

Working
Art Space
Sheffield

ANNUAL REPORT

FY2021

President's Annual Report 2020-2021
(Includes Treasurer's Annual Report)



Completed Sheffield Arts Centre before Signage & Murals

Written by
Glenn Ireland
(President & Acting Treasurer)

President's Overview

This is my fourth President's Report since 2018. It includes the Treasurer's Report in my capacity as acting Treasurer.

This year opened with both of our galleries closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. In July we re-opened the Pioneer Gallery for 3 days per week and the Albert Gallery 7 days for members only. We held virtual meetings until September 2020.

MuralFest was postponed till November and interstate artists were required to complete their murals in their home states. InspireFest was cancelled. Work on the Sheffield Arts Centre began in December.

In December the board of Kentish ACT stood down as did the Sheffield Inc executive who elected a new team. Kentish ACT announced the election of a new Board in March 2021.

January saw the conclusion of Mural Fest and the awarding of prizes in March with WASS Artists Ferri Lee and Alicia Swiderski taking the major Inder Prize.

In March we screened a documentary about the life and career of Keith Looby. In June a Midwinter Festival was held in Sheffield organised by Sheffield Inc and others.

Committee

Executive Committee

President	Glenn Ireland
Vice President	Annie Willock
Treasurer	Glenn Ireland (Acting)
Minutes Secretary	Nita Pountney
Council Representative	Nicole Meijer

Extended Committee

Fereleth Lee	Alicia Swiderski
Lindsay Gardam	Bronwen Lee
Fay Warren	Raewyn Collisson

Other Roles

Publicity Officer	Glenn Ireland
Roster Officer	Julie Hargreaves
Purchasing Consumables	Chris Scott
Purchasing Stationery	Glenn Ireland
Workshop Coordinator	Lindsay Gardam (Acting)
Member Database	Glenn Ireland
Poster Distribution	Lindsay Gardam
Email Administrator	Glenn Ireland
Roster Posting	Ferri Lee
Website Administration	Glenn Ireland
Contact List Distribution	Glenn Ireland
Featured Artist Coordinator	Lindsay Gardam
Kiln Officer	Gillian Robnik, Fay Warren
Assistant Treasurer	Nicole Meijer

Sheffield Arts Centre Representatives	Ferri Lee, Nita Pountney (Treasurer), Glenn Ireland (proxy)
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Glenn would like to thank members of the Executive Committee and the Extended Committee for their continued support throughout what was a difficult year.

The Pandemic has caused many hardships this year and has had a major affect on our sales and visitor numbers.

Things are not shaping up much better for the year ahead, but we hope to emerge from this in a strong position in our new premises.

Membership Statistics (as of November 2021)

Active Members 84 Artists 67 Active Volunteers 22

The Year in Review

Our biggest challenge this year was the COVID-19 Pandemic. This has affected our operation significantly and has meant that far fewer visitors have been able to travel to Sheffield.

In **July** we still had a problem with the Albert Gallery's water which requires investigation by Council. We also decided to investigate a more cost-effective hot water system. We sought ideas for a new mural to replace the aging Drill Hall mural and Council submitted its planning application for development of the Sheffield Arts Centre. Also Inspire Fest and the Winter Feast were postponed due to the pandemic. A damaged window on the Albert was repaired and a grille fitted by Council. The locks on the Albert were changed to conform with Council's new Master Key system.

In **August** it was decided that Mural Fest would be postponed until November due to COVID restrictions and. Ferri teamed up with Alicia to paint her mural as her brother was unable to travel from NSW because of the pandemic. Council informed us that the Sheffield Arts Centre would be fitted with Sola power fed into WASS's power circuit. Cost sharing agreements were to be negotiated at a later meeting of the committee.

In **September** the dates for Mural Fest were set to the first week of November with local artists painting in situ whilst interstate artists would be painting from home. The judging dates were to be announced later. Inspirefest and the Artists At Work events been both cancelled for this year.

