

# ARTS ALIVE NEWS

Celebrating over 50 years of promoting the Visual Arts in Fairfield

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Fairfield City Art Society Inc. PO Box 303, Chester Hill 2162, Australia

### President's Report for year ending 30 November 2013

The activities of our Art Society during the past twelve months were as follows:

Our previous AGM was held as announced, on Monday, 10th December 2012 in the space at the back of the Mezzanine level (Club Marconi).

The AGM was followed by our End of Year "1920's Theme" Function, which included artistic "presentations", and our usual Trivia Quiz, but this year it was composed, orchestrated, and conducted by our Trivia Master **Steve McLaren**. This change allowed **Cheryl Tate** to win the rare honour of keeping our "*Good-Ship Arts-Alive Travelling Trophy*" for the duration of 2013.

Beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 we held <u>7 Monthly Meetings</u> (second Monday each Month). All of these were open and minuted management-committee meetings.

In addition to the Monthly Meetings, **micelf(JJ)**, **Joe Briffa** , and **Lorraine Maggs** , attend a number of meetings amongst ourselves , and also meetings with representatives of the Marconi Board of Directors and Club management, and with Officials of the Fairfield City Museum&Gallery. Some notable examples:

- **Joe Briffa**, as our representative, regularly attends monthly meetings of the <u>Club Marconi Sports & Cultural Associations</u>, which are chaired by **Mr Mario Soligo**, Club Marconi Vice President and Sports President. **Joe** also regularly prepares and submits our "Art Association" articles in the "Marconi Wire" magazine.
- In regard to the same, **Joe**, **Lorraine and Steve McLaren** represented our Association at the annual Club Marconi Sports Carnevale, Sunday14th April. They supervised three long-tables and three display-screens, and conducted a Children's Drawing competition, and a Children's Pebble-Painting competition, on a warm sunshiny sausage-sizzle sort of day.
- Also in regard to similar, **Nika Norman** represented us with Children's Face-Painting activities at Club Marconi's Italian Republic Day celebrations and festivities, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 0f May.
- With the Museum&Gallery, **JJ**, representing our Association, and all the 9 Artists involved, co-planned and organised the **Fairfield City Art Society 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Winners Showcase** Exhibition: **WARNING!** (**May Contain Nuts**), opened Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August, till 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Every Monday night, outside school holidays, **Nika Norman** has organised <u>Art Classes</u> in the Bocce area, Club Marconi. These classes are for adults and children to expand their artistic abilities.

This year **Joe** and **JJ** produced **three** "<u>Arts Alive</u>" <u>Newsletters</u>. Covering Jan 2013 to Dec 2013, these were issue numbers **59** to **61** inclusive. Besides <u>three</u> Folding & Stuffing meetings with **Ron Stitzinger**, **Joe** & **JJ** as Co-Editors, have Editorial meetings in preparing the newsletter for publishing. **Joe** also personally printed two of these editions (as we/he also do/es with our Exhibition Catalogues for Openings).

Of great benefit to our FAS, **Ron Stitzinger** assisted by **Joe Briffa**, during this year have planned, cut, collected, assembled, welded, screwed and painted 5 <u>new</u> white steel-framed, peg-boarded, display screens. These are to replace our wooden ones damaged while in storage here in the Club.

And now, to what we are really about -

This year we successfully organised and managed **Seven Major Exhibitions**. Chronologically they were;

<u>Colleen Shaliapin -- Solo Exhibition</u> in our Artist Corner. Colleen, our Art Society Life-Member and multi-award winning artist, exhibited mostly landscape pastels and paintings, and were enjoyed by many Club Marconi patrons from 12<sup>th</sup> February till 4<sup>th</sup> May.

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**2013 FCAS Member's Prize Exhibition** (**46**<sup>th</sup> "Annual Exhibition"), Mezzanine area of Club Marconi, was officially opened Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, by **Vince Foti** (Marconi Club President) and **Delfina Pipitone** (Club Board of Directors). Exhibition was open to the public from 6<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May.

The exhibition was expertly judged by **Kiersten Fishburn**, Director, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre. Category Prize winners were **Mayer Habash** (Trad), **Lorraine Maggs** (Con), and **Patricia Johnston**(WonP). The winner of the annual \$2000 <u>Club Marconi</u> "<u>Italian Themed</u>" <u>Acquisitive-Prize</u> was **Linda Brescia** with her "*The Tourists*". Many thanks to **Club Marconi** for sponsoring this ongoing *feature* addition to our yearly exhibition program. *Bravo!* 

- **2013 Member's Prize Showcase Of Winners Exib.** All First and Second Prize-winning artworks (and a couple of Highly Commendeds) from our just closed Member's Prize Exib, were showcased together, in our Artists Corner from 20<sup>th</sup> May till 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- <u>Dorothy Rae Sullivan -- Solo Exhibition</u> in our Artist Corner. **Dorothy**, a multi-award winning artist, exhibited mostly landscape paintings, and were viewed many Club Marconi patrons from 12<sup>th</sup> August till 13<sup>th</sup> October.
- "WARNING! (May Contain Nuts)" the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winners Showcase Exhibition On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> August, Susan Hutchinson (former Director, FCM&G) officially opened our exhibition, again in the Stein Gallery of the Fairfield City Gallery & Museum, with an interesting informative opening talk. This delightful exhibition features these NINE award-winning artists from our 2012 FAP Exhibition:

Jo Absalom, Patricia Johnston, Shen Wednesday, Leonard Hurley, Nika Norman, Cilla Davis, John Supe, Julie Simmons, Charlie Wells. Congratulations to all the contributing artists on their artistic achievements in this exhibition.

