

from our President

To begin with, I would like to thank Satya Morrison who volunteered to purchase the AV equipment that was used so successfully at our last demonstration meeting. The committee had recognised the value of an AV set up but action always speaks louder than words and Satya did the job for us. Well done, Satya! Everyone was very happy with the results.

Congratulations to four of our members, Deidre Morrison, Julie Simmons, Melissa Reid-Devine and Madeleine Batchelor, who received awards at the Sydney Royal Agricultural Exhibition. It is great to see our very talented artists receiving the acclaim they deserve. A list of the awards is included in this newsletter.

At our next meeting Margaret Lacey will be demonstrating encaustic painting. "Encaustic," as Deidre explained to me, "simply means painting with (heated) wax" and Margaret achieves very delicate effects with coloured bees' wax. As well, we are inviting members who would like the opportunity to display work for sale to bring along paintings of Hawkesbury historical sites. The proprietors of the Riverview Newsagency are looking for art works for their new shop and have asked for our assistance.

Sheila Sharp is co-ordinating a short exhibition (7th to 11th April) at the new community facility in March St., Richmond as part of Seniors' Week celebrations. Please contact Sheila (4572 3039) if you are interested in displaying work for sale. Deidre Morrison, Yvonne West and John Shields have volunteered to demonstrate during the course of the exhibition but Sheila will need assistance to "put up and take down"

The Hawkesbury Show will be the next event on our calendar. Anyone who has entered is asked to volunteer some time to help supervise the exhibition. Please contact Sheila Sharp to have your name placed on a roster. Volunteers will receive a ticket to the show. We will also be grateful for anyone who is able to assist with the hanging on Saturday, 9th April from 12:30pm.

MTAS donates prize money for 2 sections of the exhibition.

A Special Children's Workshop to be held at the Stan Stevens Studio on Monday, 18th April. Donna Cavanagh and I will be working with HCC library staff to encourage the children to "Make Your Own Space" using recycled cardboard cartons and materials supplied by MTAS. We hope to cater for up to 20 school aged children and propose to work from 10:00am to 12:30pm. (Fee to cover costs,

\$14.) To book a place for your child or grandchild contact Donna Cavanagh on 0413 457 867

Our usual School Holiday Workshops organized by Deidre Morrison at Richmond Art Supplies will be running from 11th to 22nd April. Contact Deidre for bookings on 4578 5550

The entries for the Autumn Exhibition will close on 1st May and the May Demonstration on Tuesday, 10th at 7:30pm will be an update with new products from Jasco.

Then there will be our members' exhibition from 27th to 29th May. Hopefully everyone will have been working on some special piece of work to compete for awards. The value of prizes has been under discussion but because we have been spending funds to benefit all members we have decided not to increase our prizes this year. Future decisions will depend on the success of the exhibition and this is why I encourage everyone to try to persuade friends and family to come along to Richmond School of Arts for our Autumn Exhibition. You may also help by selling some tickets (\$2 each) in the raffle painting "Morning Light at Boorah Creek" donated by John Shields.

After all that, it will be June, winter, and time to hibernate for a day or two. I never thought that I would ever be looking forward to winter!

I hope everyone is busy preparing for a very busy autumn!

Narelle Ward, President, MTAS Inc.

Awards

Royal Agricultural Show

Best Rural Subject or Landscape

1st *Julie Simmons*

3rd *Julie Simmons*

HC *Madeline Batchelor*

Still Life 1st *Melissa Read-Devine*

Birds & Flowers 1st *Deidre Morrison*

Morrison

Castle Hill Agricultural Show

1st W/colour *Julie Simmons*

HC W/colour *Gloria Galvin*

HC Contemporary *Gloria Galvin*

HC Pastel *Patricia Latta*

Waterbrooke

Finalist *Gloria Galvin*

MTAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

for kids 5 - 15yrs

Monday 11th to Friday

22nd April 2016

Pottery, drawing, painting,
jewellery, cartooning &
make mini monsters & clay
animals, paint pet rocks.

\$14 per session

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

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Classes

MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher Marcella Pyke

Term 2 begins Mon 2nd &

Wed 4th May 2016

\$96 (8 week term)

incl. materials

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

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

HAWKESBURY PRINTMAKERS INC.

Saturday 9th April at K13 will
be printing from lino. \$5
Ph Ann 4577 3623

Saturday 14th May Cutting
stencils and printing on fabric
(or paper) using foam rollers.
Ph Sheila 4572 3039

Saturday 11th June Leaf/plant
prints on to fabric, paper,
cards, wrapping paper and
paper bags.
Ph Sheila 4572 3039

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
19th April

at the Art Shop, Magnolia Mall,
Richmond.

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

Seniors Week Art Display Hawkesbury Leisure and Learning Centre, March St, Richmond

Set up/hanging 4pm Wed. April 6
2-4 works. Deliver works at 4pm
or we can PU from Yarramundi or
Richmond Art Supplies on Wed.
afternoon. Individual sales tickets
and a list please. 20% commis-
sion, 10% for MTAS, 10% for
WomanSong. Cards for sale must
be individually marked and listed.
Demonstrations Thurs.am John
Shields, Thurs.pm Yvonne West,
Fri.am Deidre Morrison.
Please volunteer roster time to
help, even if not exhibiting, there
will be many other activities at the
same time.

Sheila. Ph 4572 3039

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Loius Reed and
Andrea Andrejas