In **October** a date of 19th February was set to screen a documentary called Looby (about the career of well-known artist Keith Looby) to be run in the Sheffield Town Hall. This month we adjusted our base commission from 30% to 25% on a trial basis because the number of exemptions for health reasons became hard to manage. (The 25/20/10% rule will now apply across the board.) A long-standing member, Johann Pfeiffer was forced to move into Tandara Lodge in May 2019 due to ill health. We agreed to help Johann by selling some of his mdf blanks that he had left over.

Mural Fest ran in the first week of **November**.

Judging was delayed until interstate artists' works could be shipped to Tasmania. We turned off the Albert's hot water system to save money as the gallery is barely open now. Lindsay organised for the repair to some of the mosaics on the Mosaic Pathway which had been vandalised and Nita organised a working bee to clean up the gardens around the rockeries along the pathway. The AGM was held on the 14th November where a new committee was elected.

Work on the new Sheffield Arts Centre began in **December** with an estimated completion date of March or April 2021. Both Sheffield Inc and Kentish Act boards decided to stand down with new directors to be appointed later. Sheffield Inc appointed Charlotte King as President and Mike Hancock as Vice President with Leonie Read and Lyn Curr as committee members. Kentish ACT will appoint their new board in March. Mick Black was commissioned to bring the interstate Mural Fest Artists' works back to Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Government introduced its contact tracing application "Check In Tas" which we signed onto and placed the appropriate check in poster in the Albert gallery. The Sheffield Visitor Information Centre have their own code which the Pioneer Gallery shared due to their proximity. An extensive refit is planned for the SVIC which will relocate to the Sheffield Arts Centre's foyer whilst work is being performed.

In **January** the interstate Mural Fest murals were delivered to Mural Park and mounted. The final judging was set for the 8th March.

In **March** the Looby documentary was successfully screened in the Sheffield Town Hall and was well received. The Mural Fest judging took place on 8th March with WASS members Ferri and Alicia taking the Inder Prize and another Tasmanian Gren Freeman taking away the Highly Recommended prize. Sheffield Inc announced a plan to hold a Sheffield Midwinter Solstice Celebration in June to replace the one proposed last month. It was suggested that this could be run in concert with WASS's annual Winter Feast.

In **April** Lindsay invited artists to a "Trees in Landscape" workshop on the 19th May at the

Albert Gallery. We planned to hold an exhibition of winter-themed art for the opening of the new gallery. We also planned to hold our Winter Solstice feast with a "Masquerade" theme in the new gallery if it is open in time. It was scheduled for 21st June.

In **May** WASS presented ideas for murals and signage to adorn the new Sheffield Arts Centre. At a meeting of the Sheffield Arts Centre committee, Don Thwaites was appointed Chairperson, Santra Brattstrom Secretary, Charlotte King minutes Secretary and Nita Pountney was confirmed as Treasurer. A sub-committee was also elected to design or recommend suitable murals for the building. Julie Hargreaves announced her intention to step down as Roster Officer when we move to the new location. A discussion was held about Council's proposal for its Main Street Revitalisation Project

which was widely condemned as being inappropriate for the town. WASS agreed to write to Council addressing our concerns.

In **June** the completion date for Sheffield Arts Centre was set to the 25th June with further works being required prior to sign-over. John Bindon agreed to become our new Roster Officer and WASS's winter solstice feast was cancelled for this year. However, Sheffield Inc's Midwinter Solstice Festival went ahead on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th June. Many of the shops in town put on window displays, a fancy-dress competition and a lantern parade were held as was a market with fireworks and a bonfire at the Sheffield Steam Park. BIGhART asked us to assist with their "When Water Falls" performance on Sat 26th June. The performance was held in the Sheffield Town Hall, King George V Park with an Audio/Visual display at the Albert Gallery.

