

Tuesday 19 July 2011

Media invitation

What: A donation of \$20,000 from The Rutherglen and District Artists Society Inc. to seven Rutherglen charities and community groups.

When: Thursday 28 July 2011 at 10.30am.

Where: The Rutherglen Visitor Information Centre.

Who: For more information, please contact The Rutherglen and District Artists Society Inc. Secretary Pat Robinson on 02 6032 9096.

All for a good cause

A number of Rutherglen charities and community groups are set to be rewarded for their work within the community, when The Rutherglen and District Artists Society inc. donate \$20,000 to seven local causes later this month.

The handover will be held at the Rutherglen Visitor Information Centre on Thursday 28 July from 10.30am, and all members of the community are welcome to attend.

The Rutherglen and District Artists Society Inc. founder, Secretary and Treasurer Pat Robinson said a lot can be done within the community with \$20,000. "We hope that this money will give these groups more resources to continue the important work they do. The money was originally put aside for the building of an art gallery of our own, but we have now decided that the money should go back into the Rutherglen community to thank them for supporting us and attending our Annual Art Exhibitions over the years," Mrs Robinson said.

"We have always dreamed of having our own gallery. We have been putting money aside since we started in 1991. We had a shop-front in Main Street for a few years, thanks to one of our members, and we are now based in the Visitor Information Centre. Plans were drawn up to build a larger building beside the Visitor Information Centre to be our gallery, but because of the extensive cost, the plans fell through. Although we are disappointed, we are really proud to be able to give something back to the community," Mrs Robinson said.

The Rutherglen and District Artists Society Inc. exhibit and sell a range of items, from paintings and pottery to jewellery and scarves.

"All of the items are hand made by local people. We have a lot of interest from tourists as well as the local community. Over the years, we have sold 750 paintings in the gallery, and 600 in exhibitions, which is quite an achievement for a small town," Mrs Robinson said.

The Rutherglen and District Artists Society inc. 19th Annual Art Exhibition will open 9 March 2012, and run until 18 March 2012 in the Rutherglen Memorial Hall.

The money will go to:

Rutherglen RSL. Legacy Fund	\$3000
Rutherglen SES	\$3000
Lions Service Club	\$3000
Rutherglen Red Cross	\$500
Angel Flight	\$3500
Camp Quality for children with cancer	\$3500
To a local young father who is having a major operation	\$3500

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