

## from our President

Unfortunately, there have been no painting sales so far this month, even though we had a record day for visitors April 9, with 55 people coming through. Again my thanks goes to the members who are volunteering to look after the Gallery. An email has gone out, announcing the closure of the Pop Up Gallery. The last day the gallery will be open to the public is Sunday May 21st, with all paintings, cards and pottery to be removed by Sunday May 28th. Whilst I believe the Gallery has been a success for a number of other reasons, such as some new members and publicity, we have been fortunate to secure a \$3230 donation from Hawkesbury Community Financial Services who are a franchisee of Bendigo Bank. This will all but neutralise the cost of the gallery. Remember, next time you are in the Coles Mall Richmond, drop in and see Gail and her team, and say hello and thanks.

The project involving Digital Age Lawyers has started. The first pieces have been hung in readiness for the after 5 in June. A reminder, the art must be Hawkesbury historic images (buildings, scenes etc), and images that may be associated with lawyers. There is room for a total of 18 pieces (10 large to medium, 8 small, framed or thick edge canvas).

Our April demonstrator was Sally Ryan, demonstrating portraiture with oils. All that attended were impressed with her process and simple use of colours to achieve her results. The May demonstrator/presenter will be John Hockney. He will be presenting the story of his brother, David Hockney – The Bigger Picture. Guaranteed to be fascinating and informative.

The article in the May edition of the Hawkesbury Independent will feature Karen Sagovac and have a piece on what is happening with MTAS for the month, including a small piece on our exhibition. Remember free entry, including opening night. Gold coin for catalogue. A huge thanks to Deidre Morrison, for kindly donating a painting for the raffle. Keep an eye out for the tickets.

A sub-committee has been put together to archive and organise MTAS photographs, newspaper articles and other memorabilia that Deidre has been collecting for a number of years. This sub-committee will be headed by Narelle and Sharron, and meet the first Wednesday of the month at Yarramundi.

A reminder that the Yarramundi Community Centre open day is the first and third Wednesday of each month. Come on out and enjoy the company. Please contact Narelle or Sharron for details.

For those on Facebook, check the Macquarie Towns Arts Society page, log onto [www.mtas.com.au](http://www.mtas.com.au), email [info@mtas.com.au](mailto:info@mtas.com.au) or phone a committee member for further information. Contact numbers are listed on the cover of your newsletter.

Quote of the Month: Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time. (*Thomas Merton*)

Donna Cavanagh, President, MTAS Inc.

## CASS report

If you haven't got in and booked your workshops for Art in Action, you may be too late now. However, as classes fill, check [www.combinedartsocieties.com/art-in-action/](http://www.combinedartsocieties.com/art-in-action/) to see if there are still places available in Patrick Carroll, Ros Psakis, Jane Canfield, Jeannette Prout, Julie Goldspink, Tricia Reust, Ted Lewis, Catherine Harry, Charlie Tong, Chris Seale, Jacky Pearson, Angelika Erbsland and Robert Night workshops. These workshops still had places at 18 April.

These and all the inspiring workshops will go ahead Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May at the Merroo Conference Centre, Mill Road, Kurrajong NSW.

To find out about all things CASS, please check [www.combinedartsocieties.com](http://www.combinedartsocieties.com) for more details on all their events and how to book "CASS Cottage" Kandos Holiday Accommodation.

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Teeghan Shackley  
Michael Dingley

## FOHacRG Inc.

Experimental Mud Cloth workshop, Sunday June 18th, Stan Stevens Studio 10am. All materials supplied for this African fabric printing. BYO lunch, Tea, coffee supplied. \$45.

Contact Margaret 4577 4440 or Sheila 0408 161 284.

We are applying for another National Library Heritage Grant for Conservation of the Clint Collection works.

We will have an exhibition in the Stan Stevens Studio in October for the St Matthew's Anglican Church 200 year celebrations. Works for Sale depicting the church can be displayed

## 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  
328 Windsor St, Richmond  
(next to Brynorms)  
Ph. 0412 979 731

## Classes

### HAWKESBURY PRINTMAKERS INC.

'Contemporary Printmaking with Jemma Roberts' from 10-3 at K13, WSU. \$40 max, Asian paper & lino square (or discount if BYO), Akua inks, stencil paper, all equip supplied. Lino print, overprint, cut & print from stencils, monoprint, print from nature. Ph Sheila 0408 161 284  
[se.sharp@bigpond.net.au](mailto:se.sharp@bigpond.net.au)

### Committee Members Needed

MTAS is only 4 months out from the 2017 AGM. Whilst all positions will be declared vacant and available, there are a number of people who currently have positions who will not be standing again. Apart from these positions, there are a number of additional positions that have been doubled up this year and need to be filled by their own incumbent.

There are no qualifications required, other than enthusiasm and a desire to help MTAS support all forms of art. Please have a chat with your current committee to find out how you can help.

We will be doing our best to find people to fill these roles, but we need you to consider who will be the best person for these committee positions. You will see this request often between now and the AGM.

### 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  
16th May  
at the Art Shop, 328 Windsor  
St, Richmond  
(next to Brynorms)  
Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

### Purple Noon Gallery

Beautiful Art, Sculpture & Framing  
An enchanting sandstone gallery and garden with a relaxed and rustic ambience. Contemporary and fine art, sculpture, gifts and jewellery. Also leaders for all picture framing requirements.  
Open Wed. to Fri. 10am - 5pm  
Sat. 11am - 4pm.  
Closed Mon., Tues. & Sun.  
606 Terrace Rd, Freemans Reach  
02 4579 6579  
[purplenoongallery.com.au](http://purplenoongallery.com.au)

### MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

*Teacher Marcella Pyke*  
Term 2 begins Monday 1st &  
Wednesday 3rd May.

\$96 (8 week term)  
incl. materials

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL  
Ph Deidre 0412 979 731