



## ***BURRAWANG SCHOOL OF ARTS NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2021***

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Welcome to your personal newsletter from your Burrawang School of Arts Committee.

We hope this will become a regular welcome source of information for all members. The committee aims to keep our valued members informed with regard to events past and upcoming.

Whilst Covid-19 closed most of the School of Arts facilities between March and December last year, your committee was still active on many fronts and the running costs of the hall and surrounding garden continued. In August at the AGM, our long standing and dedicated President, Annie Jones decided to step down after steering the School of Arts through 18 successful years. Annie led a very successful committee with a sure and capable hand and left the legacy of hall and grounds in first class condition and a healthy bank balance; much needed during the lock-down months of 2020.

Fortunately for Burrawang, the dynamic duo of Poss and Mark Keech have taken up the reins of President and Vice President and the important work of caring for the School of Arts continues. The Committee continued to discuss and plan events for the second half of the year. The on-going Covid-19 risks and restrictions have meant that many events, public performances and private weddings had to be shelved including our traditional Burrawang Ball.

Our first "we are back" concert was scheduled for the week before Christmas with the wonderful Haydn Ensemble ready to celebrate our first concert in many months. Sadly, due to the outbreak in Sydney, we had to cancel. So, it was the Trash and Treasure Market on Saturday 13th February that saw the village come alive with locals and out of towners. The feedback was hugely positive, from stall holders and punters alike, with many people asking when we would hold another Trash and Treasure Day.

The re-scheduled Haydn Ensemble Concert on Sunday March 7th proved that Burrawang School of Arts will always be a home for iconic classical music of a high standard. Their program of Pleyel,

Haydn and Mozart was exquisitely performed and enthusiastically appreciated.

The Easter Markets were once again cancelled, but the BSoA was still able to host a number of events. First, a free seminar on Friday 23rd April with speakers from the Police and a Seniors' Advisor followed by a delicious afternoon tea. The content was informative with time to ask questions. Then the following Sunday, 25th April was of course, Anzac Day. As usual the village came together in front of the Cenotaph to remember those who served and those who had fallen with wreath laying and bugle calls.

Then on Anzac Day afternoon, acclaimed jazz singer, Sandie White performed together with Brigitte Baden- Rennie, presenting "Just for a Thrill". This was the first opportunity to hear our new Yamaha upright piano, a very generous donation from Bruce and Mary-Anne Terry. The hall looked magical, set up cabaret style with mood lighting. A full house, smiles and toe tapping all round,

The always popular Trivia Night on Saturday 15th May was fully subscribed with eager competitors under the helm of Neville Davies as quizmaster. We are grateful to have Neville's expertise and whilst there were some mutterings about the questions being difficult the results showed that most tables recorded a high percentage of success.

The Highlands Music Collective under the expert direction of Myee Clohessy, performed their debut concert, "Flute Fancies" on Sunday 23rd May to a maximum audience. Their next program, currently in planning, "Winter Classics" featuring piano and strings and performing Beethoven, Hoffmeister and Mozart will undoubtedly "warm your soul on a cold day". Be sure to book early.

On Sunday 5th June the wonderful Haydn Ensemble delighted us once again with Beethoven's 6th Symphony, the Pastoral. We are indeed fortunate to have an on-going relationship with this most talented group of musicians who continue to captivate us with their virtuosity.

The long weekend in June has traditionally been noted for the Burrawang Ball. Covid-19 restrictions on dancing were still in place until early May so your Committee decided to host a grand dinner - a Medieval Feast on Saturday 10th July in lieu of the annual ball.

For a sneak peek, the hall will take you back in time with baronial grandeur. A delicious dinner with suitably medieval offerings has been devised by our resident chefs for your delight. There will be olde world music and entertainment from the ridiculous to the absurd. Our very own king, suitably majestic in garb and girth will lord it over us all and our Master of Revels and Jester will entreat you to enter into all the fun and frivolity. Dress-up is optional but creative costumes will be rewarded with prizes as will your Limerick skills.

Tickets are \$95 each and include a complimentary tippie on arrival, dinner and entertainment. Seating is limited so early bookings are advised.

Bookings: Go to website [TryBooking.com](https://www.TryBooking.com) and type Burrawang Medieval Feast into the search field or click on the direct link [HERE](#):

We would like to assure all our members that Burrawang School of Arts maintains its Covid-19 Safety Plan as it continues to be up-dated.

We look forward to regularly updating you with the Burrawang School of Arts newsletter. As valued members your comments/ideas are always welcome.

With very best wishes from  
The Committee  
Burrawang School of Arts Inc.