

from our President

March ushers in the autumn and life begins to be a little busier. Our guest at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, 8th is Kasey Sealy, an artist of international acclaim. Deidre Morrison has done very well to have him agree to demonstrate for us. We are hoping for a record breaking crowd to take the opportunity to meet an artist of such repute.

There are two Open Days at Yarramundi in March, Wednesdays, 2nd and 16th. The group meets to paint, read or continue work on various individual projects. Discussions range from the weather and holiday plans to positive critique, encouragement and praise for work well done.

The welcome mat is always rolled out; the morning tea is always sumptuous, so why not join the group?

Entries for the Hawkesbury Show close on 15th March. Some schedules published early show an incorrect 22nd as closing date. Please be aware of the new date. As usual, the stewards will be asking for volunteers to assist with hanging and supervision of the exhibition during the show (15th, 16th, 17th April)

Seniors' Week, 4th to 8th April, will feature a display of work at the new Hawkesbury Leisure and Learning Centre (Senior Citizens' Centre) Sheila Sharp has information in this newsletter.

The Hawkesbury Children's Librarian has invited MTAS to organize a children's one day workshop in the Stan Stevens Studio in the April school holidays. It will be a craft activity, probably cardboard and paper construction for up to 20 children. Donna Cavanagh is qualified to work with children and we are now collecting the materials for a fun day with the children.

Of course, the biggest and best event of the autumn will be our own Autumn Exhibition at the Richmond School of Arts on the last weekend in May. We are sending an early flyer to remind you to have your entry in by 1st May and so that you may put it by your phone to remind you to invite family and friends to visit the exhibition. This is a "members only" event when artists receive recognition for work well done in various media.

It would be great to have another record breaking crowd to greet our State Government representative, the Hon Dominic Perrottet when he comes to open our exhibition on Friday, 27th May, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

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

Narelle Ward, President, MTAS Inc.

CASS report

CASS celebrated the 26th Art of Sydney Awards during the Australia Day Weekend 2016 - showcasing Sydney's leading local artists. It was a unique opportunity to view over 300 original artworks and featured paintings from 11 Art Societies around Sydney. All artworks were offered for sale.

The exhibition ran from Saturday 23rd to Wednesday 27th January 2016 and the JUDGE was the renowned sculptor and painter: Alan Somerville, and the Exhibition was officially opened by the renowned artist: Peter Griffen.

The Art of Sydney exhibition also raised funds for CareFlight.

Congratulations to Julie Simmons was once again the CASS Artist of the Year.

CASS congratulates all the Award Winners, as well as those artists who were Highly Commended or Commended, together with the Finalists and especially all the wonderful CASS Society Artists who entered our 26th "Art of Sydney" Awards Exhibition.

Thank You to our members who helped during the exhibition preparation and presentation. Without your talent and assistance in volunteering for roster duty - either at the intake weekend, or in assembling the lights and frames, picture hanging, dismantling or in Sales - this exhibition would not have been such a success.

CASS's next event is Art in Action in May at the Merroo Centre at Kurrajong. The tutor booklet, workshop and accommodation forms are available on the CASS website, it's a great weekend for art and networking! See you there. www.combinedartsocieties.com

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Classes

MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher Marcella Pyke

Term 1 begins Mon 1st &

Wed 3rd Feb 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

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
15th March

at the Art Shop, Magnolia Mall,
Richmond.

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

Field Day

A field day with Nepean and MTAS members is held every Thursday.

For venue or information please ring Chris on 0400 351 736 or NAS website for further information <http://www.nepeanartsociety.org/plein-air-painting-group/>

SENIORS WEEK AT THE NEW HAWKESBURY LEISURE AND LEARNING CENTRE

March St, Richmond

Art for Sale Exhibition

Thursday 7th, Friday 8th April. Open to all artists.

20% commission on sales. ALL styles, mediums. (*Secure, lockable room for overnight*)

Set up 4-6pm Wednesday 6th on MTAS screens or A frame easels.

2 - 4 works (*depends on size*) with own label and list.

Take down Sunday 10th or Monday 11th (*since Hawkesbury Show hanging on Saturday 9th*)

Please offer roster help. Contact Sheila ph 4572 3039