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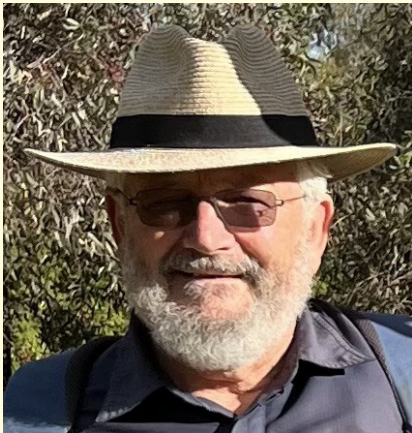
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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT



History

During this past year we have all experienced our Australian Society emerging from the strictures and confusion of Covid. Concurrently, the Randwick Art Society had a tumultuous 2022 and is now emerging with clear direction.

2022 saw the loss of a dynamic and helpful President in the shape of Rick Bardsley-Smith. However, Rick continues to help when called upon. As a result of Rick standing down, there has been a period in which the committee has battled on without a President. Our cohort of committee members have provided a substantial service to members since the early days of 2010. Without the help and support of our busy committee

the society would cease to function. For this reason, all members are encouraged to consider volunteering at least some support to ensure the continuance and growth of our society.

Our first formal literary publication hit the presses during 2022. 'The First Ten Years of the Randwick Art Society Inc.' by Pat Reid has now been published. With the support of a Randwick City Council Mayoral Minute, Mayor Dylan Parker has ensured financial coverage to the tune of \$1,500. This amount covered the costs of publishing 100 copies, being one for each member of our Art Society.

The Year

Regularly, on a weekly basis, both the Randwick Literary Institute and the Coast Centre offer opportunities to create works of Art. These venues are an opportunity for members to regularly engage with each other in art making. Further to this, these activities are advertised in print and social media.

We in particular have a new core Executive, covering the depth of knowledge required from past years and enthusiastic new innovations from new members. Our

committee members have all provided a sincere and dedicated service to the wider membership throughout the year.

In particular I would like to acknowledge Heidi, for such lovely illustrations promoting each of the Society's exhibitions.

The exhibitions held annually continue to be rolled out care of the work and commitment of the Randwick Art Society. Included are the:

- *Annual Arts, Craft and Photography Exhibition,
- *Combined CASS Exhibition
- * Bendigo Bank Exhibition
- * RCC Women's Art Prize
- * Sydney Children's Hospital

A special Congratulations to Ann Cahill for being awarded first place at the Randwick City Council's 2023 Women's Art Prize for her beautiful painting of bathers in the sea.

The RLI Rotating Gallery continues to promote participant's art. This initiative is backed by our second-hand art goods sales.

A special thanks to Councillor Kathy Neilson for her patronage of the Society and to Margaret Woodsmith, who has shown an ongoing support for the society's continuence.

Initiatives for the Future

Our society seeks to expand its offerings to members and promote the value of art to the wider community.

We are in consultation with our State Member for Coogee and with Katie Anderson, Manager Economic Development and Placemaking, RCC. The concept of a **Randwick Arts Festival** is currently being discussed with these parties with a view to covering Painting and Photography, Poetry and Song under the one banner. Should further progress be made, we will keep members informed.

Mark England

AGM speech, 6 March 2023

THE NEW TEAM



From left to right: Warwick Stocks, Jack Xie, Dina Fox, Rodney Bassetti, Judie Bode, Mark England, Marie Widolf, Maria Kapodistrias, Aileen Anderson, Ann Cahill, Heidi Hereth (reclining, as usual)

- President** Mark England
- Vice President** Dina Fox
- Secretary** Heidi Hereth
- Ass Secretary** Judie Bode
- Treasurer** Jack Xie
- Committee Members:** Maria Kapodistrias, Marie Widolf, Warwick Stocks, Aileen Anderson, Rodney Bassetti

- Patron** Kathy Neilson
- Control Website** Niki Koepf
- Control Gmail** Heidi Hereth
- CASS Rep.** Dina Fox
- Public Officer** Ann Cahill
- Historian** Paul Convy

OTHER RAS ACTIVITIES

welcome to our latest new members: Claire, John and Mai

Several members attended the seniors gala concert in February. It was one of the best shows ever and our members thoroughly enjoyed it. RAS is not only to promote art but is also for companionship by iengaging in other activities. Through this many strong friendships have been formed.



