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Photos Above from Left – Artworks from Monday Art Studio Group – Collage, P. Reid Drawing Activity, J. Bode Artist Talk

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March 2021

This is my first Report in this role. At our recent AGM we elected a new Committee and office bearers. The relevant roles and names are set out further down in this Newsletter.

At the outset I need to thank our outgoing President Maria Kapodistrias. Maria filled this role for 3 years. During that time she worked hard together with the Committee to organise, plan and make decisions in the best interest of members. Maria remains involved as a member of our new Committee. A few new Committee members have also joined us this year. We thank Marie Widolf and Dina Fox for 'stepping up to the plate'.

When we came together in early 2021 we thought we would have to run the annual Exhibition (usually held at The Prince Henry Centre) as an online event. But as time trickled by we decided to bite the bullet and shoot for a real exhibition – and live with whatever restrictions were placed on us because of the virus. So at the time of writing we are charging headlong towards Friday 30th April and Sat/Sun 1st and 2nd of May. There is much to do and organise but I think we are up to the challenge. Members are encouraged to enter the Exhibition and it is shaping up as a great event. (further details are outlined elsewhere in the Newsletter).

A number of new members have joined in recent weeks. We welcome them. We trust you will enjoy involvement in our Society and would love to rub shoulders (or is it elbows?) with you at our various activities.

New people bring new insights. We can all learn from each other.

We have also started scoping out a range of other activities for the balance of the year. With the continued easing of Government restrictions we are confident that we will be able to provide a range of projects and initiatives for members.....keep reading the Newsletter for details. So we are looking forward to a year of emergence and growth, which is already happening. We invite you to join us on the journey.

Rick Bardsley-Smith
President



Art Studio Time

For the time being Council has advised that we cannot resume our use of the RLI building on Clovelly Road. For that reason, as we anticipated in our last Newsletter, we have continued our use of The Coast Centre at Little Bay. We meet on Mondays from 10am till noon.

A good group of us have been meeting there now and we have really started to enjoy our time together. This has been helped enormously by our hard working Secretary, Heather Egan ably supported by some other members. Heather and Marie Widolf have led us in a range of activities and exercises. Together this dynamic duo have taken us down all sorts of

avenues never before explored by the wider art world !! This in turn has led to a variety of ideas and suggestions from members. So the pot of creative ideas continues to grow. Look for the posts on Facebook and Instagram. It really is a great time of being challenged creatively and lots of fun.

RAS Calendar March – May 2021

- **Monday April 12th, 19th, 26th; May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st :** RAS member Studio time is currently held in the Art Room at Coast Centre: 1 Darwin Ave, Little Bay NSW 2036 10am to 12noon.

Due to Covid 19, the Monday Art Studio at the RLI has been closed temporarily until further notice.

- **RAS Annual Art, Craft and Photography Exhibition –**
Thurs 29th April: Delivery of artworks 10am – 12noon
30th April to 2nd May: Exhibition Open
Friday 30th April: Formal Opening 6pm to 8pm
- **11th April, 2nd May and 6th June:** Governors Gardens Plein Air sketching – attendance based on CASS selection process (see Newsletter item);
- **Sat 5th June and Sat 9th Oct:** Workshops; Tentative diary dates (yet to be confirmed)



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2021 RAS Office Bearers & Committee

At the AGM on 22nd February the following office bearers and Committee members were elected:

President: Rick Bardsley-Smith

Vice President: Dina Fox

Secretary: Heather Egan

Assistant Secretary: Judie Bode

Treasurer: **TBA**

Assistant Treasurer:

Robyn Langford-Brown

Committee Member (and Public Officer): Patricia Reid

Committee Member:

Maria Kapodistrias

Committee Member: Paula Service

Committee Member: Marie Widolf

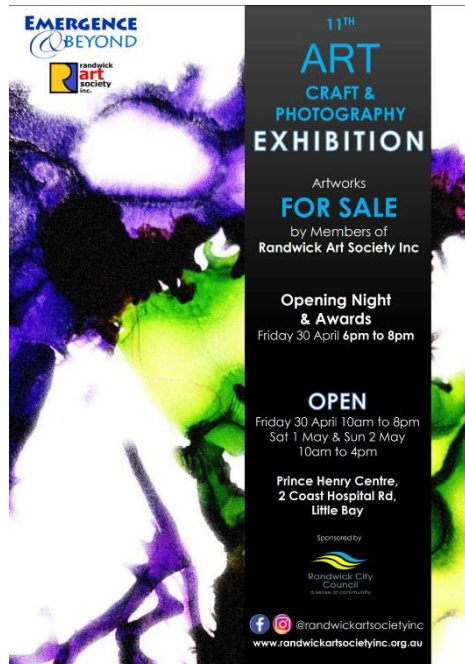
Committee Member:

Rosita Simmons

Committee Member: Niki Koepl

Members will note that the position of Treasurer was not filled at the AGM. Sadly, during 2021 our Treasurer, Marilyn Kime, passed away. At that time Robyn Langford-Brown took up the role in a temporary capacity. At the AGM there were no members in a position to nominate for the role of Treasurer. Consequently the position wasn't filled. Instead, the Committee is seeking anyone who may be interested in supporting us in the role. This involves managing our accounts (about 20 transactions per month) and some basic skills using Microsoft Excel and online Banking systems. To find a suitable Treasurer, we have gone to online services such as Seek Volunteer and placed our request in the Newsletters of other community Associations.

