

from our President

Thank you everyone for your good wishes during my recent health scare. I am now on the mend but following doctor's orders in 'not doing too much', unfortunately I missed attending some MTAS related events of late but have received reports from Committee and members and will report on them as follows:

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery Art Fair (May 2015). Congratulations to Lizzy Newcombe, Jenny Lawrence, Julie Simmons and Tracie Buckley who represented MTAS this year.

Each with a defined individual style of beautiful work. A big thank you to Taryn Malzard for taking care of the MTAS admin side of things and stunning presentation of the works.

The June meeting on 9th was followed by an excellent demonstration by John Rice, painting gum trees in oils. John showed himself to be a good teacher, very clear in explanations and very practised in his painting style. John produced a beautiful painting in a short time. Members advised that the demonstration was great and they picked up lots of good tips from him. Geraldine Taylor will be doing 'Birds in Gouache' July 14th. demonstration.

The Deerubbin Centre celebrated its 10th Birthday on 20th June with a Family Fun Day and an Expo of all Community Cultural and Arty organisations. MTAS took part in the Stan Stevens Room displaying our members' various talents. Other activities were also in place in the Regional Gallery and the Library. Families came out on a beautiful winters day in large numbers and a fabulous celebration was enjoyed. Thank you to all committee and members who were on duty at the MTAS display and helped with the setting up of our stall.

Membership Renewal is due on July 1st and you will find a renewal form in this Newsletter. Could you please fill these out and get them back to us ASAP so we can move on with another new year of artistic activities.

The Richmond Market Place Exhibition will take place on 13th to 16th August and you will find an entry form enclosed. This is always a successful event for our Society and we look forward to receiving your entries. Please note small to medium works please and all exhibitors will be required to do duty. (More details on entry form).

The Hawkesbury Artists & Artisans Trail (HAAT) Annual Exhibition. This year the HAAT event will be over 2 weekends 22nd/23rd and 29th/30th August and MTAS will be using the C.W.A Cottage in McQuade Park, Windsor (opposite Council Chambers) as its venue, a lovely & high profile location for us to show our work. Number of works

and entry form being finalised by Committee, will advise ASAP.

August is going to be a big month for MTAS so please keep painting and drawing to be ready!

Another important reminder is that the September AGM is not far away. There will be some committee members stepping down this time and our Society will need these positions to be filled in order to operate effectively.

Thank you to Tony Fogarty & Pat Bakarich for their assistance with these newsletters, last month & current. Sheila Sharp for her generosity in transporting of equipment for 'Art for Heart' and 'Autumn' Exhibition. Also Narelle Ward and other committee members and volunteers for their great efforts at these events as well....too many to name.

Regards to all,
Sharron Whittington - President MTAS

CASS report

Art at the Top was a wonderful program of workshops at Stanwell Tops at the end of May and CASS are already preparing for a return of Art in Action at Merroo for the 13th, 14th and 15th May 2016, mark the dates in your diaries!

The next CASS event is a month of ArtDirect in September, register your studio or group on the www.cassartdirect.com.au web site and open your studio for any or all weekends in September for the same joining fee as last year. CASS will provide advertising templates and market the event in many online forums.

Other important dates are for the 2016 Art of Sydney awards exhibition which will be held again at the Australian National Maritime Museum next January and the judge will be Alan Somerville. Entry forms will be available in August (date to be advised) and entries will close on 30th November.

If you wish to attend the CASS Annual General Meeting it will be held on 9th August at the Bankstown Art Society, 5 Olympic Parade Bankstown at 4pm.

Kym

Awards

NSW Parliament Plein Air Prize
Finalist *Julie Simmons*

Currabubula
HC W/col *Julie Simmons*

FOHacRG Inc.

Take in & hanging for "Then & Now" on Thursday 9th July before 12 at the Stan Stevens Studio.

Opening Night
Friday 10th 7-8.30pm.

Exhibition open Saturday & Sunday 10-3. Please offer Roster help.

Sheila ph 4572 3039

We will have a Bus Trip to Hazelhurst Regional Gallery on Sunday 13th September to visit the 'Labours of Love: Australian Quilts 1850-2015' exhibition.

\$30pp leaving Richmond 9am
Sheila ph 4572 3039

MTAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

for kids 5 - 15yrs
29th June - 10th July 2015

Pottery, drawing, painting,
jewellery, cartooning &
make mini monsters, paint pet
rocks, decorate eggs,
make clay
bunnies.

\$14 per session

at the Art shop,
Magnolia Mall, Richmond.
ph Deidre 0412 979 731

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Classes

MTAS LIFE DRAWING GROUP

3rd Tuesday each month, *i.e. the next Tuesday following the MTAS Meeting*

7pm - 9pm, \$12.

Model, easels & supper provided.

BYO drawing materials.

Next session, Tuesday 18th August
at the Art Shop, Magnolia Mall,
Richmond.

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

FRIDAY ART CLASS

with Deidre Morrison

All media

*Work at your own pace in
relaxed, friendly atmosphere.*

Every Friday 12.30 - 3.30pm.

\$25 p.w.

Richmond Art Supplies
Shop 10 Magnolia Mall,
285 Windsor St, Richmond

Ph. 0412 979 731

MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher Marcella Pyke

Term 3 begins

**Monday 20th July &
Wednesday 22nd July 2015**

\$96 (8 week term)

incl. materials

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731