



Somerset Art Society Inc

Supporting the arts and artists in the Somerset Region SE Qld

Newsletter December 2024

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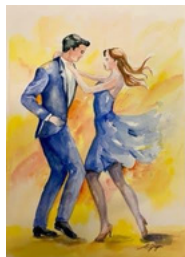
with Sandi Hook

December was a busy month for quite a few with the Toogoolawah Christmas Market stall and the Esk Choir Christmas Concert featuring yours truly with three other SASI members performing with the Somerset Tappers. Not pictured with the SASI Somerset Tappers are Isla Gillinder, Helene Hawes and Patti Jaenke (our trainer and teacher). Patti coaches the ladies at the Somerset Civic Centre on Tuesday afternoons for the love of dance and the joy it brings the ladies bringing fitness and new skills. Most members of the troupe had never performed tap dancing on stage. The audience received the dancers enthusiastically which made their achievement more thrilling.



Somerset Tappers: Andrea Oxenford, Sandi Hook, Betty Williams and Joanne Hegney

Importantly, the concert was a combination of the Performing and Visual Arts in its entirety. Our two fabulous artists and SASI Committee members Shirley Gregor and Nikki Douthwaite highlighted and promoted SASI by painting artworks inspired by the performances. These two works were auctioned providing public engagement. It was a fast and furious event and shows the respect the audience members have for Somerset Artists.



Shirley Gregor, 'Salut D'Amour'



Nikki Douthwaite, 'Do You See What I See'

The SASI Welcome to the New Year will be on the 17th of January at the Esk Grand Hotel. Partners welcome. The full invitation appears further into the newsletter. It will be great to see everyone again after the Festive Season is over and talk about plans and ideas for 2025.

The Environment Biennial is well under way with most artists finished and ready for the February opening. This has been a fantastic training venture giving the involved Somerset Artists a more professional scope with which to deliver their artwork. The artists involved were Naomi McKenzie, Shirley Gregor, Jim Filmer, Cassandra Hodgkins and me. Professional artists were sourced and delivered workshops to build knowledge of how to develop concepts personal to each artist. Added to this, artist statements and biography were also discussed and further developed. The Condensery has done extremely well involving local Somerset Artists in both the Everyday Drawing Project held earlier in the year and the inaugural Environment Biennial.

Artworks for the Mother's Day Exhibition at Open Door Lowood are to be delivered to the gallery on Wednesday, 16 March. This will be an excellent time for families to find gifts for the fabulous mothers in the community.

Viewing past newsletters there is a certain busyness indicating a unique and vibrant artist energy and scene in our community. Well done to all those who initiate, contribute, participate and enjoy. To all Somerset Artists and supporters, here's to a very Happy, Creative and Bright New Year!

Sandi

Join SASI Groups

Click on the LOGO to visit the SASI Website



Join SASI - <https://www.sasiart.com.au/memberships>

SASI Members are active in supporting the arts and artists in SE Qld. Members enjoy free exhibition curation at Glen Rock Gallery Esk, discounted or free workshops, participation in SASI Members Market Stalls and a monthly email newsletter.

For more info Click the photo to visit SASI website Groups page



Join the Mount Beppo Artists - Contact: Gwen 0437 197 381

Meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9am until 1pm at Mount Beppo Community Hall, 916 Mount Beppo Rd, Mount Beppo QLD. New members warmly welcomed.

Click on the LOGO to visit The Fernvale Artists Facebook page



Join the Fernvale Artists - Contact Sue White 0407 072 926

The Fernvale Artists meet on Thursdays 9.30am - 12.30pm at the Fernvale Community Hall in Banks Creek Road, Fernvale, or at the Lowood Open Door Gallery. Anyone in the local area is welcome to join them, or just to visit.

For more info Click on the Camera to visit SASI Photography Group page



Join SASI Photography Group

Contact Phil Lister Email plphotographix@gmail.com

If anyone would like to join the Photography Group or has questions about photography in general, please contact Phil

For more info Click on the MUSOS Logo



Join SASI MUSOS

Contact Andrea Oxenford 0459 031 895

SASI Musos will meet on Monday mornings from 9am until 12 noon at St Agnes Anglican Hall, Ipswich St, Esk, starting on 3 February 2024. Players of all instruments are welcome at this friendly weekly session.