This delightful Showcase Exhibition was open to the public till 12<sup>th</sup> October

- 2013 Fairfield Art Prize our "21st Annual FAP Exhibition", was Opened by Delfina Pipitone (Club Board of Directors) on Friday 18th October (Open to public 14th—27th Oct). The exhibition judge was Dr Ella Dreyfus (Artist, and Head of Public Programs, Lecturer in Photography, National Art School). Category Prize winners were Helga Kelly (Trad), Glenda Carter (Cont) and Cheryl Tate (W On P).
- **2013 Fairfield Art Prize Showcase Of Winners Exib.** All **nine**; First, Second and Third Prize-winning artworks from our recently closed Fairfield Art Prize Exib, are showcased together, in our Artists Corner from the 28<sup>th</sup> October. Along with the three above, they include **Colleen Shaliapin**,

Fay Joseph, Linda Brescia, Nam Hom Tam, Renate Fischer, Filomena Vanzanella Congratulations and many thanks, to all our Art Society members, and particularly our Committee members, for their tireless efforts, and their great number of wonderfully artistic achievements over the past year.

John Janis Supe, President FCAS.

Vita Brevis, Ars Longa.

## Management Committee, elected at the AGM held on 9th Dec 2013, is:

President: John Janis Supe - 9644 6426 (AH)

jjsupe@hotmail.com

Vice President: Lorraine Maggs

Secretary/Treas: Joe Briffa - Tel: 9896 7643 (Home)

0430 478 570 (Mob)

email: joe briffa@hotmail.com

Education officer: Nika Norman - 9645 4104

Publicity officer: Leanne Stitzinger

Liaison & Property: Steve McLaren - 0419 123 450

Artist Corner Manager: Cheryl Tate ctate@vtown.com.au

Committee Member: Ron Stitzinger

The Fairfield City Art Society thanks Ms Delfina Pipitone, Board Member, Club Marconi, for acting as returning officer at our Annual General Meeting.

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We are now on the world-wide-web – please visit our web-site and be a part of its continuing construction and development. Here you can:

- Find out about upcoming association activities
- ♦ Down-load exhibition entry forms
- Contact the association by e-mail
- Check out members' profiles & their virtual galleries
  - Contact webmaster : Joe Briffa 9957 8530 (BH)

### F.C.A.S. 2014 PROGRAMME

Monday 10th March: Regular monthly meeting. Sunday 6th April: Club Marconi Carnevale. Monday 14th April: Regular monthly meeting. featuring a presentation by Steve McLaren - "Getting Yourself Out There".

**Sunday 27th April:** Club Marconi Chestnut Day. **Sunday 4th May:** Hand-in and Hang the <u>2014</u> Members Prize (47th Annual) Exhibition.

Friday 9th May: Opening and Awards of 2014 Members Prize Exhibition.

**Sunday 18th May:** Take-down Members Prize Exib. & hang Members Prize Showcase of Winners Exhibition in the Artists Corner.

Sunday 1st June: Italian Republic Day.

Monday 14th July: Regular monthly meeting.

Monday 11th August: Regular monthly meeting. Monday 8th Sept: Regular monthly meeting..

Sunday 12th October: Hand-in and Hang the

2014 Fairfield Art Prize (22nd Annual FAP). **Friday 17th October:** Opening and Awards of Fairfield Art Prize.

**Sunday 26th October:** Take-down Fairfield Art Prize Exib. & hang 2014 FAP Showcase of Winners Exibition in the Artists Corner.

Monday 10th Nov.: Regular Monthly Meeting. Monday 8th Dec: Annual General Meeting & End-of-year party.

## In Fairfield Eyes

Fairfield Art Society is coordinating an all Fairfield based artists' exhibition to reveal the truth about the place where they live - Fairfield City.

The exhibition, titled *Fairfield Revealed* is scheduled to open on Easter Saturday, 19 April 2014 and will be <u>Officially launched on Saturday, 3</u> <u>May 2014</u> in the Stein Gallery of the Fairfield City Museum & Gallery.

The exhibition will focus on Fairfield's people and/or surroundings. Artists are working through a range of cross disciplines involving drawing, painting, printmaking, installation and sculpture etc.

