



# 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

Hello Members,

We are past the half way point of the year and we have a lot to look forward to with the rest of the year and our Marketplace Exhibition on the way this month August 17th to 20th.

Please, if you have any works or even if you are not exhibiting this year and can help with setup, duty and take down at the Marketplace Exhibition we always need more volunteers to assist on the days to help with this popular show.

A big thank you to the Secret Garden for providing us a storage space so we could move our belongings out of Storage King just before their price rise kicked in. And a big thank you to the team who helped with moving. 'Many hands make light work' and it went smoothly.

We are currently discussing our next plans with the Secret Garden as to the activities we will be involved in so stay tuned. There is a Fair on September 2nd which we will most likely be involved in.

No further news on a new official home at the moment and we are still on the lookout.

Our July Demonstration with Tammy Porter was fascinating to find out more about her techniques and background. We are looking forward to having Chris Vidal working in Oils this month at our monthly meeting on 8th August.

Don't forget to get your membership renewals in if you have not done so already.

The Hawkesbury Artist's and Artisan's trail, of which MTAS is a Sponsor, is on the last weekend of August 26th and 27th. A great opportunity to head out and see Artists at work in their studios and some great Galleries in the area [www.haat.com.au](http://www.haat.com.au).

In other news we have been busy organising a workshop with David Lake for later in the year, so stay tuned for more details of that one coming up soon.

We have the Hawkesbury Now Exhibition (formerly The Hawkesbury Art Fair) in October at the Regional Gallery and will be asking for expressions of interest if you are interested in exhibiting as part of MTAS.

Our regular activities continue with our Wednesday Art Group and Portrait Group, as well as Children's Art Classes.

Stay creative everyone and get involved in your local Art Community,

See you all soon,  
Satya

## MTAS Art Group

at the new venue 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month.  
from 10am – 4pm

**Wednesday group new venue.** Next dates 2nd & 16th August 2023

The Horse Judges Hut at the Hawkesbury showgrounds is the new venue for our 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month.

Enter by Gate 4 (the carpark gate) and drive taking the 3rd road on the right to take you to the far side of the show ring. The hut is a separate building on the right with some gravel parking.

It has a shady verandah with chairs and nearby toilets.

Inside there is air conditioning, fridge, sink, kettle, microwave, tables and chairs.

The HDAA are kindly allowing us to use this for \$2 per head.

If you have suggestions for a new place for us or could offer any assistance please contact our President Satya at 0483 895 098 or email [info@mtas.com.au](mailto:info@mtas.com.au).



## DEMONSTRATION

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th August 2023 7.30pm

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

The basement carpark closes at 7.45pm

\$5 entry includes supper

## Chris Vidal

### *Landscape in Oils*



Chris Vidal is a contemporary realist artist living in Sydney, Australia. His interest in the arts started at a very young age. He studied classical drawing at the School of Arts in Malta and then pursued a career as a medical scientist and researcher. However, his passion for the arts persisted.

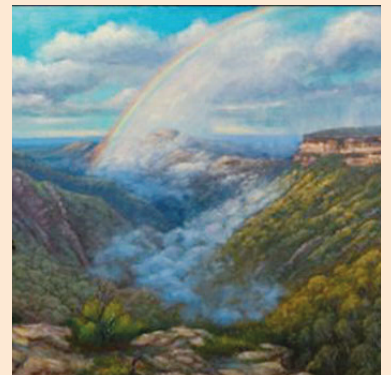


He was interested in oil painting, so he taught himself how to paint using the medium. He eventually gave up his longtime job to pursue a career as a professional artist. His most recent paintings are a variety of still life and travel-inspired depictions of the Australian landscape. Realist and impressionist masters as well as modern painters have an effect on his work.

Chris creates a constant flow of new works and commissioned paintings, from his home studio in Sydney. His works were also published in books and magazines and are found in private and corporate collections in Australia and Internationally.



He is also passionate about teaching people about painting. He has been instructing students in drawing and painting for the past eight years in several Sydney locales. He places equal emphasis on explaining the technique and the rationale behind how it is carried out.



To see more of Chris' artwork, you can check out his website and socials:

[www.christopher-vidal.com.au](http://www.christopher-vidal.com.au)

[www.facebook.com/artistchristophervidal](https://www.facebook.com/artistchristophervidal)

[www.instagram.com/artistchristophervidal](https://www.instagram.com/artistchristophervidal)

[www.tiktok.com/@artistchristophervidal](https://www.tiktok.com/@artistchristophervidal)

[www.youtube.com/@vidalarts3894](https://www.youtube.com/@vidalarts3894)

You can register your attendance to the Demonstration Meeting on 8th August by email to [info@mtas.com.au](mailto:info@mtas.com.au).