If you have an interest, believe you can assist, or know someone who may be interested in this role, please contact us.



RAS 11th Annual Art, Craft and Photography Exhibition

After cancelling the 2020 Exhibition we are very keen to have our Exhibition this year. We are wanting to run it much as we have in the past subject to any prevailing Covid restrictions. Members must be financial to participate. Completed entry forms must be emailed to randwickartsocietyinc@gmail.com by 9th April. Payment for entry must be paid into the RAS bank account. Works entered need to be delivered to the Prince Henry Centre between 10am-12noon Thursday 29th April with craft tables set up 1pm-4pm. Judging occurs on Friday 30th April and our Official Opening by the Mayor of Randwick will be at 6pm on Friday Night. Look for advertising and articles in The Beast, Eastern Suburbs Life and on Randwick Council's web site. Flyers will be out and about and in shop windows. Our Banner will be displayed at the Arden St and Malabar Rd intersection. Plan to visit over the Exhibition weekend and bring a friend.

CASS Art of Sydney Exhibition

Traditionally CASS have held their annual exhibition of member works at Darling Harbour in late January. This year this did not occur as a result of COVID restrictions.

Rather, CASS ran an online competition and exhibition. This ran between 15th Jan and 28th Feb. RAS was well represented with 16 members entering 49 works. Congratulations go to Rick Bardsley-Smith who won 1st Prize in Water Medium Painting section; Kurt Koepl who won 2nd Prize in Abstract Painting and 3rd Prize in the Drawing and Mixed Media Section; Niki Koepl who won a Highly Commended in the Water Medium section and Thomas Parslow who won a Highly Commended in the Drawing and Mixed Media Section.



Photo Above: R Bardsley-Smith 'The Road Home'



Photo Above: K. Koepl 'Revelation'

Art, Craft & Photography Exhibition RAFFLE PRIZES!

Painting by Marilyn Kime	
Seafoods @ Eastgardens	(4) Vouchers for \$50 each
Sarina's Florist	(10) vouchers for \$30 each
Captain Cook Cruises	Cruise and Lunch for (2)
Amber Glynn of Randwick	Artisan Tote Bag
Beverley-Simmons-Hurtado, Marriage Celebrant	Hamper
Elizabeth Osborne at Coastal Fringe	Gift Package of Hair Products
Central Pianos	(3) Gift Voucher for \$300 each off Purchase of Piano
Sunshine Beauty and Nails	(1) Gift Voucher for \$20
MORE PRIZES TO COME from:	Walsh's Village Pharmacy, Coast Golf Club & Seals Club

Plein Air Outings – NSW Governor's Gardens

Members will be aware that RAS is a member society of the Combined Art Societies of Sydney (CASS). The Patrons of CASS are Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales and Mr Dennis Wilson. Through CASS the Governor's office has invited member artists to participate in Plein Air Sketching afternoons in the Governor's Gardens. Music played by various military bands is also scheduled to occur at these events.

Three rostered dates which are upcoming are: Sunday 11 April (Royal Australian Air Force Band); Sunday 2 May (Royal Australian Navy Band); Sunday 6 June (Australian Army Band). To organise attendance, RAS can provide CASS with 4 artists names and contact details for each of the dates. CASS will then review these and settle upon a preferred list of artists to as far as possible ensure equity across the member societies. CASS will then contact artists who have been selected to attend.

Any members who are interested in this opportunity should forward their name, contact details (Mobile and email) and preferred dates to the RAS Secretary at randwickartsocietyinc@gmail.com Note that the first event is close and expressions of interest are required a week in advance.



Photo Above:
RAS Member J. Bode Plein-Air Outing



Workshops

With the lifting of Covid restrictions we are keen to plan and implement workshops for members during the year.

With the assistance of Josephine Licciardello we believe we have access to a local premises which would serve us well.

RAS are looking at Saturday workshops running between 10am and 4pm. A number of possible topics are being considered.

Potential dates are Saturday June 5th and Saturday Oct 9th. Pencil them in your diary and we will update members as the details are firmed up.



Online Art Activity

Sketches from the RAS "Summer" Sketch a Day online art activity was very well received with many artworks created during the summer months.

Thanks to members for your contributions.

Visit the RAS website Sketch a Day Gallery to view all the wonderful artworks.