Exhibition & Workshops for the Year

Month	Exhibition	Workshop
July 20	"Trial & Error" (postponed)	Mosaics (Nita Pountney)
Aug 20		Mosaics (Nita Pountney)
Sep 20		Mosaics (Nita Pountney) Printing Group
Oct 20	"A Tasmanian Love Affair" (Kathleen Bentley)	Mosaics (Nita Pountney) Printing Group
Nov 20	"Buildings & Stuff" (Lindsay Gardam) "Challenges" (Julie Hargreaves) MuralFest Phots (SVIC)	Mosaics (Nita Pountney) Printing Group
Dec 20	Eclectic Collection (Printing Group)	Mosaics (Ferri Lee) Printing Group
Jan 21	"Eclectic Collection" (Printing Group)	Mosaics (Ferri Lee) Printing Group
Feb 21	"Diversity" (Margaret Coombes/Patricia Kirkcaldy)	Mosaics (Ferri Lee) Printing Group
Mar 21	"Diversity" (Margaret Coombes/Patricia Kirkcaldy)	Mosaics (Ferri Lee) Printing Group
Apr 21	Nil	Mosaics (Ferri Lee) Printing Group
May 21	Nil	Mosaics (Ferri Lee) Printing Group Trees in Landscape (Lindsay)
Jun 21	Nil	Mosaics (Ferri Lee) Printing Group

Sales Overview

Sales were down again this year due to the pandemic necessitating closure of the galleries at various times. The pandemic also meant that there were far fewer visitors. We ended up with a small loss but still had money in the bank, albeit not a whole lot of it.

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Treasurers Annual Report

FY2021- 2021

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<i>Closing Balance as 30th June</i>		4,126.35
<u>Add Receipts</u>	Albert	Pioneer	
Artwork Sales - Cash	206.00	3,640.95	3,846.95
Artwork Sales - EFT	251.00	14,175.85	14,426.85
Other Sales			
Membership (EFT)			105.00
Membership (Cash)			425.00
Donations	<i>From Pioneer & Looby</i>		78.20
WAS Hire			
Grants	<i>Council Disbursements</i>		1,850.00
Kiln Use			
Miscellaneous	<i>Interest and Town Hall Hire Refund</i>		177.47
	<i>Receipts less Trans Fees</i>	20,734.74	20,909.47

Less Expenses

Artists' Payments		14,515.75	
Electricity (AG)		1,124.08	
Electricity (PG)		841.03	
Petty Cash			
Advertising & Promotions	<i>Website Renewal & Posters</i>	59.29	
Fees & Licences	<i>PO Box</i>	136.00	
Merchant Fees		174.73	
Insurance	<i>AON Insurance Renewal</i>	644.16	
Purchases	<i>Picture Rails for new Gallery + Expenses</i>	1,874.69	
Printing, Packaging & Stationary	<i>Posters etc</i>	609.71	
Prizes	<i>Sheffield School</i>	50.00	
Art Materials			
Catering			
Water & Sewerage	<i>Water rates, etc Albert</i>	516.50	
Miscellaneous	<i>Hire Sheffield Town Hall</i>	382.50	
	<i>Expenses less Trans Fees</i>	20,753.71	20,928.44