Join Somerset Regional Council Volunteers



Join the Esk Visitor Information Centre Tourism Volunteers

Contact Carole Labram mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

To Apply visit [Volunteer | Experience Somerset](#)

To Apply Visit <https://thecondensery.com.au/about/get-involved/>



Become a Gallery Ambassador at The Condensery

Contact email: mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

Supporting the arts and regional tourism

Join a Somerset Group

<https://www.somerset.qld.gov.au/somerset-arts-culture-directory>

Somerset Arts and Culture Directory

A Somerset Regional Council Initiative supporting the arts and regional tourism

Esk Glen Rock Stitchers Lynne Robson Ph 07 5424 1382



The Glen Rock Stitchers meet every Thursday in air-conditioned comfort at the Anglican Hall, Ipswich Street, Esk. They sew and share ideas and knowledge amongst friends with this common interest.



Calendar of Events

What's on and What's coming up

GALLERIES

Glen Rock Gallery

Friday 3rd January to Wednesday 5th February 2025
A Wild Embrace - Nikki Douthwaite

Lowood Gallery

Aaron Heck's History of Lowood a photographic exhibition
18th January till Saturday 25th 'January

Mt Beppo Artists Group exhibition from 1st February

The Condensery

23 November 2024 – 2 February 2025

Main Gallery

Moiyum Wungumbil Mugerra Bullonga

In the Bomb Shelter

余白の美: Yohaku no bi (the beauty of empty space).

WORKSHOPS

The Condensery

16 and 17 January 2025 | 10am – 12pm

KIDS POETRY WORKSHOPS with Donita Bundy

at Lowood Open Door Gallery

Sunday 19 January 12:30 - 2pm

Kids Clay Workshop - Gai Edmonds

Saturday 1 February 2025 12:30 - 2:30pm

Floral Impressions in Watercolour - Sue Howard and Susan Wellingham

Saturday 22 February 10am - 2pm

Resin Workshop - Karen Leahy

Sunday 2 March 10am-1pm

Colour Mixing with Marita Reynolds

Saturday 8 March and Sunday 9 March 1pm - 3pm

China Painting with Gay Edmonds

Saturday 17 May 1pm - 5pm

Plant Print Dyeing on Paper with Cassandra Hodgins

EVENTS

SASI's Welcome in the New Year Lunch - Partners Welcome

Friday 17 January 2025 11:30am for 12 noon

Grand Hotel Esk RSVP 15 Jan Secretary@sasiart.com.au

Exhibition Opening

Saturday 11 January 11am - 12

Glen Rock Gallery Meet the Artist - Nikki Douthwaite noon

Musician's meetup

Mondays from 3rd Feb 2025 9am - 12 noon

SASI Musos sessions at St Agnes Hall Esk. All musicians are welcome.

OTHER

Next SASI committee meeting SASI General Meeting Friday 15 February 9:45am for 10am start
St Agnes Hall, Esk

Registrations open for Small Is Beautiful Competition & Exhibition

9am Tuesday 1 April 2025 <https://www.sasiart.com.au/entry-form>



Glen Rock Gallery

supported by SASI and Somerset Regional Council

ESK VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE 82 IPSWICH STREET, ESK, QLD 4312
OPEN TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9-4PM SATURDAY 10-2PM
CLOSED SUNDAY, MONDAYS THE FIRST THURSDAY MONTHLY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

What's Up at Glen Rock

A Wild Embrace

FRI 3RD JAN - ?ST FEB

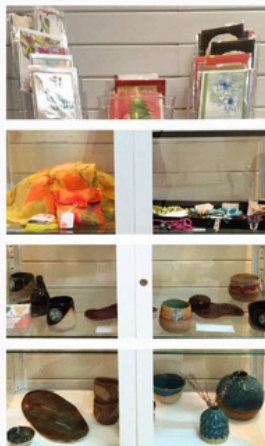
Meet The Artist

11 JANUARY 11AM - 12PM

In The Display Cabinets at Glen Rock

LOCAL ARTISTS

Coal Creek Pottery
Exquisite Cards and Gifts



What's Coming to Glen Rock Gallery

FEBRUARY

Alan Bell Canned Art

MARCH

SASI Members Exhibition

APRIL

Charlotte Sybenga

'A Wild Embrace'

Nikki Douthwaite

3RD JANUARY - ?ST FEBRUARY

Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of my colourful take on some of the beautiful beasts that roam our world. Please take the time to meet me on the 11th of January from 11am until noon!



