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Greetings everybody

The year has galloped away and here we are facing the relentless march towards Christmas. Your committee has been busy organising some events during the year and looking towards 2018. Before we get too far ahead of ourselves we need to mention some of the recent activities.

Rymans Exhibition of art from a combined group of artists, led by the Rangiora Art Society is being run as a Cash and Carry exhibition from **24 to 26 November at Charles Upham Village, Rangiora**. Advice and details to exhibiting artists has been sent by email but is repeated here for those who may not receive emails. The entries suggest that this will be a fine display of works by local artists. Even if you do not have any entries it will be well worth viewing the exhibition. To find Rymans take the Oxford Road out of Rangiora. Go past the West Belt roundabout and look for Charles Upham Drive, the third turning on the right. Rymans have asked that a percentage of sales be given to Alzheimers New Zealand.

Advice to exhibiting artists: Rymans have now agreed that works can be hung at any time after 9 am on the Friday up until 4pm. When you arrive to set up you can drop off your work at the front entrance but must park elsewhere once the work is offloaded. There will be parking space in Elm Drive which is the second on the left in the Oaks subdivision (go back out onto the main Oxford road, turn left and take the first left into the Oaks). From Elm Drive a pedestrian gate is available into Rymans it has a coded lock, the number is CO516#. it is a direct walk back to the main entrance. *There will be a room to store any "back up" items you may have brought with you.* Artists are asked to hang their own work on the designated panel, your name will be on the panel, self-tapping, cross head, screws will be supplied, you will need a screw driver, preferably electric. There will be some screw drivers available if you are really stuck. Please ensure that you have clear labels (about business card size) with each work, either with velcro hook tabs on to go alongside your work or they can be attached to the work itself and clearly visible from the front. The information on the label should include: the title of the piece, the medium, the price and your name.

As this is a cash and carry exhibition, any works which are sold will be taken away by the buyer. How you deal with your panel is entirely up to you. If you can be on site or

just have a quick visit, then access to your back up paintings will allow you to fill any gaps. You are responsible for your panel.

The opening event will start at 5 pm on Friday the 24th and run until 7 pm. All artists and their partners as well as other invited guests are welcome. Finger food and drinks will be available. Works will be on sale during the evening event.

During the whole weekend Rymans are providing, cold drinks, tea and coffee and finger food for artists. The take down will be after 3 pm on the Sunday. Please take care with car access, it will doubtless be congested! All that remains is for us to ask you to tell as many people as you can about the expo and to wish exhibiting artists every success, enjoy. Best wishes from the organising committee.

Parking woes: RAS Tuesday workshops are well attended, especially in the morning. Parking is often difficult to find, and many members prefer to use nearby parking spaces by The Warehouse. Sometimes the few Gospel Hall parking spaces have been used by people who are not Rangiora Art Society members, making it even more difficult for us, especially when the person parking at the Gospel Hall becomes abusive when asked to move their car. The Gospel Hall folk allow parking in their space for those who use the Hall and allow the garage next door to use the space on other days. The Gospel Hall folk have agreed to display a notice that we will provide that will declare the space a 'Private, No Parking' area. This means RAS members can continue to park there on Tuesdays while attending the workshops. Other folk cannot park there on Tuesdays.

Artists of Canterbury: Rangiora Art Society members who join Arts Canterbury can also join the Facebook closed group for Canterbury artists. The advice is 'click to join and state that you are a member of Rangiora Art Society and this message then goes to Arts Canterbury, you will then be 'in' '. The advantage of this closed group is sharing knowledge with other artists. Some people post photos of their paintings on this closed group site to receive comments and advice.

Christmas Lunch: On **Tuesday 12 December** the Rangiora Art Society will again have their Christmas lunch at the **Five Stags** in Rangiora. RAS members who wish to attend need to contact Tracy Parker to book their place. The cost will again be subsidized for members and is \$20 per member which includes a free drink per member attending. Non-members may also attend but are asked to pay \$22 and buy their own drinks. The menu provides choices and with notice the Five Stags will cater for gluten free and vegetarian needs. Apologies if the image of the menu is unclear in this newsletter.

Last 2017 workshop: The last Tuesday workshop is on **5 December** at the Gospel Hall as usual. After that we take a break over the Christmas and summer period and resume our regular workshops on **Tuesday 23 January 2018**.

Best wishes for the coming season to you all and safe driving. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesdays for the remainder of this year and refreshed and eager to start again in 2018.



HUNTERS LUNCH CHRISTMAS SET MENU

Available 11am - 4pm Daily

Main Course

Your choice of one of the following

Hot Christmas Ham

Lunch portion of Hot Christmas Ham off the bone with Roast Vegetables, Potatoes & honey mustard

Chicken Filo

A flaky filo pastry filled with succulent chicken breast and cranberry sauce, served with fries and seasonal salad

Fish n' Chips

Battered fish of the day with salad, fries and house-made tartare sauce

Pork Belly Salad

Pork belly with spinach salad, spiced carrot, kumara, chickpeas, roasted seeds and fresh herb dressing

Vegetarian Salad (GF)

Roasted vegetables with spinach salad, spiced carrot, kumara, chickpeas, roasted seeds and fresh herb dressing

Roast Beef

Slow Roasted Beef with seasonal seasonal vegetables and gravy

Dessert

Your choice of one of the following

Christmas Sticky Caramel Pudding

Sticky date Pudding with custard and cream

Baked Cheesecake

Lunch sized portion of our baked Cheesecake of the day