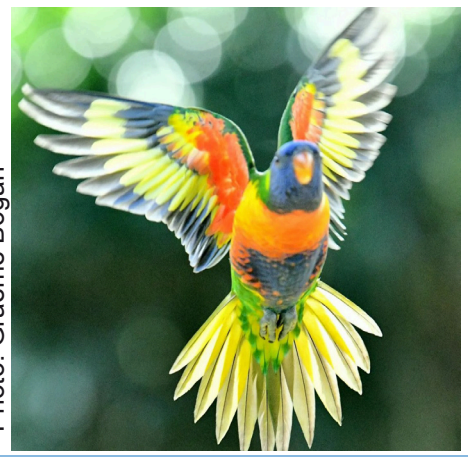




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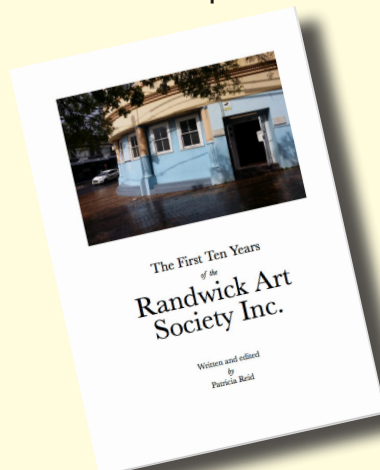
December 2022

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends & Fellow Artists,
This Christmas, 2022 is a time of reflection for us all. It has been such a tremendous and tumultuous year. Through it all art lives perennially. We in the Society have that grain of truth to fall back on as the Society serves to focus our art work. Through art, whether it be to sing, dance, write, paint or draw – we find a space in life to express ourselves and reflect on our own expression on our own and with others. The Randwick Art Society provides that space and companionship once a week in Randwick and Little Bay for its members. For so many other members who cannot or choose not to attend these sessions there is the networking and eventing that otherwise happens. All of

this activity falls on the back of just a few members – for whom we should all be very grateful. As a Christmas Gift we are having printed the publication 'The First Ten Years of the Randwick Art Society Inc.', written and edited by Pat Reid, who we all know so well. This publication will be freely available to all members who would like a copy, as we currently have 100 members. Randwick Council, under the Mayoral ship of Cr. Dylan Parker, voted to fund this gift. To claim your publication, which is 15 by 21cms in size, simply attend one of the Randwick Literary Institute sessions from when they begin in 2023. Alternatively, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the: Randwick Art Society, PO Box 1062, Randwick, NSW 2031. From mid-year this offer will cease and the price of \$20 will be set on all future copies.



Now that we have unwrapped our Christmas gift each, lets unravel the year to date for members.

There have been a series of successful exhibitions – the most beautifully displayed of all ,to my eye, was at the Bowen Library. There was the Annual Exhibition, the Bendigo Bank Exhibition etc., not to mention the Christmas Fair. The Society was partially successful in our grant application for next year's Annual Exhibition in that the fees for Prince Henry Centre have been waived. We should all pull together to make the exhibition a success.

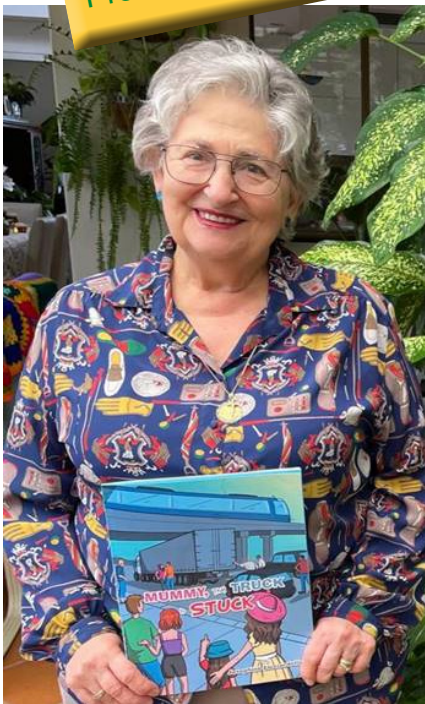
Dr. Marjorie O'Neil, Member for Coogee, is actively and enthusiastically involved in supporting our Society. Promoting with Council Plans to upgrade the Randwick Literary Institute as a more secure home for the RAS. We also have plans to promote art, poetry and song in the open - initially on a small scale, with grander ambitions in the future. At this point I wish to acknowledge the tremendous support we also have from our Patron, Cr. Kathy Neilson.

A sad point occurred during the year with the death of Dr Fred Orr. It was Fred who originally envisaged such a society. He was also active in running the Next Chapter Art Group, which continues to this day. A lovely man who cared for the community. Vale Fred.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for your ongoing support to our wonderful society. Sincerely wishing you a peaceful and happy Christmas time with your loved ones and a successful 2023.