View the full exhibition at Glen Rock Gallery, Esk Visitor Information Centre 82 Ipswich Street, Esk, QLD 4312 Tues-Fri 9-4 Saturday: 10-2

[CLICK to EXPLORE
Glen Rock Gallery online](#)

Lowood Open Door Gallery

A Lowood Lions Project

RAILWAY STREET, LOWOOD, QLD 4311
THUR 9:30AM - 12:30PM SAT/SUN 9:30AM - 2PM



What's Coming to Open Door Gallery

FEBRUARY

Mixed Media
Mt Beppo Artistt

MARCH

Textile Art
Darling Downs
Fibre Arts Group

APRIL

2D or 3D
Mothers Day Theme

Happy Creative New Year, Lowood Open Door Gallery have been busy planning for an exciting 2025, please see a list our 2025 Exhibitions, later in this newsletter. Aaron's Local History Exhibition continues at the gallery from 18th January till Saturday 25th January, 2025. This exhibition was previously on in 2020, however due to Covid wasn't viewed to its full potential. Back by popular demand, take a trip down memory lane to see the local area as it was in times gone by. A trip of nostalgia looking back at where a part of the Somerset Region began.

We ended the Lowood Open Door Gallery workshops in 2024 on a very colourful note with Cassandra Hodgins's 'Beginners Pastel Workshop'. (See attached image of the works in progress).

Looking for something to do and stay out of the heat, in February, we will be welcoming our friends the Mt Beppo Artists with their Exhibition. Susan and Sue's watercolour workshop will be giving a kick start to the exhibition on Saturday the 1st of February. Bookings are essential contact Sue Howard on 0499 700 208. (Please see attached image with details).

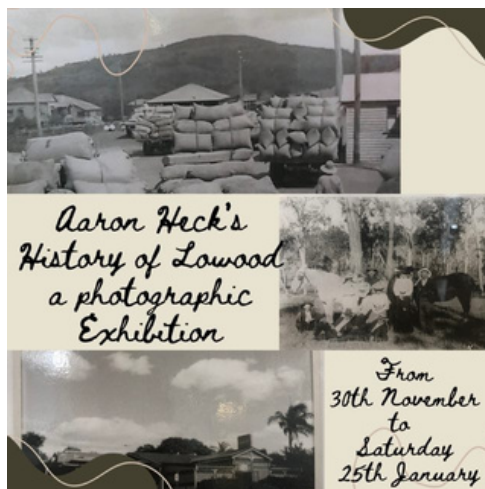
Lowood Open Door Gallery also has a new Summer/Autumn workshop list for you to peruse and see if there is anything of interest. Gai Edmonds will be joining us with a new addition of Kid's Clay in January and Adult China Painting in March. Bookings essential please see the list of all our workshops with all details in the workshop section of this newsletter.

Please note the Lowood Open Door Gallery will be shut for Christmas from December 19th 2024 and reopening on Saturday 18th January 2025.

Just a reminder we have our Mother's Day Theme exhibition coming up in April and invite all artists who would like to place their artwork in this exhibition for sale to contact us on the following email. Please note Lowood Open Door Gallery do take a 15% commission of the sale price. If you are interested in displaying and selling your art during this exhibition, please notify us on lowoodopendoorgallery@gmail.com so we can forward you a contract informing you of our gallery's terms and conditions. (see advert later in this newsletter)

Please note that the Lowood Lion's Club are also opening the Lion's Den another great space to hold workshops. If there are any SASI members who are interested in doing workshops in 2025, please contact Karen Leahy on 0402 217 912 for further information. Weekend and Weekdays availability see advert for further info.

Stay creative,
Marita Reynolds



Mother's Day
Gallery
Sale

Lowood Open Door Gallery is
having a theme for April 2025
exhibition of 'Mothers'

We welcome handmade items or artworks for sale
over the month of April, prior to Mother's Day.
The gallery take 15% of commission on sales.

