



LIGHT & SHADE

Monthly Newsletter of the Macquarie Towns Arts Society Inc.

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THE SOCIETY MEETS ON 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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from the President

As we head to the end of 2022 to celebrate the year that was, we also look to the future of MTAS and finding a new home. This has been at the forefront of our activities.

The committee has been working hard to secure a new venue or storage facility, but as yet we have not been able to finalise a suitable location within our budget.

Our Xmas & Moving Sale has had good attendance and sales of art, craft, books etc

The Sale finishes up on 3rd of December with 4th December being pick up of all works & craft.

We may end up paying for some storage with a commercial provider if we are not able to find a generous patron to help support our society. We hope further talks with Council will come to some fruition also. Please continue to spread the word.

Our Society has been through this before, several times, from the days of Toxana Basement, Lennox Street, etc. We have survived with the dedication of our Members. We will find a way to store our items and continue to have our meetings at Stan Stevens, Exhibitions at the Richmond School of Arts, Richmond Marketplace and more.

We had a lovely 'Farewell to Musson Lane' event on 20th of November which was well attended by members & guests.

It is with great sadness I mention the recent passing of Frank Hodgert, one of our brilliant local artist members who was a regular exhibitor, demonstrator and critique artist for us and a dear friend of many of our members.

We look forward to our December Meeting & Xmas Party 13th December. Show & Tell is always a favourite with other fun activities planned and a lucky door prize.

Thank you to our Committee and Members for continuing to stay creative and support art in our community.

This year we don't have the 'CASS Art of Sydney' in January as it has moved to later in the year, so we will see you on February 14th for our first meeting & demonstration of the year by Kristine Ballard.

I wish you all a safe, Happy Festive Season and New Year Celebration to bring in 2023.

Remember to make time to rest and be creative.

Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing you all soon,
Satya



Afternoon tea at Musson Lane

Musson Lane Gallery

It has been a tumultuous three years since we opened Musson Lane Gallery in January 2020. Unbeknownst to us you wouldn't call it an ideal time to launch a new gallery space.

It has been fraught with unprecedented rain events and frequent floods, plus an unexpected pandemic that threw us into long periods of lockdown and travel restrictions. A very disjointed period for any business, let alone a local not for profit organisation and gallery such as ours.

We have had many reincarnations, and this will be another one. As we do not know exactly what our future holds, rest assured that we will continue to meet and have demonstrations monthly, hold our regular exhibitions, conduct classes through Richmond Art Supplies and run more frequent workshops.

We have tried various ways to increase our visitor numbers and entice people in, with additional advertising, Christmas sales last year and this year, plus regularly handing out flyers at the Richmond Food Market each Saturday morning. Also, our monthly Feature Artists have been very well received by our membership and visitors have enjoyed reading about the artists in their biographies. Should we open up in a new space in the future we will explore something very similar so that we can offer all of our members this opportunity.

We will continue to tweak our advertising through varying online sites which has been promising along with an expansion into more radio exposure.

I can't thank the team enough that has supported me over the last 15 months, in our endeavours to

make a difference at the Gallery, especially Sally Johnstone, Mark Wilson, Pat Latta and Pat Bakarich. Whilst we may not have dramatically increased our sales it was not from lack of trying and we have learnt a lot in the process. We look forward to another opportunity arising for us to use our new-found knowledge in a new location.

Our sale of all extraordinary items in Musson Lane is ongoing and we want to thank those who have taken the opportunity to pick up some bargains. Sharon Whittington, Narelle Ward, Sheila Sharp and Deidre Morrison with their collective history have ensured that we keep the most valuable historical records that we need. As we pursue appropriate storage for our essential items I want to thank those who have given us leads for new premises which has allowed our sub-committee to enquire into and assess all possibilities.

I am looking forward to assisting with our upcoming exhibitions in 2023 and can only hope that we achieve our goals by expanding our community involvement. To all of our members keep extending yourselves with your creativity and we look forward to displaying them in the new year.

