

## from our President

At our first meeting for 2018 we had a light-hearted evening with Phil McKay who demonstrated his urban landscapes using water soluble graphite. It is always interesting to see artists using different media and producing work that is popular and apparently selling well. The demonstration work had been sketched a number of times taking into account the variation of light on his subject from early morning to late afternoon and the scene was reduced to depict a most dramatic effect. The artist was generous with explanations of his technique and the materials he used. "I am having fun" and "art should be fun" were the messages of the evening. I totally agree with him..

Next month we will host Edward Gee of Pigment Lab. Penny Oates, who had been engaged has had to cancel and Kym Morris, the Functions Officer has been able to find Edward Gee who will conduct a "hands on" evening for us. Penny Oates' workshop scheduled for 6th May is also cancelled but Kym hopes to have another artist take the workshop. Watch for notice at info @ mtas.com and in the next newsletter. Come and have some fun with the products on show.

The committee has been working on the arrangements for the Autumn Exhibition, a competitive exhibition for members only, which will run from 25th to 27th May. 'Take in Day' is Thursday, 24th, 9:00am to 12 noon. Craft should be delivered on Friday, 25th, 9:00am to 11:30am. The doors will close at 12noon and anything not in place will not be accepted. Craft entries must be made on the Craft Entry Form. The entry forms will be available with the April newsletter and all entries close on 1st May. A painting by the late Rita Uff has been donated for fund raising and tickets are available for \$2 each. I have a number of packs of 10 tickets for members to take to sell. Please contact me if you are able to help in this way.

The next few weeks are probably the busiest of the year with artists preparing for the Sydney RAS, the Hawkesbury Show, CASS Art in Action as well as our Autumn Exhibition. I wish you all well and hope that you have time to enjoy the Easter break and Mothers' Day, too.

Open Days at Yarramundi commenced on 7th February and are supported by John Shields on the 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Sharron Whittington organizes morning tea, there is always "house keeping" for me to do at our "home", a few stalwarts battle along with the archives and some true believers come to spend some time with

Sharron and me. We were really pleased to see more members come to use the facility and engage with some of the artists who are not able to attend evening meetings. On these Open Days you have the opportunity to tell us about your work or let us know if there is anything the committee could be doing better.

The committee's job is not getting any easier and input from members is welcomed at any time, but please keep your suggestions practical and your criticism positive, as we are all working hard for the benefit of the society.

Narelle Ward President MTAS Inc

## CASS report

CASS's next event is the annual Art in Action workshop series which will once again be at Merroo, Kurrajong. The workshops take place over three days, 18,19 and 20 May and promise to be a wonderful networking and learning event for all levels of experience in various mediums. Be sure to get the workshop you want by booking early - Amanda Hyatt's workshops are all full and many others are filling up. The accommodation and workshop booking forms and the workshop colour booklet are on the CASS website - book now, don't miss out!

Kym



Phil McKay demonstrating Urban Landscapes using water soluble graphite.

## Classes

### PORTRAIT GROUP

MTAS Portrait Group meets 2nd Sat each month, 1-4pm, \$12, Model, easels & afternoon tea provided, BYO Painting/Drawing materials.

Next session Sat. 10th March 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 20th March at the Art Shop, 328 Windsor St, Richmond Ph Deidre 0412 979 731

### Hawkesbury Show

Schedules are now available. www.hawkesburyshowground.com.au, Richmond Art Supplies & Showground office.

Art entries close Tuesday 20th March, delivery Friday 13th April 10-4, Saturday 14th 9-11.

Please volunteer to help us with hanging 11-finish Saturday 14th and for Show Roster duty Friday 20th, Saturday 21st, Sun 22nd. Enquires Sheila 0408161284

### 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

## FOHacRG Inc.

Street Stall outside 526 George St, South Windsor Saturday 17th March.

"Cartier" an exhibition of amazing jewellery once owned by Elizabeth Taylor, Princess Grace....at the NGA in Canberra. We have a bus Trip on Sun 29th April, leaving Richmond 8am. \$85 (non member) fee covers travel, Morning tea and exhibition entry.

"Landscape – Town & Country" an exhibition of works for sale at the Stan Stevens Studio June 23rd, 24th.

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