

Interview with **Mrs. Jenny Storum**, Publicity Officer of **Woolgoolga Art Group**, resident at 26 Trafalgar Street Woolgoolga, phone 66 540988 on 5th July, relative to the establishment of the Woolgoolga Art Gallery.

Preliminary Note :

Source of supply of land for site of Gallery:

The land on which the Gallery and nearby kindergarten are built became the property of the Coffs Harbour Shire Council when the original subdivision of land bounded by Turon Parade and Kim Close was approved by Council. Part of the conditions of approval in those times required that a proportion of the parcel of land being subdivided must be transferred to the Council for public use as parklands or playing fields or any purpose the Council felt was in the public interest. The Art Group has just had its 40th anniversary and has just renewed its lease with the Council. The attached copy of an incomplete record (complete to 1980) by Art Group member **Dianne Collins**, Email address linsdana @ big pond. net.au, named "A Personal History of Woolgoolga Art Group " contains historical detail sufficient to negate any need for further enquiry. Mrs. Collins's remarkable performance in the earlier days is listed.

Without contacting the Council it is assumed that the Gallery Building , the shared carpark, and some of the adjacent land is part of the lease, because the Woolgoolga Rotary Club has provided a covered picnic table close by and the local historian and Art Group Patron **Neil Yeates**, Forester **Ron Rediger**, and citizen **Jim Limbert** have also mounted a small length of track, a truck loaded with a large log, as an item **recording a tramline which went from the jetty west up Woolgoolga Creek**, originally built by the British Australian Timber Company to transport logs to their Woolgoolga mill, as a bicentennial project. It is located on the north bank of Jarrett's Creek adjacent to the Art Gallery building and the Rotary picnic table. It is hoped this may become a centrepiece for a small rainforest exhibit along the creek bank behind the building. Some palm trees have already been planted and are growing well.

The Coffs Harbour City Council has engaged the Woolgoolga Art Group to run the Coffs Harbour City Art Exhibition in the city for the past 25 years.

Between Mrs Collins' notes and the material contributed by **Mrs Storum** (a descendent of the pioneering **Blackadder** family) there appears a concept of a very suitable building having frequent exhibitions by a vibrant group in ideal surroundings.

Don Clinch 8 July 2012