Mark England
President, RAS



Jo Licciardello published a children's book she had written about a smart little girl who solved the problem of a truck getting stuck under a bridge. Apparently a true story. You can buy it for \$19.99 in Australia, on Xlibris.com.au - make sure you put the AU in, otherwise you pay for it from USA! If you live close, Jo can deliver it to you for just the \$19.99.

BUS TRIP TO BLACKHEATH



DAY GALLERY



On 4th November a happy crowd enjoyed a bus trip to Blackheath, exploring the Campbell gardens. The rhododendrons in full bloom were a most glorious sight. Helen Day welcomed the group to the Day Gallery. The diverse exhibition of accredited artists' work was extremely interesting. Foraging amongst many treasures in the local antique shops was another pleasurable activity. This was followed by lunch at Blackheath Golf Club. Meanwhile, the bus driver had an altercation with a tree whilst parking the bus. Luckily, the weather wasn't too cold for the drive back with a broken back window.



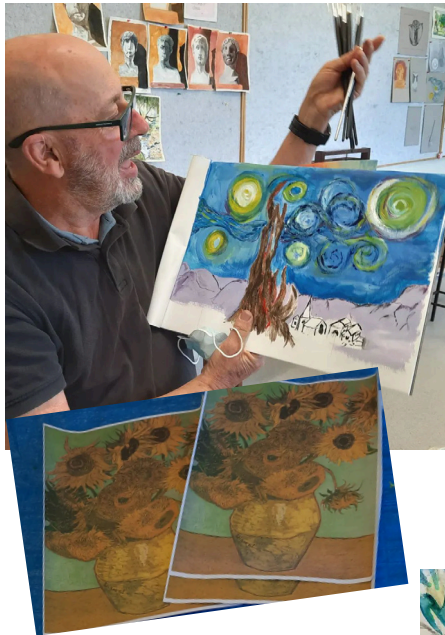
SPRING & SUMMER ACTIVITIES @THE COAST CENTRE & RLI

Our artists were again very active and inspired at both centres.



Bird Life - Members sketched and painted Australian birdlife and flowers, using colour pencils, markers and watercolour, while our birdlife photographer Graeme captured Little Bay's birds in flight using his Nikon D850 camera.

After an informative video about Van Gogh at the RLI, a special **Paint Like Van Gogh** Art Activity was held at The Coast Centre that week, to pay homage to Van Gogh's life and work. It was a wonderful morning spent exploring stars and cypresses, fields and sunflowers.



Flower Power - RAS members painted in different styles from photo reference and a real life display, using watercolours and colour pencils.



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GRAEME BOGAN

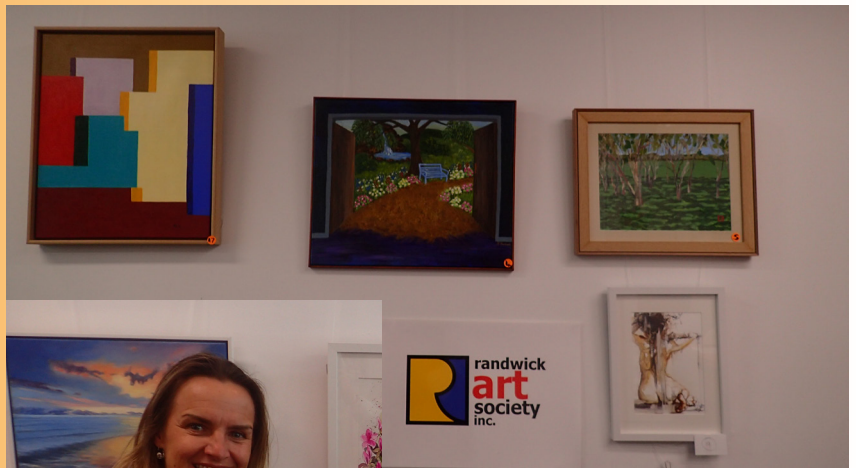
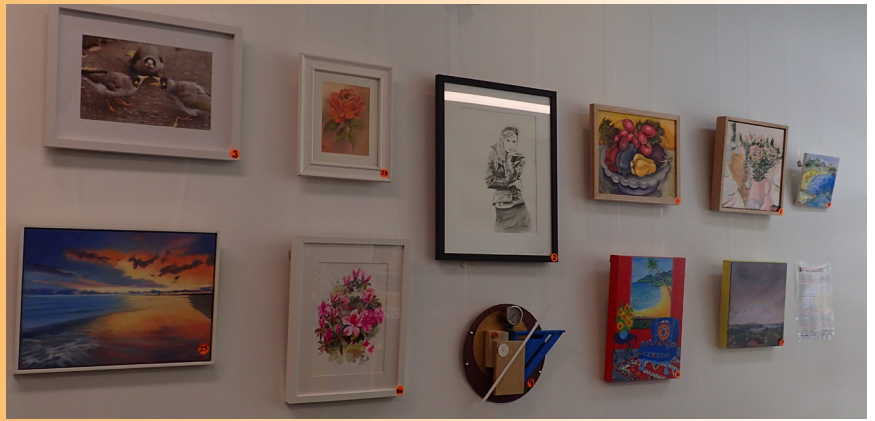
Birdlife through the lens
by Marie Widolf

