

from our President

Here we are at the end of February already, and this is my report for the March newsletter. The year is off and running with a number of plans and exciting demonstrators to look forward too. Our first major project, the Pop Up Gallery has been open for three weeks. We got off to a great start, selling two paintings on the first day. Unfortunately since then, we have only sold four cards. We have had some A5 flyers made to help spread the word. These are in the gallery, so please grab some and hand them out to your friends. There has been 49 visitors to the gallery and a number have taken membership forms. Hopefully this will translate into new members. If you haven't dropped in to say hello, please do. There are 78 pieces of art, including mosaic and pottery, and numerous cards to browse. At this stage, the shop has been leased by another tenant from July, so we will consider keeping the lease until then and look at our options after that.

If you didn't get to the demonstration evening during February, you missed a fantastic artist, Ev Shipard, who showed how to use blend digital art and create some exciting images. For March, Dario has encouraged another exciting artist, Dtai S. Hansathit, who will demonstrate how he turns his urban sketches into finished water-colour pieces. Oggy has already sent out an email with the background, so don't miss this one; lock it in now.

Oggy has also sent out an email with details about the plein air painting in the park at the Good Food Markets on the 18th of March. HAAT have been invited to join us. It will give us both a great opportunity to show case our art and what we have to offer the area. Don't forget to contact Donna if you intend to come along.

Another exciting venture involves the Hawkesbury Independent. We have a free quarter page write up in the March issue, and we have accepted an option to run a half page advertisement for the April, May and June issue. A quarter page will be dedicated to MTAS and what the society is doing. The other quarter page will be a profile on one of our artists. So, next time you pass a stand, grab a copy.

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

The 2017 calendar was enclosed in the last newsletter. There was a workshop scheduled for March 25th and this is now sched-

uled for Sunday April 2nd. This workshop will be led by Dtai, turning urban sketching into watercolour paintings. Keep an eye out for the 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: *Art is not what you see, but what you make others see* (Edgar Degas)

Donna Cavanagh, President, MTAS Inc.

CASS report

What's happening at Combined Art Societies of Sydney? ART IN ACTION. This event is only a few months away and some workshops are already booked out, so if you haven't already booked in, you will need to hurry. These inspiring workshops will go ahead 19, 20 and 21 May at Merroo Conference Centre in Kurrajong NSW.

Please check www.combinedartsocieties.com for more details on all CASS events and how to book "CASS Cottage" Kandos Holiday Accommodation.

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Oggy

OPEN DAYS

Yarramundi Community Centre is an ideal place to be on Open Days. The friendly group gathers twice a month and shares a great morning tea before setting about activities of their individual choice. We have books, magazines and DVDs available from our library. There is plenty of space for you to draw or paint (advice freely given when requested) or use the DVDs as a tutorial and we would like to see some of our "crafty" members come to enhance the mix of activities. Check your calendar for dates.

Contacts: Narelle: 4565 9222 or Sharron: 45725580

Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop

\$50 annual fee now due. AGM 5pm Wednesday 29th.

Classes, Groups for Watercolour, Folk Art, Portrait, Life Drawing, Printmaking, Pottery & casual use of K13 available.

Enquiries Josephine Blue

hawkesburycommunityartsworkshop@yahoo.com.au

Classes

MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher **Marcella Pyke**

Term 1 begins Monday 6th & Wednesday 8th February.

\$96 (8 week term)

incl. materials

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

Richmond Art Supplies shop will be closing in Magnolia Mall on Friday 10th March. Then reopening in new venue 328 Windsor St, Richmond (next to Brynorms) approximately Wed. 15th March. Sorry for inconvenience to classes & customers. Could all MTAS members who have paintings hanging in the Shop Gallery please take them back between 6th & 10th March for their safety & less for us to move. We will be operating the gallery again in the new venue once the hanging system is set up. Thank you.

FOHacRG Inc.

We will hold a 'Mud Cloth' workshop at the Stan Stevens Studio on Sunday 18th June. More details next month about this African fabric printing style.

Enquiries Sheila 4572 3039

Thank you to all who exhibited at the 'Year of the Rooster' exhibition. We sold 3 paintings.

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

21st March

at the Art Shop, 328 Windsor St, Richmond

(next to Brynorms)

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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

HAWKESBURY PRINTMAKERS INC.

Our workshop on 11th March is full.

Marguerite of Blackbird papers will display and sell her range of Asian papers at 11.30am Saturday 11th March at K13

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