We are adhering to COVID practices. Mask wearing is optional.



## CLASSES

### MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

*Teacher Marcella Pyke*

**Term 3 2023 starts on**

**Monday 24th & Wednesday 26th July**

**Term fees of \$96 paid via direct deposit to MTAS,**

**Cash or by Creative Kids Vouchers.**

**ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL**

Richmond Art Supplies

328 Windsor St, Richmond (next to Bryn norms)

**Ph: Deidre 0412 979 731**

### PORTRAIT GROUP

MTAS Portrait Group meets 2nd Saturday each month,  
1- 4pm, \$15. Model, easels & afternoon tea provided.

BYO Painting/Drawing materials.

**Next session Saturday 12th August**

Richmond Art Supplies

328 Windsor St, Richmond (next to Bryn norms)

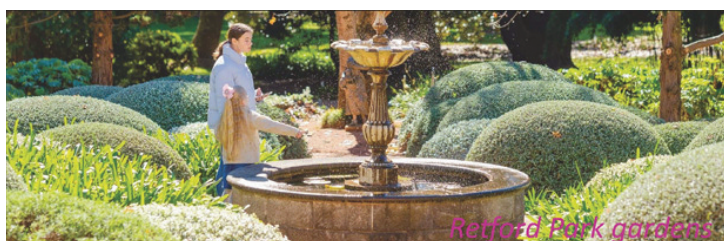
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## FOHacRG Inc.

AGM 7.30pm 3rd August, 526 George St, Sth Windsor



A Bus Trip is proposed  
for Spring to the South-  
ern Highlands Regional  
Gallery and Retford Park  
House and Gardens.  
Tickets for Retford Park  
House & Garden must  
be pre-purchased.



**BOOKINGS CLOSE:** August 31st 2023 Tickets will  
be distributed on departure from Richmond.

Coach departs 8.30am from the bus stop (beside the  
rail station) East Market Street, Richmond, on  
September 10th 2023

For more information contact Margaret 45774440 or  
email [mingteck@bigpond.com](mailto:mingteck@bigpond.com)

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## CASS REPORT

Art in the Mountains has finished for this year. The exhibition looked terrific but sadly only one sale - which was as much a surprise to us as it was to Sharon and Victor the owners of the ONE88 gallery. They, and others in the art business all were saying similar things - fewer crowds, fewer sales. Just this week Sharon and Victor announced a lifestyle change. The gallery side of the business will be facilitated by Gallery NWC (Nation-wide Curating) and cafe side will be reborn as a creativity and health workshop space. I look forward to seeing how this next stage of ONE88 develops and wish Sharon and Victor, Katherine and Nathan all the best for their future.

In other news, CASS at the Royal will be open at the Royal Art Society, Lavender Bay from 10-27 August.

Art in the Country series of workshops in October at Kandos is still open for bookings with some great tutors. Information is available on the CASS website at [www.combinedartsocieties.com](http://www.combinedartsocieties.com)

Cheers,  
Kym



### “Art in the Country”

**3 separate weekends of art workshops  
with NSW tutors, and tutors from interstate & overseas**

**First weekend – 30<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

Tutors – Jacky Pearson (Watercolour) and Steve Underwood (Oil/Acrylic)

**Second weekend – 7<sup>th</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Tutors – Tricia Reust (Mixed Media) – Debra Balloch (Oil)

Tricia Taylor (Pastel) – Chris Seale (Acrylic) – Vivienne McDonald (Watercolour)

**Third weekend – 14<sup>th</sup> October to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Tutors – Herman Pekel (Acrylic) – Guy Troughton (Watercolour)

Chan Dissanayake (Watercolour) – Joe Cartwright (Watercolour)

**DETAILS REGARDING THESE WORKSHOPS**

*plus, Booking Form and Terms & Conditions*

**CAN BE FOUND ON THE CASS WEBSITE –**

**[www.combinedartsocieties.com](http://www.combinedartsocieties.com)**

*Workshops will be held in the Kandos Community Hall  
42 Angus Avenue, Kandos*

## EXHIBITIONS

From major establishments to small independently run initiatives, Sydney's gallery scene is dynamic and diverse. Permanent and visiting exhibitions give you the work of up-and-coming artists

**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.

### Brett Whiteley Studio

Brett Whiteley Studio

2 Raper Street Surry Hills NSW 2010 Australia

(02) 9225 1881 [brettwhiteleystudio@ag.nsw.gov.au](mailto:brettwhiteleystudio@ag.nsw.gov.au)

Explore one of Sydney's best kept secrets: the Brett Whiteley Studio, where one of Australia's most celebrated artists of the 20th century lived and worked from 1988 to 1992.