OUR LADIES STEAL THE SHOW

The very best paintings of Randwick City Council's 2023 Women's Art Prize are still on show at the Lionel Bowen Library till April 27. Some of our members excelled themselves - especially **Ann Cahill**, who tied with Natasha Ruffio as winner of the **Open** section, with her painting 'Morning Swimmers'. She did it again by winning the **People's Choice** with the same painting. She shared the award with another one of our members, **Christine Langdon** and her painting 'Big waves at the Mahon Pool'. Paula Service and Marie Widolf's paintings are also on show.



Ann Cahill with her painting "Morning Swimmers"



"Gertrude's Beetroot and Carrot Garden" by Marie Widolf



Christine Langdon with her painting "Big Waves at Mahon Pool"



'Rock climbing boys - La Perouse' by Paula Service

RAS WIN AT THE CASS AWARDS

The **Combined Art Societies of Sydney** held their annual exhibition **Art of Sydney** at the Prince Henry Centre at Little Bay (same venue as ours for our Annual Exhibition).

The Awards were given out by one of their patrons, Mr Dennis Wilson on the Saturday afternoon 26th March.

Randwick Art Society Inc had 21 Artists exhibiting - 80 Paintings out of 265 artworks

11 Awards for 21 exhibiting Randwick Art Society Artists
 3 WINNERS, 1 Highly Commended, 7 Finalists

Combined Art Societies of Sydney Inc



Raffle Prize 'On the Low Tide' by Freda Surgenor
 All proceeds from the raffle will go to CAREFLIGHT

32nd ANNUAL 'ART OF SYDNEY' AWARDS EXHIBITION
 To be held at the Prince Henry Centre, 2 Coast Hospital Road, Little Bay, NSW
24th to 26th March, 2023
FREE ENTRY

The exhibition will showcase the works by artists from 12 art societies which together make up the membership of the Combined Art Societies of Sydney.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
 The original works will be in 6 categories and will be judged by renowned artist, Dario Falzon.
 Presentation of Awards will be held on the 25th March from 2pm to 4pm.





Out of the six sections, three of them were **won** by members of our society. There were also some highly Commended and some Finalists. The judge was Dario Falzon.

Here is the break down:

Award for Best Abstract Painting:

Terry Lavis, "Rarefied Atmosphere"

Award for Best Small Painting:

Phil McKay, "Skip (Witches Hat)"

Award for Best Miniature Painting:

Heidi Hereth, "Ocean Treasures"

Award for Highly Commended for Abstract Paintings:

Maria Kapodistrias, "Colour Me"

Award for Finalist Oil or Acrylic Painting:

Heidi Hereth, "Ellery Creek Dreaming"

Phil McKay "Daburi Lane(I Gore)"

Award for Finalist for Water Medium:

Heidi Hereth, "Sea Caves",

Niki Koepl "Melancholy"