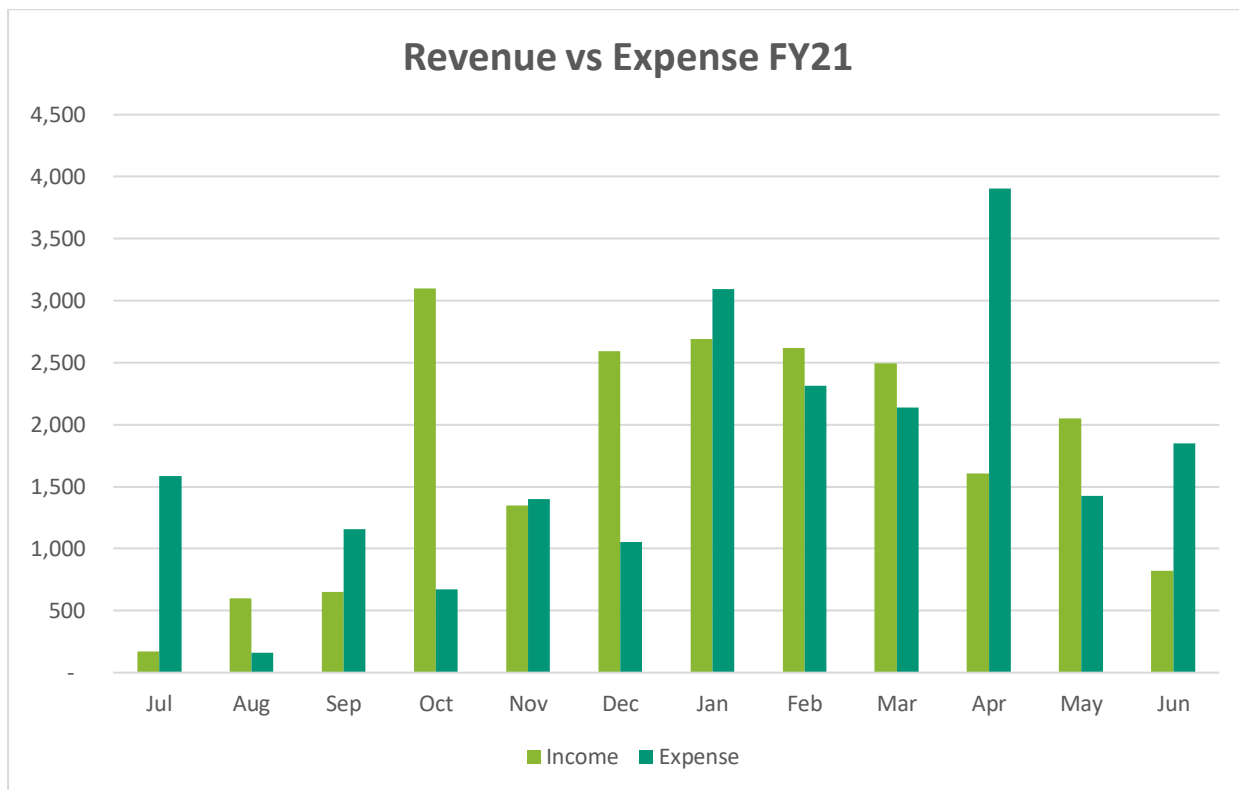
Closing Balance

4,107.38

Commission Received - sale of artwork less payments to artists

Annual Sales	Albert	Pioneer	TOTAL
Gross Artwork Sales	457.00	17,816.80	18,273.80
	Less Payments to Artists		14,515.75
Total Commission Received (Incl GST)			3,758.05
	Commission as percentage of sales		20.57%
Unpresented Cheques			
24,28		<i>Suzie Wilks</i>	12.50

Income vs Expenses FY20-21



July	AON Insurance renewal
September	Utility Bills
January	Hire Town Hall for Looby
April	Purchase of Picture Rails