To register your interest so we can provide more
details closer to the event please email Karen at
lowoodopendoorgallery@gmail.com

Lowood Open Door Gallery

A Lowood Lions Project

RAILWAY STREET, LOWOOD, QLD 4311
THUR 9:30AM - 12:30PM SAT/SUN 9:30AM - 2PM



In The Cabinets at Lowood



What's on 2025

January	Aaron & Jason	Local History
February	Mt Beppo Artists	Mixed Media
March	Darling Downs Fibre Arts Group	Textile Art
April	Mother's Day Theme	2D or 3D
May	Carol Fletcher	Watercolour
June	Donna Vale The Crooked Potter	Acrylics Pottery
July	Fernvale Artists	Mixed Media Graphite Arytists other than FAG
August	Lowood High School	Mixed Media
September	Bec & Paul	Photography
October	Breast Care Unit	Fund raiser
November	Noela Lowan & Jodie Lone	Paintings Quilter
December	John Grooten	Acrylic



The Condensery

Somerset Regional Art Gallery

29 FACTORY ROAD TOOGOOLOWAH QLD 4313
WED TO SUN 10AM – 4PM CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

What's Up at the Condensery

MOIYUM WUNGUMBIL
MUGERRA BULLONGA BY
LIONEL FOGARTY &
余白の美: YOHAKU NO BI (THE
BEAUTY OF EMPTY SPACE) BY
ELYSHA REI

23 NOVEMBER – 2 FEBRUARY

KIDS POETRY WORKSHOPS
WITH DONITA BUNDY

16 AND 17 JANUARY 2025
10AM – 12PM

MOIYUM WUNGUMBIL MUGERRA BULLONGA

LIONEL FOGARTY

23 November – 2 February

Lionel Fogarty since the early 2000s has been creating 'poem paintings', where viewers are immersed in the language written by his own hand, rather than by the mechanical typeset of publishing. This exhibition Moiyum wungumbil mugerra bullonga features new paintings that connect to Lionel Fogarty's longstanding commitment to the liberation of voice, fighting back against colonialism and strengthening languages that have been pressured by settler linguistics.

This exhibition title translates to 'waterlily whistle thunder yours' in Yugambeh language, with the paintings displayed suggesting new and generative ways of reading poetry across cultural spaces. Moiyum wungumbil mugerra bullonga in this way aims to both bridge and disrupt speech, writing and the visual image.

余白の美: YOHAKU NO BI (THE BEAUTY OF EMPTY SPACE)

ELYSHA REI

23 November – 2 February

In 余白の美: Yohaku no bi (the beauty of empty space) Japanese Australian artist, Elysha Rei uses hand cut paper and principles of Japanese garden design to explore transcultural identity, family history and the silent narratives of Japanese-Australian migration experience.

Drawing upon ancestral connections to Tea Master Katagiri Sekishu, who used tea ceremony as a setting for diplomatic discussions between Samurai and enemy generals, as well as the oral histories of Rei's Japanese war bride grandmother and Australian soldier grandfather, 余白の美: Yohaku no bi (the beauty of empty space) honours the gesture of peace and diplomacy between two former enemies – Australia and Japan.

Located in The Condensery's Bomb Shelter, a space historically used to protect and store archives during World War II, Rei's paper cutting practice of 18 years is given new context to consider the role of paper in archival processes, intergenerational legacies of racial tension and the complexities of diasporic identity.

EXPLORE
The Condensery Website

CLICK to EXPLORE
<https://thecondensery.com.au/>

Condensery Gallery Manager Madeline Brewer mail@somerset.qld.gov.au or
Contact Email thecondensery@somerset.qld.gov.au

SASI Workshop Survey

The Results from the recent Workshops survey are in. It seems the preferred workshop is for painting. Either watercolours or acrylic.

There were some other suggestions which I would love to look into, for the new year we will look at a painting workshop. I am currently overseas but will be back in February refreshed and looking forward to an exciting 2025.

Happy Christmas and New Year to you all
Sarah

Jan-May Lowood Workshops

Kid's Clay Workshop



Sunday 19th January
12.30pm - 2pm
\$20 per child

Price includes materials.

