



# ARTS ALIVE NEWS

*Celebrating 55 years of promoting the Visual Arts in the Fairfield area*

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

## President's Report for year ending 30 November 2015

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

Our previous AGM was held as announced, on Monday, 8th December 2014 in the Sports Association Office at the back of the Mezzanine level (Club Marconi). **Grant Imeson** was Returning Officer.

The AGM was followed by our End of Year Function, which included artistic "presentations", and our usual Trivia Quiz. The Quiz was again composed, orchestrated, and conducted by our Trivia Master **Steve McLaren**. In a very closely-run contest **Nika Norman** won the rare honour of keeping our "Good-Ship Arts-Alive Travelling Trophy" for the duration of 2015.

Beginning Monday 9th February 2015 we held **8 Monthly Meetings** (second Monday each Month). All of these were open and minuted management-committee meetings.

In addition to the Monthly Meetings, myself (**JJ**), **Joe Briffa**, **Lorraine Maggs**, and other **Committee members**, attend a number of meetings amongst ourselves, and also meetings with representatives of the Marconi Board of Directors and Club management, and also represent us at important annual Club Marconi Functions, Club Grant Ceremonies, etc. Some examples:

\* **Joe Briffa**, as our representative, regularly attends monthly meetings of the Club Marconi Sports & Cultural Associations, 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.

\* **Joe, Lorraine, with Ron and Leane Stitzinger** represented our Association at the annual Club Marconi Sports Carnevale, Sunday 27th April. They provided a comprehensive Children's Face-Painting service, as well as promote our Art Society, on a warm sunny sausage-sizzle sort of day

\* **Lorraine, Joe and Steve McLaren** represented our art society at a Club Grants Function and ceremony in August at St Johns Park Bowling Club. These three have also been in ongoing meetings and consultations with The Benevolent Society regarding their proposed exhibition "See Me, Hear Me" in our Artist Corner and Mezzanine Galleries.

\* And Monday the 23rd November, **Joe, Leane and Ron, and Lorraine** with her two helpers **Helen** and **Ian**, spent all day restoring, refurbishing and repainting the Club's Christmas Nativity Crib (under stairs past the front escalators).

Every Monday night, outside school holidays, **Nika Norman** has organised Art Classes 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 "Arts Alive" Newsletters. Covering Jan 2015 to Jan 2016, these were issue numbers **65** to **67** inclusive. Besides three Folding & Stuffing meetings with **Ron Stitzinger**, Joe & JJ as Co-Editors, have Editorial meetings in preparing the newsletter for publishing. Joe also personally printed these editions (as we/he also do/es with our Exhibition Catalogues for Openings).

And now, to what we are really about—

This year again, we successfully organised Eight Major Exhibitions. Chronologically they were ;

\* Filomena Vanzanella -- Solo Exhibition in our Artist Corner. Filomena, a past winner of our Presidents Acquisitive Prize among other-awards exhibited her wonderful portrait paintings, and were well enjoyed by many Club Marconi patrons from 18th January till 3rd May.

\* 2015 FCAS Member's Prize Exhibition (the 48th "Annual Exhibition"), Mezzanine area of Club Marconi, was officially opened Friday 8th May by **Mr Vince Foti**, President Club Marconi. And **Mr Frank Carbone**, Mayor of Fairfield City. Also present were **Mr Mario Soligo** and **Mr Joe Romeo**, Vice Presidents, and **Ms Delfina Pipitone**, Board Member Club Marconi, who presented prizes and awards to the winners. Exhibition was open to the public from 4th to 17th May

Exhibition judge was **Dr Lindsay Kelly**, MFA Associate Lecturer, UNSW Art& Design.

Category First Prize winners were **Mary T Nguyen** (Trad), **Charlie Wells** (Cont), and **Renate Fischer** (W on P).

The winner of the annual \$2000 Club Marconi "Best in Show" Acquisitive-Prize was **Fay Joseph** with her "Blackwattle Bay Docks". Many thanks and much applause to Club Marconi President and Board of Directors for sponsoring this ongoing feature addition to our yearly exhibition program. Bravo! *(cont. over page)*

\* 2015 Member's Prize Showcase Of Winners Exhib. All award-winning artworks from our just closed Member's Prize Exhibition, were showcased together, in our Artists Corner from 18th May till 12th June.