Explanations

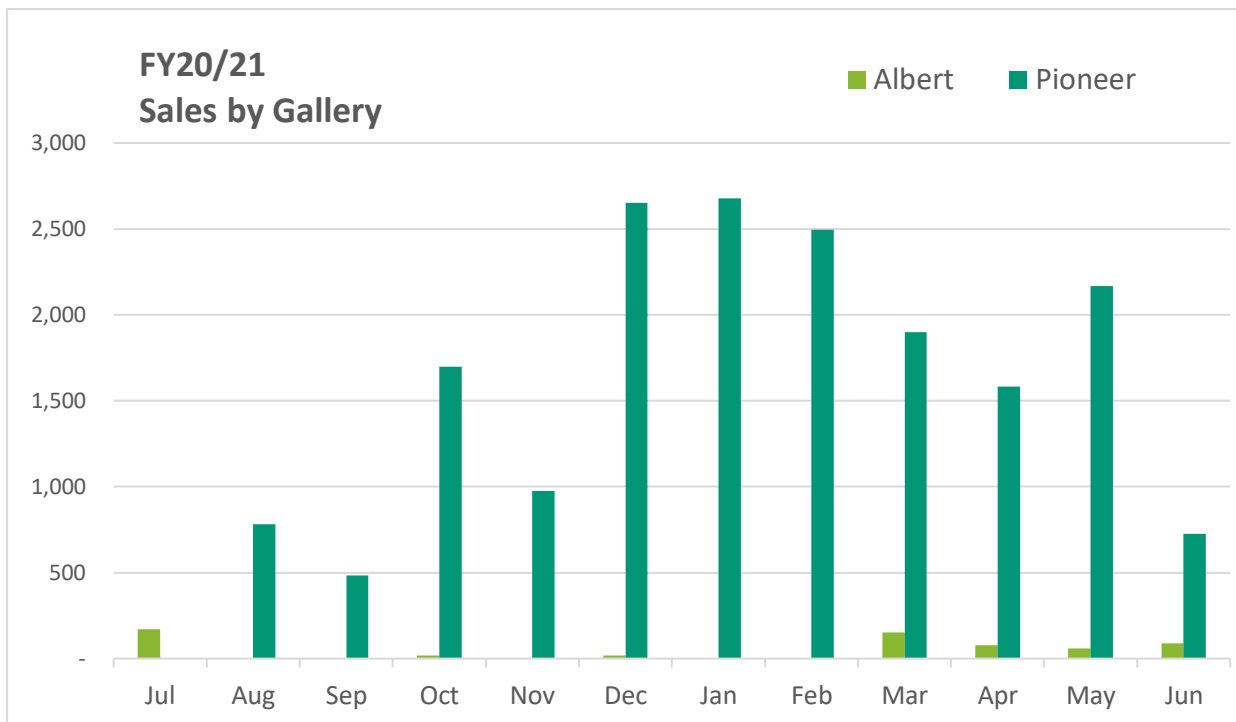
- Incomes were low due to gallery closures and low visitor counts caused by border closures, etc.
- Expenses were higher in July, Sept, Jan and April for the reasons shown above.
- Disparities between income and expense in general are because of the offset between the month when sales are made and the date when artists are paid their commission. (e.g., sales occurring in May result in Artists’ payments being made in June.)