Clay needs to be fired; you will be contacted when items need to be picked up from Lowood Open Door Gallery at a later date.

Bookings essential.

Call Gai
0401 036 544

Floral Impressions in Watercolour with Susan Wellingham & Sue Howard



Saturday 1st February
12.30pm - 2.30pm
\$60

Come and be mesmerized by the magic of watercolour! You'll learn the wonders of this medium using the wet-on-wet technique. We'll take you through some colour theory and then lead you on a wonderful adventure celebrating the unpredictable properties and naturally occurring techniques that can happen when you "let it do its own thing".

All materials provided, just bring your enthusiasm. Booking essential.

Call Sue
0499 700 208

Resin Workshop



Saturday 22nd February
10am - 2pm
\$50 (materials included)
Bookings essential.

A fun afternoon workshop to learn the basics of resin art, which is poured on top of different surfaces to create a thick and glossy protective coat. Resin can be mixed with paint or inks to create colourful patterns and designs. Wear old clothing.

Please note: Your work will be left overnight to cure and can be picked up the next day.

Karen Leahy
0402 217 912

Colour Mixing with Marita



Sunday 2nd March
10am - 1pm
\$60

Colour mixing is an art! You'll learn how to approach it using Faber Castell Polychromos pencils to create your own colour swatches. Take them home for future reference as you create new masterpieces!

All materials are supplied. You are welcome to bring your own pencils too. Booking essential.

Call Marita Reynolds
0425 735 581
soleresponse@hotmail.com

China Painting with Gai

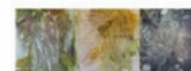


Two-Session Workshop
Saturday 8th of March
Sunday 9th March
1pm - 3pm (both days)
\$50

Price includes materials & firings.
Bookings essential.

Call Gai
0401 036 544

Plant Print Dyeing on Paper



Saturday 17th May
1pm - 5pm
\$60
Bookings essential.

An afternoon workshop to give you the basics of using dyes from plants to create prints on paper. We will discuss the dye process, different techniques, different plants, mordants, equipment you need and how the magic happens!

You'll need:

- Pencil and paper for note-taking
- Scissors to cut paper to size
- A few pages of newspaper/butcher's paper to carry wet samples home.
- Wear old clothes or an apron

Please note this class is for adults.

Cassandra Hodgins
0400 884 388
quiescenceart@gmail.com

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Email for bookings: lowoodpendoorgallery@gmail.com

To recommend a Workshop with a particular tutor and/or in a specific media

Contact: SASI Art Workshop
Coordinator: Sarah-Jane Charlier
workshop@sasiart.com.au

Artists are most welcome to apply to present a workshop

SASI's New Years Lunch Party

SASI invites Members to join us at the Esk Grand Hotel

11:30 for 12 noon on Friday 17 January 2025

Partners Welcome

RSVP

secretary@sasiart.com.au

by Wed 15 January

Glen Rock Gallery Esk QLD

5 July - 5 August 2025

Small is Beautiful 2025

Competition & Exhibition

2D & 3D Artworks up to 30cm

Online entries open 9am 1 April 2025

Terms and Conditions available online at www.sasiart.com.au/entry-form



Somerset Art Society Inc SE QLD Australia

SASI Members Market Stall

Toogoolawah Christmas Tree Market

Saturday 14 December 2024



SASI held another successful outreach stall at this well attended community event. Alongside the artists beautiful artworks, SASI provided a Makers Table for visitors. Budding artists aged between 3 and 90 made paper flowers, small gift boxes and bead earrings with materials and excellent tuition provided by Patricia Brooke and Nelle.

Many thanks to the participating artists and the volunteers Shirley, John, Dave, Bec and Nelle who ensured bump in and bump out went smoothly.



Supporting the arts and artists in SE QLD Australia

Mount Beppo Art Group

The Mt Beppo artists will be enjoying the first Glen Rock Gallery exhibition for 2025 on Saturday 11 January at 11am to Meet the Artist - Nikki Douthwaite.

The Mt Beppo monthly artists challenge commences in January with One Line drawing - any subject. The artists will return to Mt Beppo Hall on Wednesday 5 February 2025. The challenge for February is Paint a piece of fruit.

Mt Beppo artists are excited to be exhibiting their art at Lowood Open Door Gallery in February 2025.

