



*Pemberton Community organisation of the Year 2016.*

## **Chairperson's Report AGM 2017**

### **From the AGM 2016:**

- High on the list of priorities is the finalisation of our Strategic Plan.
- A home base – is there a place for us? Capital Funds Account to continue to prepare for future transition.
- The Ketelsen Creative Development Project for Youth in 2016 - 17
- Anticipation of the eventual completion of the Entry Statements for Pemberton
- A positive plan to ensure the longevity of Pemberton Arts Group inc – encouraging younger members & training them to continue and develop the role of PAG into a sustainable, dynamic future.

During the past year Pemberton Arts Group inc has continued to showcase artists' work in our successful annual exhibitions. Good sales, positive feedback and new memberships are real outcomes of our professional shows. Artists and visitors regularly acknowledge how much they appreciate the standard and presentation of exhibitions.

The generosity of our sponsors and members enabled us to deliver quality activities, including the Ketelsen Creative Development Project for youth, various workshops and our weekly art session. Sincere thanks to all who have contributed to making our goals and activities a reality. Our dedicated committee hosted an exhibition for Eric Bernard which was well supported by the community and raised close to \$5 000 for the Kids' Cancer Project. We have also added to our Capital Funds account in preparation for our future venue requirements.

PAG has adopted the new Constitutional Regulations with the generous guidance and expertise of Don Box. We are so grateful for his help and input. Another significant achievement this year, thanks to many hours of work by a non-member PAG supporter, has been the completion of PAG's Strategic Plan for 2017 – 2022 - reviewed recently by our committee. The plan will be available for members on request.

Significantly, the closure of the Pemberton Mill cannot be ignored. I believe that we need to respond to this change and seriously pursue the establishment of Arts & Heritage attractions to develop Cultural Tourism as an alternative to our town's current situation. If we don't represent the stories of our heritage and culture, we will fail to acknowledge all who have created the Pemberton of today and deprive future generations of the knowledge about this town.

Our committee is keen to collaborate with community groups to forward the development of an Arts/Culture precinct. Facilities must match our current usage and meet the requirements of our community's future needs.

***What We Do:***

***Exhibition Space -***

- Minimum 2 Annual Exhibitions (Unearthed Pemberton Festival, Spring)
- Group exhibitions (eg "Journeys")
- Feature Artists – Helen Grey-Smith, Eric Bernard.
- Shire Collection – including Hotchin Bequest
- Youth Works – "What Lives in the Forest"

***Community Projects -***

- Artscape Balustrade
- Pemberton's Entry Statements
- Children's Pavers
- Mural/Signage
- Art displays in local venues (LJ Hooker, Millhouse Café...)

***Workshop/Studio –***

- Art Sessions
- Workshops
- Meetings/Administration
- Life drawing models
- Formal classes
- Maintenance of equipment

Clearly PAG has achieved a lot during the past year and none of it would have been possible without the efforts of our committee, volunteers, sponsors and supporters. Thanks to all of you and I trust you will continue to contribute to the success of PAG into the future.