Also showing were **Corrado Peluso, John Rice, Helen Lancaster, Lorraine Maggs, P Markwick**.etc

\* Glenda Carter -- Solo Exhibition in our Artist Corner. **Glenda**, a multi-award winning artist, exhibited her mercurial sea-

scapes , and were viewed many Club Marconi patrons from 13th June till 10th October.

\* **Steve McLaren – Solo Exhibition** also in our Mezzanine Gallery. Steve, also a multi-award winning artist, exhibited his landscapes on polished aluminium , and were viewed many Club Marconi patrons, also from 13th June till 10th October.

\* **Kangaroo Visit Pre-Rome Exhibition** also in our Mezzanine and Artist Corner Galleries. All organised by **Steve McLaren** this top class wonderfully varied and very successful show was Opened the **Italian Consul General Arturo Arcano** on the 11th October. **Vince Foti** with most of the Club Marconi Board of Directors attended along with good crowd. Ambience was excellent. Exhibition closed November 1st.

\* **2015 Fairfield Art Prize our “23rd Annual FAP Exhibition”**, was Opened by Club Marconi Vice-president **Morris Licata** and Club director **Angelo Ruizi** on Thursday 5th November (Open to public 2nd till 15th November ). We achieved new Record number of Entries for Adult and Youths, and Total. The exhibition judges were **Professor Ian Howard**, Faculty of Art and Design, UNSW, and **Nicholas Tsoutas**, Sydney College Of Art Galleries Director, University of Sydney. Category First Prize winners were **Brian Stratton**(Trad), **Dana Dion**(Cont) and **Charlie Wells**(WonP).

\* **2015 Fairfield Art Prize Showcase Of Winners Exib.** All award-winning artworks from our recently closed Fairfield Art Prize Exib, are showcased together, in our Artists Corner from the 16th November. Along with the three above, they include **Fay Joseph, Faisal Al Saadi, Linda Brescia, Andy Tan , Paula Garrard, Lorraine Maggs, and Patricia Johnston** etc. This show will close mid-Jan 2016.

Congratulations and endless thanks, to all our Art Society members, and particularly our Committee Members, for their voluntary and tireless efforts, and their numerous wonderfully artistic achievements over the past year.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone cool Seasons Greetings, and trust that we will all enjoy an Artistic, Bountiful and Creative 2016.

Takiteasy, John Janis Supe, President FCAS.

*Via Brevis, Ars Longa*

**Management Committee, elected at the AGM held on 18th Dec 2015, is:**

**President: John Janis Supe - 9644 6426 (AH)**  
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**Vice President: Lorraine Maggs**

**Secretary/Treas: Joe Briffa - Tel: 0430 478 570**  
joe\_briffa@hotmail.com

**Public Relations, Property & Gallery Manager:**  
Steve McLaren - 0419 123 450

**Education officer: Nika Norman - 9645 4104**

**Committee Member: Ron Stitzinger**  
Leane Stitzinger  
Cheryl Tate

The Committee meets every second Monday of the month except January & public holiday Mondays. All members are encouraged to attend and actively participate in our activities.

**The exhibiting space known as the Artists Corner in the mezzanine area of Club Marconi has been expanded into a fully fledged gallery space made up of the existing “Artist Corner” and the “Mezzanine Space”.**

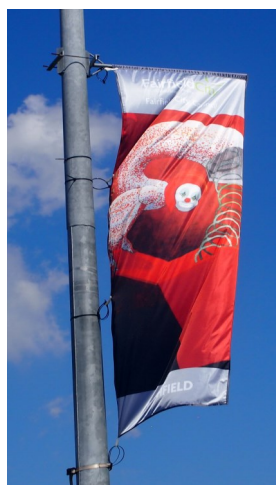
**Members wishing to exhibit their artwork in the new expanded Gallery, please contact Steve McLaren 0419 123 450 or Joe Briffa 0430 478 570**

**Breaking Member News:**

Congratulations and well-done to our hard-working Vice-president, Lorraine Maggs whose work has been acknowledged by the City of Fairfield by having images of three of her works transferred to banners and flown from flag poles in Smithfield Town Centre

This initiative came as a complete and marvellous surprise to Lorraine. She is extremely grateful and honoured by this initiative, and would like to thank the Fairfield City Place Manager, Jessica Healey and Andy Chin, Marketing for developing and bringing about the street banners.

