

## from our President

Well, it is Spring again and Macquarie Towns are bursting with new life.

The Art Society, on the other hand, is recycling and I have been asked to be part of the process. I am flattered to be here and hope that your confidence in me will ensure that recycling really is worthwhile.

In this mail out you will find reports from the AGM held on 8th September. It would be remiss of me not to mention the work of the outgoing committee, the dedicated members who so carefully plan and organise the activities of the society. Some have decided not to continue in the roles that they have filled with such great distinction.

Sharron Whittington, President for the past 2 years and treasurer for many years before that, has some health issues that she needs to address and has resigned from committee.

Tony Fogarty, VP, who has done invaluable work bringing our constitution up to date and attending to legalities in other administrative areas, has also stepped down.

Sheila Sharp is trying to lessen her obligations since she has positions with other groups, but happily for us, she will stay on as assistant treasurer. Sheila, who was president for 12 years, is a tower of strength and deserves our sincere thanks.

I thank those who are continuing on committee and look forward to working with you again. New committee members are Donna Cavanagh, VP, Owen Smith, Treasurer and Derryn Hahyn.

The Open Day at Yarramundi was attended by the usual group as well as two friends of Maureen and John Shields. Sharron Whittington provided the morning tea and we chatted, painted, made use of the library (books and DVDs) or observed John's impromptu demonstration of Australian landscape painting. The Open Days are friendly, informal days when we relax and do things we like to do. Come and join us on the first or third Wednesday in October.

Of course, the main event in October is the "Spring Affair" Exhibition from Opening Night on 23rd to Sunday, 25th at 4pm

Art work by the pupils from our Children's After School Classes will be featured at the exhibition. Deidre Morrison, the co-ordinator and the tutor, Maecella Pyke, have worked on various projects with the children and I am sure that we will be very proud of the results of their efforts.

I hope many of you have managed to enter work in the exhibition. This is an open, non competitive event where we are hoping to provide members with sales opportunities so please remind your friends to come along and don't forget to come and have a look yourself.

Our raffle painting has been kindly donated by John Shields. At the next demonstration meeting I will be asking for volunteers to sell a small number of tickets and return the proceeds and butts on Take In Thursday, 22nd October.

Julie Simmons will be the demonstrator at our next meeting on 13th October. We all recognise Julie's wonderful watercolours and we have not had a watercolourist for some time, so I hope to see you at the Deerubbin Centre at 7:30 pm

Narelle Ward, President, MTAS Inc.

## CASS report

It's the end of the September "Spring into Art" open studio events that CASS members have hosted throughout the month. Reports from the fifteen participating studios, including our members participating with Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop and the Piggery Lane Studios, indicate positive experiences all round. Sales varied from studio to studio but the opportunity to meet new members of our local communities, gain the odd commission, raise money for charity, and the chance to promote ourselves were all highlights of the ArtDirect experience. Next year we hope to do even better as the numbers have been steadily increasing over the past few years since ArtDirect began.

Check the CASS website for information as it becomes available for Art in Action, returning to Merroo next year May 13, 14 and 15.

The next CASS event is the Art of Sydney, 23 - 27 January 2016. Please get your entries in by November 30th to be part of this great exhibition held at the Australian national maritime Museum. This time, MTAS members will have their duty day on Australia Day (instead of the last day of the show as we have in the past), a great opportunity for the family to come in and enjoy the activities in and around Darling Harbour and into the evening with the spectacular fireworks display. I look forward to seeing many of you at the exhibition!

cheers,  
Kym



*Yvonne West demonstrating oil painting at the art exhibition in conjunction with the Richmond Jubilee.*

## Awards

### Orange Blossom Castle Hill

1st W/col *Julie Simmons*

HC W/col *Julie Simmons*

### Penrith Ag. Art Show

1st Aust landscape *Julie Simmons*

*Simmons*

1st Oils *Julie Simmons*

2nd Acrylics *Julie Simmons*

1st Miniatures *Gloia Galvin*

### John Copes Art Prize

1st W/col *Julie Simmons*

### Scone Art Prize

Best in Show *Julie Simmons*

HC W/col *Julie Simmons*

## HAWKESBURY PRINTMAKERS INC.

Saturday October 10th at K13 we will be carving lino and paper embossing to proof it. (This is preparation for printing in November). \$5 members, \$10 non members. BYO tools (or borrow), Lino square and proofing paper available at extra cost (approx \$15) BYO lunch.

Saturday 14th November at K13, Printing from a lino plate on to fabric with Mellissa Read Devine. Black tea towels available at \$5 or bring own calico for a bag, tea shirts ... Use the Etching press, (water based) inks supplied, bring your lino master. BYO lunch. Members \$20, non members \$25.

Ph Sheila to book ph 4572 3039

## 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 20th Oct.

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 4 begins

Monday Mon 12th October &

Wed 14th October 2015

\$96 (8 week term)

incl. materials

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

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