<https://randwickartsocietyinc.org.au/sketch-a-day-summer/>

Community Transport

Randwick Waverley Community Transport (RWCTG) has recently moved its main office to the Little Bay Community Centre where RAS meets on Monday mornings. Members may be aware that RWCTG provides a range of support services and transport especially for seniors and people with various disabilities. Members wanting to travel to Little Bay on a Monday morning or perhaps elsewhere may find that this service could be of assistance. Several members are already looking into it. If you have an interest in this, you should look at this website <https://rwctg.org.au/>



Photo Left:
N. Sen 'Hibiscus' Summer Sketch-a-Day Online Activity
Photo Above: RAS members Monday Studio Group, Little Bay
Photo Below:
R. Simmons 'Watermelon' Summer Sketch-a-Day Online Activity





Photo Above: A. Best 'Somewhere 2'

Members News

We are aware of members who have grappled with health issues in recent times. In particular we note that Shirley Hughes and Kurt Koepl have had their fare share of difficulties but understand they are now getting back to normal. We wish them and their families well in their recovery.

Randwick Council ran the International Women's Day Art Prize in early March. The competition was open to female artists who live, work or study in Randwick City. This year 168 artists entered the competition and a large number were RAS members. The winners were announced on Saturday 6 March 2021 at Randwick Community Centre. Congratulations to Alana Best who was awarded third prize for her artwork "Somewhere 2". A selection of these artworks are now on view at Bowen Library, Maroubra until 30th April.

"Women on Boards" International Women's Day Art Prize at The TAP Gallery also displayed some RAS members works. Congratulations to Niki Koepl who took out the People's Choice Award for her watercolour work "Flawless."



Photo Above: N. Koepl 'Flawless'

Artwork "Old House" by Rick Bardsley-Smith has been awarded 1st Prize in the Watercolour section at the Sydney Royal Easter Show Art Exhibition. Congratulations Rick!

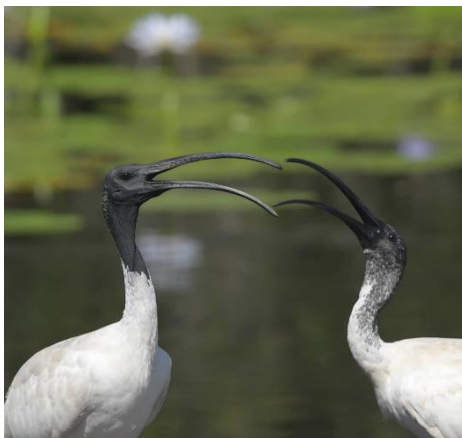


Photo Above: G. Bogan 'Tonguey' Location Centennial Park

Our Graeme Bogan continues to get out there and come up with the results. Yet again he has photography in the March/April edition of the The Beast. Well done Graeme.

Marie Widolf also continues to push the boundaries. In 2020 she was commissioned to illustrate a psychological text book titled "The Hairy Bkie and other Metacognitive Strategies" by Dr Jeff Baron Levi. The book has now been published in New York.

The Gallipoli Art Prize is soon to be on exhibition at Merrylands RSL. Rick Bardsley-Smith was fortunate to have his work selected as a finalist in this Exhibition.

Mask Making for Council

Members may recall that we were approached by Council to assist in making face masks for a function planned for Coogee in summer. Several members volunteered for this work and a number of masks were made. Unfortunately, Council decided that the planned activity could not go ahead and the masks were no longer required. Many thanks to those who supported this initiative.

Bendigo Bank Exhibition

As we reported in our last Newsletter, late last year an opportunity arose to assist Clovelly Bendigo Bank to install a hanging system at the Bank on Clovelly Road for art work. This occurred as planned and soon after the Bank asked RAS if we could organise some works to hang for the Xmas/New Year period. The art works would be for sale. With limited time we were able to gather together works from 16 different members. These were then installed together with catalogue listing the title of work, artist name, price. Two works were sold as a result of the Exhibition.

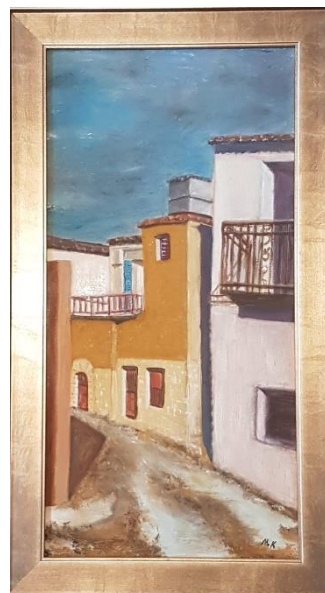
This process has now rolled forward a second time with 19 new art works installed for the March/April period. At the time of writing one of those new works has been sold.

Future exhibitions are planned at the Bank later in the year and members are invited to participate. Emails outlining this process will be forwarded to members.

RAS congratulates the Bank on this initiative which is consistent with its planned program of support in our local community.

Photo Below:

M. Kapodistrias 'Mani Greece' SOLD



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