They will fly for about ten weeks and then they will be taken down and washed and put up again for another ten weeks in 2017



Two of Lorraine’s banners on display at Smithfield

## Marconi Gallery Exhibitions

### ITALIAN FIBRE SKETCHBOOK

By

**MARIA CRAZZIA TATA**

*a travel notebook of an Italian artist through art and nature*



As a direct result of the “Kangaroos Visit Rome” project organized by Steve McLaren, we were able to hold an exhibition in the Club Marconi Gallery by visiting Italian artist Maria Grazia Tata.

The exhibition, consisting of works using fibres, fabrics and natural materials, was opened on the 5th February by the Italian Senator Francesco Giacobbe in a red carpet event attended by Mr Vince Foti, President of Club Marconi and members of the Board. A big thank-you to Marguerite Montes for her beautiful music and to Club Marconi for providing us with a wonderful exhibition space and for hosting our activities over the past twenty years.

This was our first ever cultural exchange of artists from Italy and has been proudly supported by the Australian Cultural Centre Italy, Club Marconi, Senator Francesco Giacobbe (Italy) and the Kangaroos Visit Rome Exhibition.

## “See Me, Hear Me”

Exhibition By

**benevolent society**

*“We help people change their lives through support and education, and we speak out for a just society where everyone thrives.” - See more at: [www.benevolent.org.au/](http://www.benevolent.org.au/)*

In association with the Fairfield City Art Society, Marconi Art Association & Club Marconi

**22nd March - 7th April 2016**

**See Me, Hear Me** is an annual exhibition of art works by people living with mental illness which gives them a powerful voice. Participants use art to share their sense of the joy and also the challenges of daily life for people living with mental illness. Stepping out into the community to be “seen and heard” is a positive experience for the artists.

## Member News:

### Fairfield Mural Project

'Drawing Fairfield' was a unique two day drawing and painting workshop with Lorraine Maggs at the Fairfield City Museum & Gallery. It was held on two consecutive Saturdays 16 & 23 January, 10.30am - 3.30pm in order to create a group mural. The idea was to make a composition from 60 small A5 size boards and to attach them to a hessian backing with velcros. The mural was displayed in the Stein Gallery as part of The Revisiting Exhibition: Lorraine Maggs. The thirteen participants created their own representation of Fairfield's landmarks from supplied photographs, drew their own self portrait with the aid of a mirror, and placed text listing suburbs, postcodes etc. A great piece of community art organized by one of our leading local artists.



The finished mural titled “Drawing Fairfield”

## Our Next Competitive Exhibition:

next exhibition is the FAS Members Prize 2016:

Important dates:

Handing-in & membership renewal: **Sun. 1 May**  
Official Opening & Presentation: **Fri. 6 May**  
Take-down & collection of works: **Sun 15 May**

Entry forms will be posted /emailed end of March and also available for download from our website [fairfieldcityart.org](http://fairfieldcityart.org) and from our facebook page Fairfield Art Society- Est 1961

## Welcome to our new members:

- Marian Blakeny-McMahon
- Zhong Xu Wang
- Samuel Massey
- Shebel Madanat
- Shirley Ayers
- Pedro Juares
- Olga Nebot
- Merrin Jeff
- Heidi Biester
- Jennifer Whitely
- Ebony Syran-Wetzler
- Emel Jurd
- Josephine Enoch
- Edmond Thomme
- Paula Garrard
- Kathryn Gallagher
- Freya McKellar-White
- Janice Hirst
- Kahee Song
- Cathy Wilton
- Abbey Vella

Hope to see you all at our next competitive exhibition.

## Art In Action 13th,14th 15th May 2016

Art In Action provides a unique opportunity for local artists to learn new techniques and styles with the very best Tutors from across Australia and New Zealand.

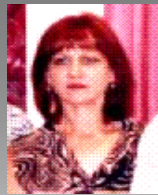
As well Art In Action allows the local art community to come together and celebrate their artistic interests.

Contact is Diana Garth, Coordinator.)