The Brett Whiteley Studio is managed by the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

### Carriageworks

245 Wilson Street, Eveleigh NSW (02) 8571 9099

Carriageworks is the largest and most significant contemporary multi-arts centre of its kind in Australia.

Carriageworks is open 10am - 6pm daily

## 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>

## HAAT

Preparation has begun for an Open Weekend at the end of August.

A group meeting on 7th August

## Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop

We have a number of pottery/ceramic classes who use our pottery wheels and kilns at K13.

The third Saturday of every month is our social day from 1-4pm.

If you are interested in any classes or using K13 contact [hcaworkshop@yahoo.com.au](mailto:hcaworkshop@yahoo.com.au) or call in to K13 on the WSU campus.

Enquiries - [hcaworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:hcaworkshop@yahoo.com) Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop PO Box 522, Richmond NSW 2753

## RICHMOND ART SUPPLIES

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- Oils, Drawing, Acrylics Watercolours & Pastels 2hrs \$25
- Friday All media Class 3hrs \$30
- Portraits - 2nd Saturday \$12
- Local Artists Gallery \$4 for 4 months per painting hanging fee
- 20% commission on painting sales

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[brackenstud@iprimus.com.au](mailto:brackenstud@iprimus.com.au)

## The 2023 Hawkesbury Art Prize

To be Opened by Federal Member for Macquarie and Special Envoy to the Arts, Susan Templeman MP, with Hawkesbury artist Judy Brownlie.

Award night and Opening 6:00 pm Saturday 2nd September at Purple Noon Gallery. Exhibition of finalists until 17th September.



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## FRIDAY ART CLASS

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Hawkesbury Art Prize**  
[www.hawkesburyartprize.com.au](http://www.hawkesburyartprize.com.au)



## EXHIBITIONS

### Hawkesbury Regional Gallery & Museum

Ph 4560 4441, closed Tuesday

#### ArtExpress

ArtExpress is a joint venture of the NSW Education Standards Authority and the NSW Department of Education, managed by the project team at the Arts Unit.

Until 13th August

**Liam Benson:** Virtue Without Stain celebrates Benson's contemporary and cultural practice of the last 18+ years. Virtue

without stain presents a collection of works, performances, and participatory workshops by Western Sydney-based artist Liam Benson exploring issues of masculinity. 18 August - 22 October 2023

#### Art Gallery NSW

Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prize exhibition at Art Gallery NSW from May 6th - September 3rd.

#### Purple Noon

606 Terrace Rd, Freemans Reach Ph: 4579 6579

CLOSED: Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday (by appointment) OPEN 10:00am - 5:00pm: Thursday/Friday

1:00am - 4:00pm: Saturday/Sunday

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**Lucy McEachern**

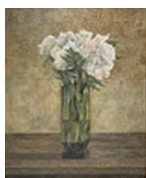
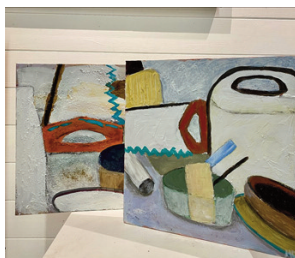
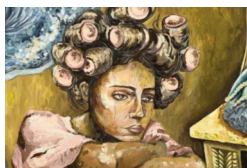
**Helen Davies and Paul Gorgan**

Welcome to an extraordinary world where art and nature intertwine—the realm of life-sized bronze birds in sculpture. These stunning creations, meticulously crafted by Lucy McEachern, Victorian artist and farmer who knows these winged wonders inside out, are here to captivate your senses. Alongside Lucy's magnificent sculptures, will be a small collection of paintings by Helen Davies and Paul Gorgan. And additionally, an exclusive collection of framed collectible vintage colour plates from Gracius J Broinowski's 'Birds of Australia' book 1890-91.

5th - 27th August

Do hope that you can join us on Saturday 6:00 PM on August to celebrate and meet the artists.

The exhibition will also open online at this time.



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## EXHIBITIONS

### The Village Kitchen Kurrajong

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'Curious Creations' Jane O'Hare until 1st September

The Combined Art Societies of Sydney  
are coming to the Royal Art Society this  
August.

Featuring award winning artists and finalists from  
this year's Art of Sydney Exhibition that was held at  
the Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay in March 2023.

**BEST IN SHOW ART OF SYDNEY 2023**

**GLOW**

BY DAVID EL MELKY



## CASS at the ROYAL

**Exhibition Dates:** 10 - 27 August 2023

**Open Daily:** 10am - 4pm Monday to Friday and

11am - 4pm Saturday and Sunday

**Venue:** Lavender Bay Gallery, 25 - 27 Walker Street, North Sydney 2060.

**Exhibition Celebration and afternoon tea:**

Saturday 12 August 2023 from 1 - 3 PM