

from the President

Our Spring Affair was again a wonderful opportunity to showcase our members' and local artists's work and we had a moderate success in sales of paintings and craft. I was sorry I was unable to be there but I know the opening evening was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to those members who again worked tirelessly to arrange the exhibition, ferrying screens and equipment, taking in the work and hanging it, helping with sales, food and beverages, cleaning, advertising and generally supporting MTAS.

Our November demonstrator was Chris Seale and it was fascinating to watch her work, with a minimal acrylic palette bringing a nature landscape to life on paper. Our December event is a show and tell with the added fun of an art trivia quiz, with prizes, so bring something interesting along as well as your thinking caps. It is also traditional to bring along a plate to share as we celebrate another year of art together.

Annamaree Mitchell, our functions coordinator, has been busy lining up demonstrators and workshops for next year - already it promises to be an interesting and varied lineup with different genres and styles represented - something I hope to suit everyone. The committee would like to hear from you to find out what we should focus on in the future, what brings you the most value and enjoyment from your membership, and conversely, what we might do less of. More or less demonstrations? More or less workshops? More or less exhibitions? Change of times for meetings? More meetings? Plein air painting days? Whatever it is you think could be reasonably done to make your membership of most interest and value to you, please tell us - simply email to committee@mtas.com.au

Our members work in the Hawkesbury Art Fair looks fabulous - as does the entire exhibition, and MTAS members have had several sales to date. Congratulations to all who have their work represented. A reminder to those who enter the Royal Easter show - entries are due by 31 January 2019.

For members who have entered work in the CASS Art of Sydney exhibition, I will be in touch to organize the roster - remember to bring your works to Richmond Art Supply on the Friday afternoon 4th January for it to be taken into Bankstown on the Saturday. As with all exhibitions, please read the conditions of entry carefully.

Best wishes to all for a joyful season of festivities, keep safe.

Cheers,
Kym

CASS report

Art of Sydney is gearing up for the taken weekend on 5th and 6th January with the exhibition open from 24 - 27 January (bump in on the 23/1) at the Australian National Maritime Museum.

The Art in Action schedule of workshops is available on the CASS web site and bookings have already started to come in for the event taking place at Merroo on 17-19 May. There are several new tutors to keep the format interesting - I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Cheers,
Kym (CASS President and MTAS Delegate)

Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop

Our 40th Anniversary exhibition displays the art of Kevin Oxley and items for sale from current members at the Margaret Whitlam Gallery at the Female Orphan School, in the WSU (Rydalmere) Campus, entry off Victoria Rd. Open Saturday December 8th, January 12th, February 9th 11- 4 & every Thursday & Friday 10 - 5.

Vale Joy Lawther

Joy, the wife of our member Mark Lawther, has passed away.

Mark and Joy had only recently celebrated their

60th Wedding Anniversary.

Sincere condolences and kind thoughts are sent to Mark in this time of such loss.

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A coach trip to Canberra on Sunday January 20th 2019 leaving Richmond 7.30am. Visit EITHER "Rome - Treasures from the British Museum" at the Museum of Australia OR "Love and Desire Pre Raphaelite Masterpieces" at the National Gallery of Australia. Price includes Coach, morning tea and exhibition entry. Organise own lunch, Roadhouse stop on way home for coffee/food, return to Richmond 8.30pm Enquiries Sheila ph 0408161284 Looking forward to our 30th Anniversary on 28th June. How will we celebrate?

The activities at Yarramundi Community Centre have ceased until 6th February, 2019 when we hope to see you after the summer holidays.

Our End of Year Lunch gathering will be held at Richmond Golf Club on Wednesday, 5th December and everyone is welcome to join us at 12 noon.

We have had a successful year, enjoying the company, watching and learning from one another and compiling the archives. Thank you to all who have attended, best wishes for the holiday season and welcome to 2019.
Narelle Ward

Classes

PORTRAIT GROUP

MTAS Portrait Group meets 2nd Saturday each month, 1- 4pm, \$12. Model, easels & afternoon tea provided, BYO Painting/Drawing materials. Next session Sat. 8th December at Richmond Art Supplies, 328 Windsor St, Richmond. ph Deidre 0412979731.

MTAS LIFE DRAWING GROUP

3rd Tuesday each month 7pm - 9pm \$12. Model, easels & supper. BYO drawing materials. Next session, Tuesday 18th Dec at the Art Shop, 328 Windsor St, Richmond Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher Marcella Pyke
Term 1 begins
Monday 4th & Wednesday 6th February 2019
\$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
328 Windsor St, Richmond
(next to Brynorms)
Ph. 0412 979 731

Calendar of Events

DEMONSTRATION

11th December *Christmas - Art trivia quiz - with prizes.*

Field Day

A field day with Nepean and MTAS members is held every Thursday. For venue or information, please ring Jeff Eyles on 0416 975 581 or NAS website for further information <http://nepeanartsociety.wildapricot.org/plein-air-painting-group>

MTAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

for kids 5 - 15yrs
14th - 25th January, 2019
2hr workshops \$15 each, all equipment supplied.
At Richmond Art Supplies
328 Windsor St, Richmond.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
ph 0412 979 731