Charlie Wells, artist, teacher and active member of the Fairfield Art Society will be a keynote speaker at the launch. Charlie spent much of her younger life in Fairfield starting from the tender age of 10 when with her family she migrated to Australia from Finland.

Lorraine Maggs and Cheryl Tate, Coordinators of Fairfield Revealed.

### **Artists Corner Exhibitions**

Giovanni Tozzetti: 15th February -22 March

Marconi Art Association founding member and long time Fairfield City Art Society member, Giovanni is exhibiting a number of his contemporary style works in the artists corner plus other works in in the lower mezzanine corner.



Next exhibition: John Rice, 25th Mar - 4th May

Members wishing to exhibit their artwork in the <u>Artists</u>
<u>Corner</u> in Club Marconi, please contact Cheryl Tate at
<u>ctate@vtown.com.au</u>

#### Call for entries

Association members are invited to take part in an ongoing rotating exhibition at Club Marconi. This is an opportunity for members to exhibit and sell their work.

Each member can enter two works and replace them with new ones every eight weeks or when sold.

This is a great opportunity for members to make their works available for sale at no cost. The space will become available from the 25th March.

Please contact Joe Briffa if you wish to participate.

Member News: Combined Art Societies show titled "Art of Sydney 2014" held at the Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour over the Australia Day long weekend.

**Faye Joseph** was a finalist in the oil and acrylic sections, and won first prize in the miniature section with a work titled "She Oaks"

**Renate Fisher** was an award winner with a work titled "Jugs"

Congratulations to Faye & Renate!

http://www.combinedartsocieties.com/GalleryImages/Art of Sydney 2014/29

## Fairfield City Museum and Gallery

Cnr The Horsley Dr & Oxford St Smithfield Tel: (02) 9609 3993 Gallery Hours: Tues – Sat 10 – 4



## FAIRFIELD REVEALED - OPEN FROM 19 April - 21June 2014

Fairfield City Museum & Gallery with Fairfield City Art Society

#### Ms Charlie Wells,

artist and previous resident of Fairfield will open the show With

The Hon Guy Zangari MP State Member for Fairfield.

. Friday, 28 March, 2014 mail out of Invitations

## Launch Day – Saturday, 3 May 2014 at 2.00pm.

#### **Fairfield Artists**

Rebecca Brennan Linda Brescia Lorraine Maggs Peter Markwick Nika Norman Leane Stitzinger Ron Stitzinger Cheryl Tate

### Fairfield City

Date \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_



### **Art Society**

### 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

January to December 2014

Name	
Address	
	P/Code
Tel:(Business)	(A.H.)
Email address:	
membership fee, of	ester Hill, NSW 2162, with your yearly
Adult: Youth Organisation	\$20 , \$5, \$30.
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### Art Classes by Nika Norman



- Every Monday Night (except school hols)
- Re-started Monday, February 2014
- ♦ Bocce Area, Club Marconi located inside the club 7.00 pm − 8.30pm
- ♦ \$15 per night incl. all materials
- Just turn up during school terms!
- Also at the Fairfield City Museum & Gallery— Saturday mornings
- ♦ Mobile 0401 171 704

### **Penultimate Words:**

THE INTUITIVE MIND IS A SACRED GIFT.
THE RATIONAL MIND IS A FAITHFUL SERVANT.

— Albert EINSTEIN.

IS ALL THAT WE SEE OR SEEM BUT A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM?

— Edgar Allan POE.

SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF CHEESE WHO AM I TO DIS A BRIE?

— EarWorm (misheard lyric)

AT THE AGE OF SIX, I WANTED TO BE A COOK.
AT SEVEN I WANTED TO BE NAPOLEON. AND MY
AMBITION HAS BEEN GROWING STEADILY EVER
SINCE. — Salvador DALI.

TO BE AN ARTIST YOU KNOW, ONE LIFETIME IS ALL IT TAKES. — Barbara TRIBE.

ART IS THE MOST INTENSE MODE OF INDIVIDUAL-ISM THAT THE WORLD HAS KNOWN. — Oscar WILDE.

POLITICS IS THE GENTLE ART OF GETTING VOTES FROM THE POOR, AND CAMPAIGN FUNDS FROM THE RICH, BY PROMISING TO PROTECT EACH FROM THE OTHER.

— Oscar AMERINGA.

DARKNESS CANNOT DRIVE OUT DARKNESS; ONLY LIGHT CAN DO THAT. HATE CANNOT DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY LOVE CAN DO THAT.—MartinLuther KING

COMMON SENSE IS THE COLLECTION OF PREJUDICES ACQUIRED BY AGE 18. — Albert EINSTEIN.

"A MAN OF GREAT COMMON SENSE AND GOOD TASTE" — MEANING THEREBY A MAN WITHOUT ORIGINALITY OR MORAL COURAGE. — G. B. SHAW.

HONEY, I'M HAVING ONE MORE BEER WITH THE BOYS. IF I'M NOT HOME AFTER AN HOUR, JUST READ THIS MESSAGE AGAIN. — Text to Wife

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