Information for the artists:

Artwork Delivery: Wed 29 January at Lowood Open Door Gallery 45 Railway St, Lowood QLD 4311.

Artwork Collection Day Sunday 23 February 2025

Please contact Gwen or Shirley for assistance with delivery and collection. Shirley: secretary@sasiart.com.au Gwen: gwenethlitfin@gmail.com

Wishing you all the best for the new year.

2024 Mt Beppo Breakup Party

On our final day of art for 2024 the artists enjoyed a delicious sit down smorgasbord at Mt Beppo Hall. Many thanks to Daph and Jo for their tireless efforts.

After our lunch Patricia introduced us to this hilarious game- **Blind Drawing**

and the winner is



Congratulations Sarah



SASI MUSOS

New SASI group for musicians starting in February

Do you play an instrument? (or do you know someone who does?)

Would you like to play with other musos in a safe supportive environment?

The Somerset Art Society Inc. (SASI) are starting a new SASI group - SASI Musos – a weekly session for musicians who are wanting to collaborate (play along) with other musos and/or are looking for an opportunity to perform in a positive and supportive environment. Music for each week's session will be provided, including lyrics with chords, melody and harmony lines. Transposed music for non-C instruments will also be available. A new song will be added to our repertoire each week. All instruments welcome!

WHEN: Monday 9am – 12noon (starting February 3)

WHERE: St Agnes Hall, Esk

COST: \$5 per session (first session free)

BYO instrument and music stand (if you have one)

Weekly session programme:

- Welcome and set up (attendance sign on/add to the song suggestion book)
- Latest addition (Play our latest song together)
- Old favourites (Play through some of our repertoire)
- Break for morning tea
- White board walk-ups (Volunteered performances)
- New number (Run through the song for next week's meeting)
- Musical Lucky Dip (Volunteered names placed in hat and drawn out in pairs. Duos to perform song of their own choice at next week's White board walk-ups)

SASI SUPPORTING ARTISTS AND THE ARTS IN SOMERSET REGION
SOMERSET ART SOCIETY INC.
PRESENTS

SASI MUSOS

A WEEKLY SESSION FOR MUSOS TO PLAY TOGETHER

STARTING
MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY
9AM – 12 NOON
ST AGNES HALL, ESK

Want to know more?
Email musos@sasiart.com.au

SASI Members Page

Dedicated to members, for members, from members.

Recommended by Members



Deborah Dawkings - Coal Creek Pottery
913 Esk Kilcoy Road Coal Creek 4312
email: deborahobrien888@gmail.com
phone: 0422 986 280
instagram: @coal_creek_pottery

Pop out for a coffee and to check out our workshop gallery and cafe



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for all occasions

Felicity Maden,
emervale4@activ8.net.au
0413 133 168
#FlowerPower

Ipswich Art Society

Saturday Morning Casual Painting

SECOND SATURDAY of each MONTH 9.00AM TO 1.00PM

The Old Court House (Ginn street rear entrance) cnr
East and Roderick Streets , Ipswich.

Come along to our Untutored Art Group held at the Old
Ipswich Courthouse to enjoy some quality time and
share ideas and interact with other artists.

Cost: \$5.00 for Members and \$10 for non members
with 'join on arrival' facility.

Coffee/tea is provided , bring your lunch.

Local Artist—available for commission artwork.

Always living in our rural district, there is a special interest in travelling through our
range of beautiful Australian landscapes, using varieties of colours and techniques to
portray them on canvas.



Naela Lowien

Artist & Local Historian

~ Oil ~ Acrylic ~ Watercolour
~ Pastel ~ Graphite ~ Ink

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Lions Club Of Lowood



Now have two places
for rent

The Lion's Den and the Lowood Open Door
Gallery both would be suitable for
workshops. Each is equipped with kitchen,
toilets, tables and chairs, good lighting.

Reasonable rates

Plenty of parking .

For further enquiries and rates please
phone Karen

on

0402 217 912

**Riot Art and Craft Stores
are now stocking
quality artist supplies**

<https://riotstores.com.au>

SASI appreciates the support of Esk Fruit Shop for displaying SASI brochures and our
Glen Rock Gallery posters.