Annual Sales FY20-21

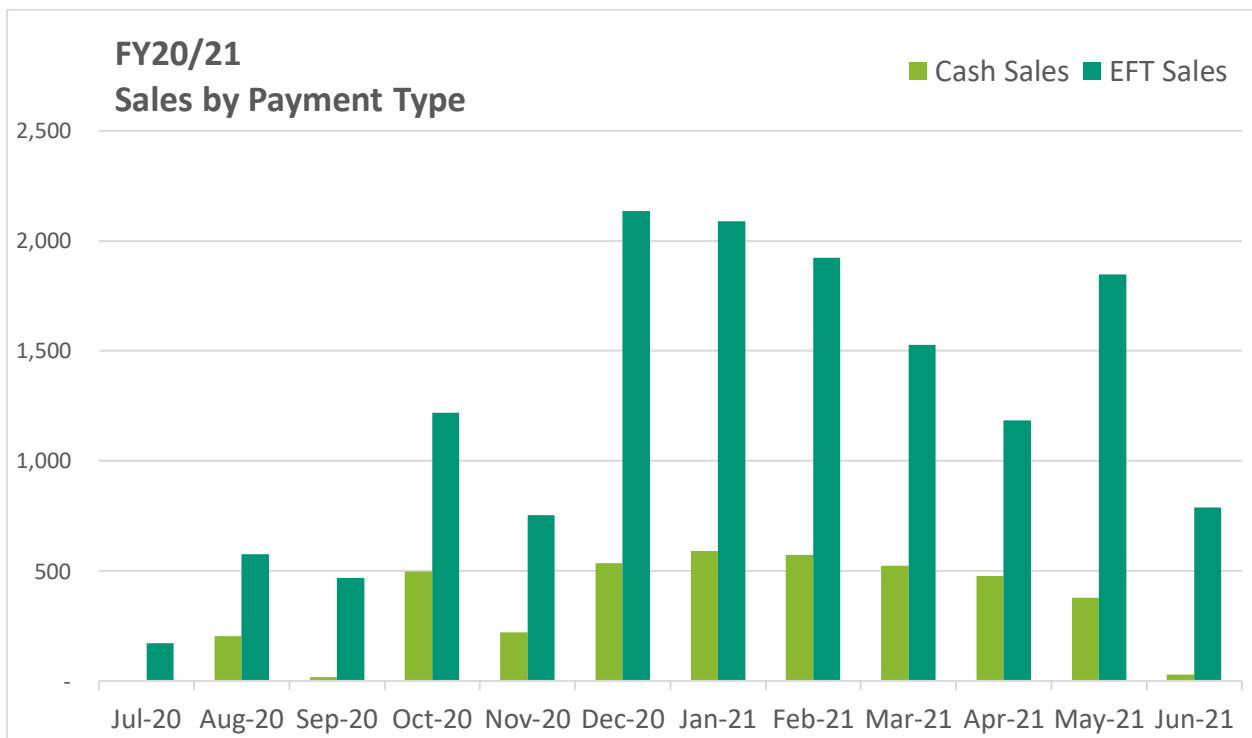
Sales Overview

Albert \$586 Pioneer 18,136 Total \$18,721

Annual Sales by Gallery



Annual Sales by Payment Type

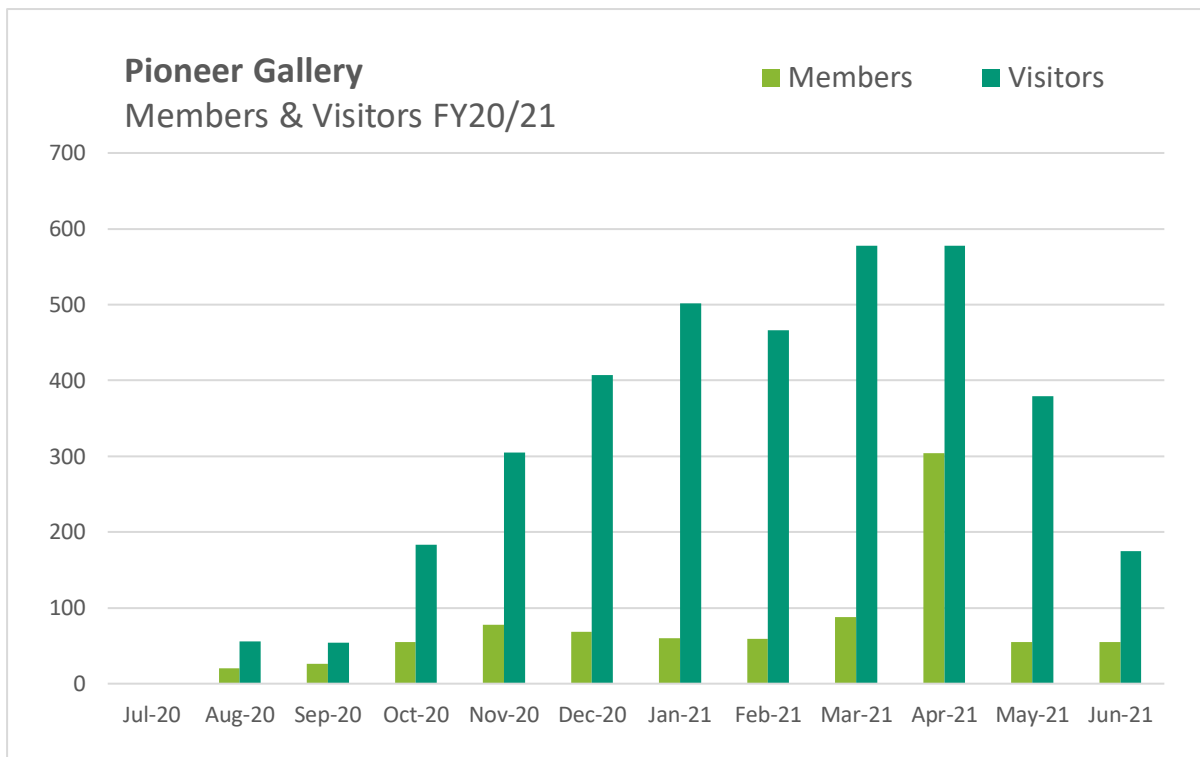


Visitor Numbers FY20-21

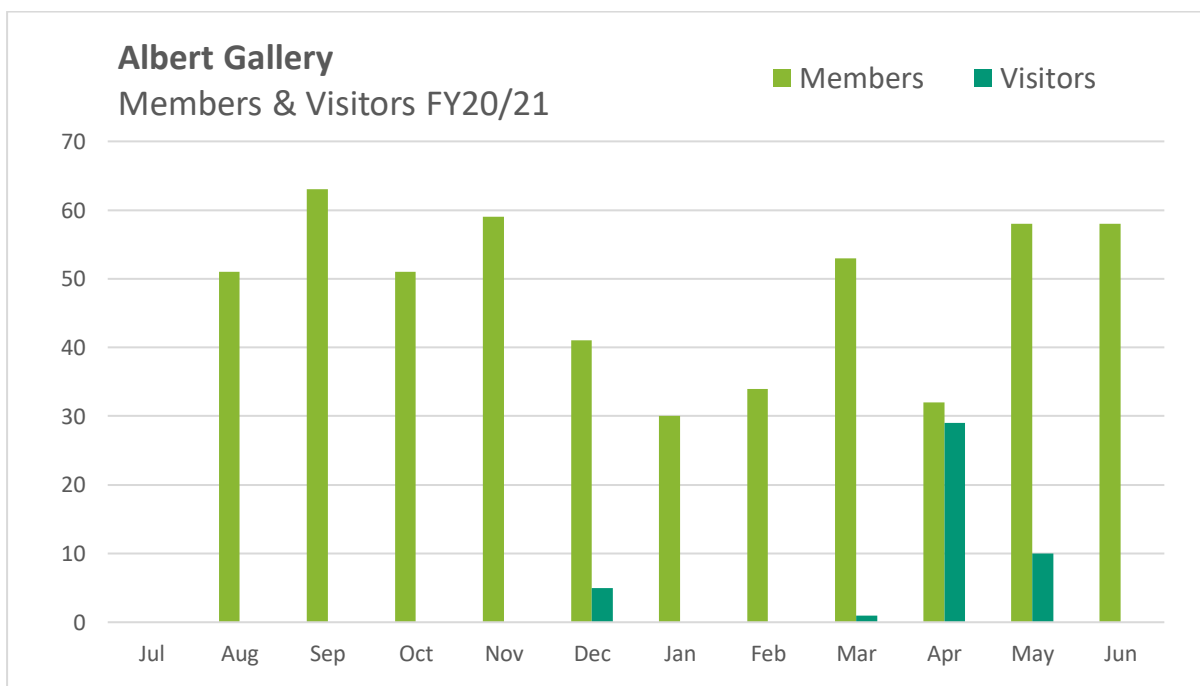
Visitor Overview

Members 530 **Visitors** 45 **Total** 575

Visitor Numbers Pioneer Gallery



Visitor Numbers Albert Gallery



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WASS's Workshop Space



Pioneer Gallery

Was located Inside Sheffield
Visitor Information Centre



Moved to

Sheffield Arts Centre

New home of the Pioneer Gallery