When RAS member Graeme Bogan took up an interest in digital photography in 2017, birdlife photography took on a new meaning. From behind the lens of his impressive D850 High Revolution 45.7 megapixel camera-body with an attached wide-angle lens, Graeme targeted a bird species normally avoided by photographers for its common unflattering appearance: THE PIGEON. He took to the parks and then to Bondi Junction mall where flocks of scavenging pigeons were a familiar sight helping themselves to leftover crumbs from diners at the mall cafes. Positioned with his camera secured to a tripod, Graeme's technique was to simply wait-out, to stalk the pigeons while they took to the air, over and over, to return from the opposite far ends of the mall, towards his ready camera! Some of his best shots are extreme close-ups of these scavenger birds: taking off like fighter-planes and coming like torpedoes towards him.

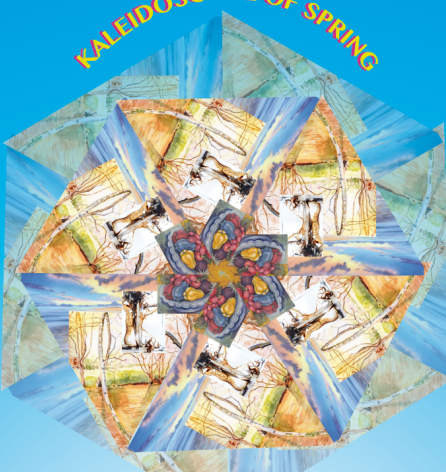




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RANDWICK ART SOCIETY

Mon. Oct. 3 - Thurs. Nov. 10
Mon. - Fri. 9am - 5pm

Bendigo Bank




The exhibition at the Bendigo Bank was enjoyed by staff and members of the public, resulting in the sale of 4 paintings. Nicola Powell, Community Partnership Manager at the bank enthused, that the presence of our paintings “Makes coming into work even brighter!”

WONDERLAND ART FESTIVAL



comes to

Bronte Surf Club

for 3 days only from
WEDNESDAY to FRIDAY
12TH to 14TH OCTOBER, 2022

ALL ORIGINAL ARTISTS

Take a Photo & Share with Friends

Enquiries:
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Emerging Artists & Volunteers Welcome




WONDERLAND ART FESTIVAL

Two of our RAS members, Aileen Anderson and Janine Hall, exhibited at the Bronte Life Saving Club in October as part of the Wonderland Art Festival. Painting below is by Janine Hall.





RAS participated in the **GARAGE SALE TRAIL** on Sunday Nov.13, at the Randwick Literary Institute. Members donated used art and craft items and a tidy sum was raised.



Setting up - a good team effort

Randwick Art Society enjoyed perfect weather for its Christmas Fair! A steady stream of visitors came through the door to browse and to also say hello to many familiar faces. With Christmas just around the corner, the craft tables and handcrafted jewellery tables by Antonio enjoyed many sales, and, as always, the raffle was very popular. The RAS Patron, Kathy Neilson, dropped by and admired the many paintings and displays throughout the hall. It was a day enjoyed by all, and a perfect lead-in into the festive season!



Kathy Neilson and Dina Fox





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Mayor Parker's
That 70s Christmas Party

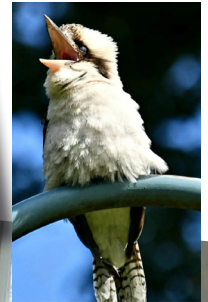
Margaret Morscheck and Pat Reid represented Randwick Art Society on Friday night 16th December at the Prince Henry Centre attending the Mayor's Christmas party.

A really fun night with memories of the 70's reflected in the many flares and afro hair do's worn by the participants.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our final day at RLI was on 12th December where members enjoyed a Christmas lunch after a General Meeting. We will resume again at RLI on 6th February 2023.



We wish all our members a Happy Christmas and a great new year with our Society. Our Annual Exhibition will be held on 5, 6 and 7 of May 2023 so you may like to work on your entries over the holidays.