Stay safe and healthy over our festive season.
Maryanne Jones



RAFFLE \$2 PER TICKET



'Farm Shed' Oil painting by Gloria Galvin
On display Richmond Art Supplies

Drawn Tuesday 13th December 2022

CHRISTMAS SHOW AND TELL

Tuesday 13th December 2022 7.30pm

Stan Stevens Studio, Deerubbin Centre,
Hawkesbury Cultural Precinct, 300 George St, Windsor

The basement carpark closes at 7.45pm

It's that time of the year! Our Christmas Meeting

Please bring something for Show & Tell. It can be an art or craft work you have done through the year or something of interest to show to the group. We will also have a lucky door prize, pass the parcel, an art quiz and much more.

Tea & coffee will be supplied. Please bring a plate of something tasty to share with the group.

We hope you can join us for our fun-filled end-of-year celebration and wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

Both members and non-members are welcome to join our meetings, for the opportunity to enjoy networking with like-minded art enthusiasts.

Please register your attendance by email to info@mtas.com.au



**CovidSafe practises will be in place or
you can attend via Zoom
Please use this link: info@mtas.com.au**

CASS REPORT

All, by the time this newsletter is published the (perhaps final) Art at the Top will have taken place and I'm sure it will have been a winner! CASS has booked a venue for 2023 to hold the Art of Sydney exhibition having been advised recently that the Australian National Maritime Museum would not be available due to harbourside works. The new venue and dates are the Prince Henry Centre at Little Bay for 23 - 26 March 2023. It's a very exciting venue and we hope to have many visitors (and sales of course!). The logistics will be different to previous years and the CASS committee will be working hard to get everything organised in time - more information as it comes to hand.

Stay well and safe and enjoy the festive season!

Cheers,

Kym

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FOHacRG Inc.

"Colours of Asia" exhibition will be held on 26th & 27th November at Stan Stevens Studio, Deerubbin Centre.

On 27th November, a Christmas luncheon for members of FOHACaRG will be held in conjunction with the exhibition. \$35 per head.

Contact Margaret Ginnings to book 02 4577 4440.

FIELD DAY

For venue or information, please ring Tony White 0410 624 918 or NAS website for further information <http://nepeanartsociety.wildapricot.org/plein-air-painting-group>

CLASSES

MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher Marcella Pyke

Term 1 2023

will resume on Monday 6th & Wednesday 8th February

**Term fees of \$96 paid via direct deposit to MTAS,
Cash or by Creative Kids Vouchers.**

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

Richmond Art Supplies
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LIFE DRAWING GROUP

MTAS Life Drawing Group meets

3rd Tuesday each month

7pm - 9pm \$12. Model, easels & supper.

BYO drawing materials.

Resuming 21st February 2023

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PORTRAIT GROUP

MTAS Portrait Group meets 2nd Saturday each month,
1- 4pm, \$12. Model, easels & afternoon tea provided.

BYO Painting/Drawing materials.

Saturday 10th December, 1-4pm

Richmond Art Supplies
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Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop

The Piggery Studios open on 1st Saturday of month
and on 3rd Saturday, there is an art and craft social
day in K13.

The building has a QR code and COVID safe
procedures will be followed.

Enquiries - hcaworkshop@yahoo.com
Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop
PO box 522, Richmond NSW 2753

*"Now and then it is good to pause
in the pursuit of happiness and just be happy."*

Guillaume Apollinaire,
poet & art historian..

RICHMOND ART SUPPLIES

5% DISCOUNT FOR MTAS MEMBERS

QUALITY FINE ART MATERIALS
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- Oils, Drawing, Acrylics Watercolours & Pastels 2hrs \$20
- Friday All media Class 3hrs \$25
- Monthly Art Groups \$10
- Portraits - 2nd Saturday \$12
- Local Artists Gallery \$2 for 4 months 20% commission on painting sales

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\$25 p.w.

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MTAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

for kids 5 - 15yrs

Monday 9th to Friday 20th January, 2023
Include Drawing, Painting, Pottery, Decorating
Treasure Boxes, Tie Dyed T-shirts, Polymer Clay
Dragons, Jewellery and more. Cost: \$15 per 2hr
class with COVID safe hygiene practices.

at Richmond Art Supplies
328 Windsor St, Richmond (next to Brynnorms)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Ph: Deidre 0412 979 731

Vale Frank Hodgert

It is with great sadness that I report the death of our member, Frank Hodgert.

