

## from our President

I hope you have had a happy holiday and you are ready to launch into a new year of art activities beginning on Wednesday, 3rd February with an Open Day at Yarramundi. I would like to see as many as possible attend to "brainstorm" ideas on how we might make our Open Days more appealing. It is hard to believe that. In the 5 years since we signed the lease, some members have never been to our "home," a truly great facility just 10 minutes out of Richmond. Members of the committee have been trying to find a venue in either Richmond or Windsor but exorbitant rental fees preclude any move so far. I believe that we should stay at Yarramundi and hope that more members will grow to appreciate it.

There is another matter that members should be thinking about, i.e. the possible merging of Hawkesbury Local Government Area with The Hills Shire. Although there is an appeal against the merger in process, we should be aware that Hawkesbury City Council could disappear and we would have to deal with a local government authority based in Castle Hill. The prospect of such a change is a cause for great concern for me and if you share my view I encourage you to make a submission via Hawkesbury City Council website or by mail to GPO Box 5341, Sydney, NSW, 2001, before Sunday, 28th February, 2016.

On a brighter note, I am very pleased to announce that on Australia Day, MTAS Inc has received the "Community Arts Award" in recognition of our contribution to the community. The success of the "Art for Heart" exhibition organized by Sharron Whittington (President, 2015) and Tony Fogarty (V.P. 2015) and the generosity of contributing artists, combined with our ongoing activities, was judged to be of significant value to the community.

At the last committee meeting Satya Morrison agreed to purchase the new equipment for our demonstration meetings. At the time of writing, I am not sure just who will be demonstrating on 9th February but it will be interesting to see if our new set up will be required.

Congratulations to our members whose work has won acclaim at the Art of Sydney Exhibition! Congratulations to all our artists whose work was included in the exhibition! We are very fortunate to have so many talented artists in our midst.

Finally, sincere thanks to John Shields, who has donated his oil

painting, "Morning's Light, Boorah Creek" to be raffled to raise funds for our Autumn Exhibition.

Narelle Ward, President, MTAS Inc.

## CASS report

The Art in Action booking forms are on the CASS website, [combinedartsocieties.com](http://combinedartsocieties.com). Please join us next May at Merroo for 3 days of inspiring workshops.

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Kym

## Awards

### Corowa Rotary Art Show

1st Works on Paper *Julie Simmons*

### CASS

1st W/colour *Julie Simmons*

HC W/colour *Julie Simmons*

Finalists W/colour *Julie Simmons,*

*Joe Cartwright, Gloria Galvin*

Finalist Oil or Acrylic *Julie Simmons*

Finalist Drawing & Mixed media

*Patricia Latta*

C Abstract *Kym Morris*

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C Miniature paintings *Gloria Galvin*

## PITT TOWN SPORTING CLUB

We will change the works in the Dining Room at the Pitt Town Sporting Club on Thursday 11th February. The paintings will be on display until Thursday 21st April. Contact Sheila ph 4572 3039 if interested

## HAWKESBURY PRINTMAKERS INC.

"Cutting Paper Stencils for Silk Screen Printing" with Sue Bellantonio, Saturday 13th February 10-3 at K13, University Campus.

Members HPI, HCAW \$30, non members \$35

Sponge roller test print on to paper or fabric.

"Silk Screen Printing using stencils" with Sue

Bellantonio, Saturday 12th March, 10-3 at K13

Members \$45, non members \$50

Print on to fabric using silk screens and squeegee.

Please attend both workshops. Extra charge for 2nd workshop if you are not prepared.

Contact Sheila 4572 3039 to book. Most materials supplied Can BYO fabric, tee shirt in March. BYO lunch, Tea & Coffee supplied.



## 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



Children at the School Holiday W/shop with their Pottery, Tin Can Robots & drawings of Fairies & Mermaids.

### 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 February

at the Art Shop, Magnolia Mall, Richmond.

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

### MTAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

for kids 5 - 15yrs

Monday 11th Jan to Friday 22nd January 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

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