this day or the following week or two do pop in and see what they have done with their little cottage and Gallery. We did steal their hanging system idea and the little Cottage is worthy of a visit.

We are going to need lots of paintings over the next few weeks, so hopefully you have all been very productive – if not – now is the time to get to those easels and get going.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE MEETING ON SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY - IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A SHOW OF SUPPORT AT THIS STAGE TO MAKE ALL THE EFFORT AND ANGST WORTHWILE – NOW WE CAN ENJOY THE FUN PART.