



## December at Studio ARTES

2017 at a glance

As we head into our last week of programs for the year, we reflect on a year full of fantastic activities and fun filled events.

We have gone through some huge changes this year too and will continue to go through changes. Studio Artes has completed its transfer into the National Disability Insurance Scheme, this has led to changes in the way we bring in new members, the way we bring in income, the way we bring on staff, and the way we program. This new world brings its own challenges, we will continue to work on what the world looks like for Studio ARTES under an NDIS, and work with our members so that they get the best out of their plans.

I'm not going to list all of the events and activities that have happened this year as it's extensive, but instead send you to our [events gallery on the website](#) so you can see all the wonderful things that have happened for yourself.

May your festive season be merry and bright! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Don't forget to keep in touch and share our page via [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Deb Sazdanoff

## Ride a Day in My Wheels

### THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Wow what a day! Ride A Day in My Wheels 2017 went off with nearly 50 riders joining us on the day. Our politicians, Sydney FC's Rhyan Grant and Paralympian Rohan Bright joined the local community, families, staff, and members to complete the series of challenges set out at Hornsby Shopping Mall.

Thank you to our riders, members, staff, families and friends who volunteered their time to man stalls, run the challenge stations, cook sausages, dance, sing, play the didg, blow up balloons and shake buckets. To the sponsors of the riders, who raised more than \$16,000 to support studio ARTES, our stall holders, and station sponsors SOS Removals, Signarama and Paramobility thank you for your support.



Some of the feedback from participants includes;

Rhyan Grant said, "It was great to experience things a bit differently in which I may take for granted in everyday life. All of the challenges were difficult to complete."

Rob from team KPMG said "Drawing without my hands was the most difficult challenge. You really take things for granted when you don't realise the day to day challenges some people face."

Mario from NAB said "The work that Studio ARTES team do is a fantastic and the impact on the people with disabilities is true marvel. We take so much for granted and this was a great insight."



## End of Year Performing Arts Showcase Showing our stuff!

The end of year performing arts showcase was a big hit with families and members.

With dances, film, puppetry, physical theater, drama and music, everyone had a great time singing and dancing along.

It was also the first time we ran a performance in our studio space and it worked really well so stay tuned for more.



## Jingle Bell Rock!

### 2017 Members Christmas Party

Our members had a fantastic time on Friday 15th December at our Christmas party held at Infuse nightclub at the Railway Hotel.

A lot of fun was had dancing, laughing, and being merry as we said well done and goodbye to 2017, and now look excitedly to 2018.

Check out our website to see some photos from the night.

## Parents and Carers Christmas Lunch

Having lunch and being Merry!



Our parents and carers held a Christmas lunch at Magpies Waitara. They shared a delicious meal and celebrated Christmas!

Our Parents and Carers meet up for a catch every couple of months. Interested in joining? Contact [Rosemary](#) if you would like to get involved in their next catch up! Thanks again Rosemary for volunteering your time to make this catch up happen, and everything else you do for us!

## Studio ARTES - 17 years of Art

Hornsby Library Exhibition until 30 January 2018

At the invitation of Hornsby Library, Jessica Hodgkinson, Visual Arts Manager, has curated an exhibition of works from the Studio ARTES collection as well as more recent works, by our members past and present.

This collection, is an eclectic mix of works from members over the years, showing a truly diverse range of mediums, subjects and talents spanning the 17 years we have been in existence.

This collection is dedicated to our founders, Wendy Escott and Sue Byatt, two women, who like this exhibition, were here from the start and have worked with so many different talented members. Wendy and Sue have been through so many different incarnations of Studio ARTES, and still both play vital active roles in the organisation, as volunteers and staff.

## Studio ARTES Inner West

Launching Visual Arts in Camperdown in 2018

*Free admission*

After 2 successful Come and Try days in the Inner West, Studio ARTES will be launching a brand new Visual Arts program in Camperdown, Sydney. The program will be in association with [Roomies Arts](#) that has a long history in the Inner West of professional artistic development for artists with disabilities. We are excited to be extending Studio ARTES programs in the Inner West enabling more people throughout Sydney to experience our exceptional opportunities and programs. Program will kick off on Wednesdays and Fridays.

For people interested, our last introduction day is Wednesday 19 January 10-1pm. To sign up for the program contact us on 9482 5266. Numbers are limited.

## Meet Our Staff

**A bit about Selina Langer**

This year we say goodbye to a long standing and much loved member of staff Selina. Selina has been working with us for 11 years, and has years of experience in the disability sector across lots of different organisations.

Selina is a very generous person with her time and energy. She is a storyteller who makes really strong connections with members and other staff.

Moving into semi-retirement, Selina will take some time out to pursue her visual arts goals.

Thank you Selina. We love you and will miss you. Stay in touch and you will be on stage at our next mid-year show!



## COMING UP

Coming up in 2018

Mark your calendars



January 8 - Studio ARTES re-opens

March 9 - International Womens Day event in Hornsby Mall

March 13 - Annual Art Exhibition "Tell Us Your Story"

March/April TBC - Rotary/Studio ARTES trivia night at Magpies

April 7&8 - Fairholme Quilters Fair

June TBC- Art Exhibition and Auction

June 22 - Mid Year Show "Wild"

and more to come.....

## SUPPORT STUDIO ARTES

Calling all Volunteers

Program volunteers for 2018



We are on the lookout for volunteers to help out on programs for next year.

We are looking for people who can sew to help out in the textiles area. Working with members to sew creations, including our itty bitty bags that are made out of member weaving that we sell at markets and in the shop.

Interested in performing arts and like a dance, or play music? Melody and movie making, playmaking and dance are looking for people to come along and help us put together our performances and have some fun.

We are also looking for volunteers to accompany groups on outings like the budgets and buying group. Volunteers to support our new Inner West program are also needed.

To register your interest, call the studio on (02) 9482 5266 or email [enquiries.sa@studioartes](mailto:enquiries.sa@studioartes)

Can you add Studio ARTES to your Christmas list?

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A SMILE TO YOUR FACE AND JOY TO YOUR HEART.**

**Donate now to our Christmas appeal so we can continue to bring a smile to the faces of our members [www.studioartes.org.au/donate](http://www.studioartes.org.au/donate)**

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