

from our President

By the time you see this report, the Autumn Exhibition will have been run, with the showing of 153 pieces plus craft. Hopefully, the offer of free entry has proven to be a lure, and we have had good numbers for opening night, with a record number of sales and great weather to bring out the crowds for Saturday and Sunday. A huge thanks to our judges, Peter Ayres, President, Society of Mountain Artists, Mary Lyons-Buckett, Mayor Hawkesbury City Council and Gail Hughes, Manger Bendigo Bank Richmond. I must also thank Susan Templeman MP, Federal Member for Macquarie, for accepting the invitation to open the exhibition. This year we have managed to secure sponsorship from Digital Age Lawyers, The Richmond Club and ArtSup Penrith. Again, thanks to Deidre for donating the painting for the raffle. A full wrap up will be provided in the next report.

Also, the Pop Up Gallery will have been closed down and the premises handed back. There were an average of 25 people per day coming through, which didn't convert too many sales, but did get MTAS 10 new members. The other up-side was the sponsorship by the Bendigo Bank Community Support Program, which has meant the venture has nearly been cost neutral. To all that put their art work in the gallery and offered their time for the roster, thank you. Again, to all that have sold work at the Gallery, congratulations.

The project involving Digital Age Lawyers will see it's opening at the Hawkesbury Chambers of Commerce After 5 function, June 7th. We finished up with 32 art pieces, showing various scenes and historical buildings from the Hawkesbury and one piece of pottery. Hopefully the business people and guests enjoy it too, and will buy a piece or two each to take home.

Our May demonstrator was John Hockney, who spoke about the life and paintings of his brother David. It was a well-attended night, and all found it very interesting. Thank you Dario for another great night. Our June demonstrator will feature Herin Patel – Urban Landscapes.

The article in the June edition of the Hawkesbury Independent will feature Sheila Sharp, giving an insight into her life and art interests.

This will be my last President's Report. See the other inclusion for why.

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 to confirm details.

For those on Facebook, check the Macquarie Towns Arts Society page, log onto www.mtas.com.au, email 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: Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures. (*Henry Ward Beecher*)

Donna Cavanagh, President, MTAS Inc.

CASS report

At the time of this report, the Merroo week end will be under way. I wish Kym and the team from CASS, every success for their major fund raiser, and hope the crowds and participants were plentiful.

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

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Awards

Camden Art Prize

Julie Simmons
Bruce Ferguson OAM Open award *Julie Simmons*
1st W/colour *Julie Simmons*

Drummoyne

VHC Portrait *Julie Simmons*
VHC Oils *Julie Simmons*
HC W/colour *Julie Simmons*

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1st in W/colour *Julie Simmons*

FOHacRG Inc.

Mud cloth workshop on Sunday June 18th at the Stan Stevens Studio. BYO lunch. Enjoy painting mud on to cloth into African patterns.

Wear old clothes!! - \$45 ph Margaret 4577 4440

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

GENEVIEVE COXON
JOHN DAVIES
LEA MacCARTHY
ROSE VISCIANO
JENNIFER AQUILINA
VICKI AND BILL WHITE
LYNDALL GLUSKIE
EMMA KIRKUP

Classes

HAWKESBURY PRINTMAKERS INC.

10th June Monoprint from Nature. Basic materials supplied, \$35.

Can buy extra paper. Using an inked acetate plate and leaves, etc and the etching press

BYO lunch Ph Sheila 0408 161 284

8th July Mellissa Read Devine 'Printing Textures with a Geli Plate.

12th August Mellissa Read Devine 'Solar Plate Etching'.

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

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 June

at the Art Shop, 328 Windsor St, Richmond

(next to Brynorms)

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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

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