Award for Finalist Abstract Painting

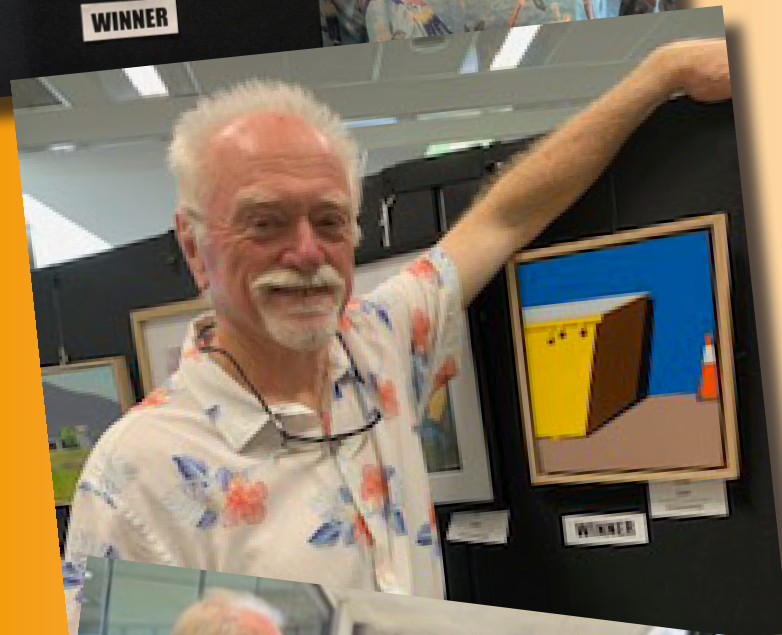
Kurt Koepl, "Farbenfroh"

Award for Finalist Miniature Painting

Robyn Langford Brown, "Visitation"

Terry Lavis, "Taj Mahal from the River"

**Then, to top it all off,
RAS WON THE RAFFLE!**





13th Annual Art, Photography & Craft **EXHIBITION** 2023

**Opening Night
& Awards
Fri. 5th May, 6 - 8pm**

Open

Fri. 5th May 10 am - 8 pm

Sat. 6th May 10 am - 4 pm

Sun. 7th May 10 am - 4 pm

**Prince Henry Centre
2 Coast Hospital Road
Little Bay**

**ARTWORKS
FOR SALE**

LIVE MUSIC

RAFFLE

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**RAS ANNUAL
EXHIBITION
COMING SOON!**

Now is the time to enter our
ANNUAL ART, CRAFT &
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION!

PRIZES

- \$500 Best in Show
- \$250 Landscapes/Seascapes
- \$250 Animals/Birds
- \$250 People/Portraits
- \$250 Still Life
- \$100 Malabar Headland donated
by Friends of MH
- \$250 Photography
- \$250 Miniatures
- \$250 Small Paintings

**Note: we have added small
paintings to the list**

**Entries to be received by 5pm,
Friday 21st April 2023**

\$15 per artwork – Maximum entries
per member 4 artworks

\$50 per craft table

Look out for publicity in **THE BEAST**,
as well as **EASTERN SUBURBS LIFE**
You can read Marie Widolf's article below



Judge: MELISSA READ-DEVINE

RANDWICK ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION

It has become a much-loved and highly anticipated event; and promises to make this year's event the best ever. Randwick Art Society's 13th Annual Arts, Crafts & Photography Exhibition is on again this May at the Prince Henry Centre, Little Bay; welcoming young and old, returning crowds and new visitors to join in celebrating our amazing local artists.

As has been the tradition: RAS's annual exhibition is held the weekend before Mother's Day, and is a perfect opportunity to find that something special. For sale are original paintings in many genres; the ever-popular miniature paintings; homecrafts; personalised greeting cards; baby wear; crocheted toys; embroidery; rugs; intricate applique throws; blankets; clothing; tote bags; scarves; jewellery; photography, and much much more!

The exhibition is held over three days at this award-winning function centre, in the most picturesque of settings, with the exhibition hall overlooking an unspoilt coastline lined with majestic sandstone cliffs. Visitors come from afar to view the exhibition, grab a coffee, and stroll on the grounds to enjoy the breathtaking views of the ocean.

The opening night promises to be a fun social night and an opportunity to meet the artists. Be entertained by musicians, sip on some wine, hear the speakers, and make sure to buy a raffle ticket (or two). Hope to see you there!



RAS Secretary Heidi Hereth



Creel Bay by Heidi Hereth



Alana & Graeme at awards presentation