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CASS Message Machine: Phone (02) 8230 1587  
<http://combinedartsocieties.com/>



### Art Classes by Nika Norman



- ◆ Every Monday Night (except school hols & public hols)
- ◆ Re-started Monday, 2nd February 2016
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Mobile 0401 171 704

## 2016 F.C.A.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION January to December 2016

Name .....

Address .....

P/Code .....

Tel: ..... (A.H.) .....

Email address: .....

Please return to PO Box 303, Chester Hill, NSW 2162, with your yearly membership fee, of

(Tick one) .....

..... Pensioner/Student: \$15 * Card No.: .....
..... Adult: \$20 ,
..... Youth \$5,
..... Organisation \$30.

Cheques & money orders payable to Fairfield City Art Society.

I agree to abide by the rules of the Fairfield City Art Society

Signature

Date

## F.C.A.S. 2016 PROGRAMME

(in progress)

for Several Species of Small Furry Animals  
all Gathering Together in an Artists' Corner  
each Second Monday of Each Month :

- Mon, 14<sup>th</sup> Mar: Committee & member Meeting
- Mon, 21<sup>st</sup> Mar: Hang "See me, Hear me"
- Tue, 22 Mar: Open "See me, Hear me"
- Sun, 24<sup>th</sup> Mar: Carnevale: Face-painting
- Thur, 7<sup>th</sup> Apr: Take down "See me, Hear me"
- Thur, 7<sup>th</sup> Apr: Hang Emily Reed Exhibition
- Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> Apr: Committee & member Meeting
- Sun, 1<sup>st</sup> May: 2016 Members Prize Exhib Handing-in & Hanging
- Fri, 6<sup>th</sup> May: 2016 Members Prize Exhib Opening
- Sun, 15<sup>th</sup> May: 2016Members Prize Take-down and Artist Corner Hanging of Members Prize Winners Showcase
- Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> July : Committee & member Meeting
- Mon, 8<sup>th</sup> Aug.: Committee & member Meeting
- Mon, 12<sup>th</sup> Sep.: Committee & member Meeting
- Mon, 10<sup>th</sup> Oct.: Monthly Meeting – preparation for 2016 Fairfield Art Prize
- Sun, 16<sup>th</sup> Oct: 2016Fairfield Art Prize Exhibition Handing-in & Hanging
- Fri, 21<sup>th</sup> Oct.: 2016 Fairfield Art Prize Opening
- Sun,30<sup>th</sup> Oct.: 2016 Fairfield Art Prize Take-down Plus Artist Corner Hanging of FAP Prize Winners Showcase
- Mon.14th Nov.; Committee & member Meeting
- Fri, 2 Dec.: Crib maintenance working bee
- Mon, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.: **AGM plus End-of-year party**

*All artists and friends of Art are warmly encouraged to come and participate in all our Meetings, Events, Exhibitions and parties.*

### Penultimate Words:

I STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT DEGENERATE INTO GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT.

— Max ERNST.

WE OWE MOST OF OUR GREAT INVENTIONS AND MOST OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF GENIUS TO IDLENESS —EITHER ENFORCED OR VOLUNTARY.

— Agatha CHRISTIE.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ENJOY IDLING THOROUGHLY UNLESS ONE HAS PLENTY OF WORK TO DO.

— Jerome K JEROME.

THE FOLLY OF ALLOWING OURSELVES TO DELAY WHAT WE KNOW CANNOT BE FINALLY ESCAPED IS ONE OF THE GENERAL WEAKNESSES WHICH, IN SPITE OF THE INSTRUCTION FROM MORALISTS, AND THE REMONSTRATIONS OF READSON, PREVAIL TO A GREATER OR LESSER DEGREE IN EVERY MIND.

— Samuel JOHNSON.

DOING NOTHING GETS PRETTY TIRESOME BECAUSE YOU CANNOT STOP AND REST.

— Pierce ORFF.

IN EVERYTHING IT IS THE NATURE OF THE HUMAN MIND TO BEGIN WITH NECESSITY AND END IN EXCESS.

— PLINT the ELDER.

IT WAS SUCH A LOVELY DAY, I THOUGHT IT WAS A PITY TO GET UP.

— William Somerset MAUGHAM.

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