Frank has been an active and enthusiastic member of the Society for many years. He was always on hand to help whenever needed, whether it be setting up an exhibition or giving a demonstration, Frank was always ready to help.

Frank's beautifully executed paintings in oils and watercolours were popular at all our exhibitions.

Always ready with a clean, corny joke, he was the greatest company at social events. Even when he felt very unwell and was fighting hard against the cancers, his attitude was positive and he always had an encouraging word for others.

His en plein air mates will miss him so much on their painting days. All his friends in the art society will have to be satisfied with imagining him propping up his easel in heaven and painting the beautiful landscapes up there!

Frank, a thorough gentleman, a brilliant artist, a great friend, you will be missed.



EXHIBITIONS

From major establishments to small independently run initiatives, Sydney's gallery scene is dynamic and diverse. Permanent and visiting exhibitions give you the chance to explore the work of up-and-coming artists one day, and take a deep dive into some of the world's most applauded classic and contemporary creatives the next.

Museum of Contemporary Art

What's on & coming soon

Primavera 2022, until 12 February 2023

Do Ho Suh, until 26 February 2023

MCA Collection:

Perspectives on Place, until 24 July 2023

The Artery Contemporary Aboriginal Art Gallery

In Darlinghurst specialises in art from remote Aboriginal communities, working with both emerging and established creatives and art centres and specialising in ethical and affordable Aboriginal artworks. If you can't visit in person, the website is an integral part of the business and is updated daily.

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White Rabbit Gallery in Chippendale displays what has become one of the world's most significant collections of Chinese contemporary art, a short stroll from the bustling streets of Chinatown.

Each year there are two new exhibitions, with the gallery closed in between.

What's on & coming soon

Shuo Shu, 21 December 2022-14 May 2023

Brett Whiteley Studio

What's on & coming soon:

Blue and White, until 27 November 2022

Eternity is Now, 3 December 2022-mid 2023

Vale

Our sincere condolences are sent to member, Geraldine Jones, who recently lost her father. A gentleman of over 90 years, Geraldine has been helping him to live independently. The thoughts of her many friends in the Society are with Geraldine at this sad time.

EXHIBITIONS

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery & Museum

Ph 4560 4441, closed Tuesday

Dyarubbin'

29th October - 5th February

Dyarubbin, the Hawkesbury River has been the spiritual, cultural and physical home to the



Dharug people for millennia. Despite periods of loss and devastation, including the frontier wars from 1794, Dharug people still live and thrive on Dyarubbin.

This exhibition shares Dharug stories of Dyarubbin using oral histories, art and Dharug language, empowering us with a greater understanding of this astonishing landscape and its culture.

Art Gallery NSW

Open with Covid conditions.

Making it Home, until January 2023

Daniel Boyd: Treasure Island, until 29 January 2023

Local Rhythms and Actions, until January 2023

Sol LeWitt, until 12 February 2023

Adrian Villar Rojas: The End of Imagination, 3 December 2022-mid 2023

Purple Noon

606 Terrace Rd, Freemans Reach Ph: 4579 6579

CLOSED: Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday (by appointment)

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Thursday/Friday

OPEN 11:00am – 4:00pm:

Saturday/Sunday

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'Celebrating Contemporary Landscape'

I am thrilled to be presenting one of the most comprehensive contemporary Australian landscape exhibitions. Purple Noon Gallery will feature an evolving landscape exhibition with new art pieces being continually added throughout the holiday season.

17 of my favourite artists from around the country will be taking part in the show, and it's also an opportunity to welcome and introduce our new exhibitors to the gallery.



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He is 5 years old and loves hanging out and being near you. A very playful companion. He is a sweet boy who loves pats and cuddles.

Please note he does not mix well with other cats or animals. He would need to be the only cat in his new home.

He is de-sexed and has all his vaccinations. We really want to find him a loving new home so he can be part of a family who loves him and understands his breed.

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Renee Mitchell 1st December - 6th January 23