



President's Report for year ending 30 November 2019

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

Our previous AGM was held as announced, on Monday, 10th December 2018 in the Sports Office on the Mezzanine level (Club Marconi). Cam Finch-Hatton was Returning Officer. And as Observers we had the welcome attendance of Club Marconi Board Members Angelo Ruisi and Morris Licata.

Management Committee elected were ; President **John Janis Supe**, Vice President **Ron Stitzinger**, Secretary / Treasurer **Joe Briffa**, Liaison + Gallery Manager **Steve McLaren**, Publicity Officer **Leane Stitzinger**, Committee Members **Lorraine Maggs**, **Julio Pena**, and **Svetlana Panov**

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 another very closely-run contest, Cheryl Tate won the rare honour of having her name inscribed on our "Good-Ship Arts-Alive Travelling Trophy".

Beginning Monday 28th January 2019 we held 9 Monthly Meetings (second Monday each Month). All of these were open and minuted management-committee meetings (everyone welcome).

Other Management Committee Activities :

- * Joe Briffa and Julio Elbio Pena regularly attend monthly meetings of the Club Marconi Sports & Cultural Associations, which are chaired by Mr Mario Soligo, Club Marconi Vice President and Sports President and also meetings with the Marconi Board of Directors and Club management. Joe also regularly prepares and submits our "Art Association" articles in the "Marconi Wire" magazine.
- * Linda Brescia, Svetlana Panov and Joe Briffa represented our art society organising and managing Art Workshops at this year's Club Marconi Carnevale on a sunny Sunday 24th March.
- * Ron Stitzinger and Lorraine Maggs represented us at the Club Grants Function and ceremony 20th July here at the Club Marconi.
- * The majority of our Committee attended the Club Marconi Sports & Culture Dinner on Saturday 20th October. Shirley Peters our Champion (CM Presidents Acquisitive Prize winner) was an apology.
- * Joe Briffa, Julio Elbio Pena, Leane and Ron Stitzinger, spent the whole Friday 30th November restoring and refurbishing the Club Marconi Christmas Nativity Crib (under stairs past the escalators).
- * Joe Briffa continued to manage our website "www.fairfieldcityart.org", and Steve McLaren managed our Facebook page "**Fairfield Art Society – est 1961**". Steve is also our "photographer at large", and prepares a viewing of artworks while they being awarded at our Exhibition Opening ceremonies.
- * Linda Brescia as usual every Monday night, during school terms, has organised warm friendly Art Classes in our Club Marconi Bocce area. These classes are for adults and children to expand their artistic abilities.
- * Svetlana Panov every Tuesday afternoon, during school terms, organised her friendly Art Classes also here inside Club Marconi. These classes are for children to expand their artistic abilities.

This year Joe and JJ again produced 3 "**Arts Alive**" Newsletters. Covering Dec 2018 to Dec 2019, these were issue numbers 77 to 79 inclusive. Joe & JJ as Co-Editors, have Editorial meetings in preparing the newsletter for publishing. Joe also personally printed these editions (as he/we likewise do with our MP and FAP Exhibition Application Forms, and Catalogues for Openings).

And now, to what we are really about –

This year we successfully organised SIX Major Exhibitions. Chronologically they were :

* **Peter Markwick Memorial Exhibition**, titled "Walk A Mile In My Shoes" – This memorial exhibition was largely organised by Lorraine Maggs and Ron Stizinger with Cheryl Tate. Lorraine also designed the exhibition invitation and extensive catalogue. Opened on Friday 12th April by Ian Chapman Artist and Vice-President and Life Member Australian Watercolour Institute, and the Hon. Guy Zangari (MLA for Fairfield). Also speaking were Cheryl Tate, Roger Markwick and J J Supe. This excellent and extensive exhibition continued till 1st June.

* **2019 FCAS Member's Prize Exhibition** (the "52nd Annual Exhibition"), in Mezzanine areas of Club Marconi, was officially opened in the Elletta Room Friday 7th June by Mr Mario Soligo, Vice-President Club Marconi, who assisted presenting prizes and awards by Board members Angelo Ruisi and Andrea Carnuccio. Exhibition was open to the public from 3rd to 16th June. Dr Madeleine Kelly, Artist and Lecturer, Visual Arts Art Sydney College of the Arts, University of Sydney and by Mr Ian Chapman, Artist and Vice-President and Life Member Australian Watercolour Institute.

The winner of the annual \$2000 Club Marconi Presidents Acquisitive-Prize was Mrs Fay Joseph with a work titled "Trio". Many thanks and much applause, to the Club Marconi President and Board of Directors, for sponsoring this ongoing feature to our yearly exhibition program. Bravo!

A new and very appreciated sponsorship by Roger Markwick and Therese Doyle, the "Peter Adrian Markwick Memorial Art Prize" was awarded to Ron Stizinger for his artwork "Into Despair"

First Prize winners were Anna Boros (Trad), Svetlana Panov (Cont), and Lorraine Maggs (WonP).

We also had a very large Youth section with 10 Prizes for the adjudged best Youth artworks.

* **2019 Member's Prize Showcase Of Winners Exhibition**. Most of the award-winning artworks from our just closed Member's Prize Exhibition, were showcased together, in our Gallery Space on the Mezzanine level in front of the Colloseo and Bocce areas. from 17th June till 3rd August.

* **“Fay Joseph Solo Exhibition”**. This excellent exhibition of the Club Marconi 2019 Presidents Acquisitive Prize Winning artwork was largely organised by Joe Briffa, and Lorraine Maggs designed the invitation and gave an inspiring and informative speech about Fay’s artworks at the opening. The exhibition was officially opened by Fairfield Mayor Frank Carbone and Deputy Mayor Selma Yelmaz, and was on view for all Club patrons from the 5th August till Sunday 12th October.

* **2019 Fairfield Art Prize** (our “27th Annual FAP Exhibition”), was Opened in the Ellettra Room in front of a very large audience, by Frank Carbone, Mayor of Fairfield City and the Hon. Guy Zangari, MLA for Fairfield, and Mr Angelo Ruisi (Club Marconi Board of Directors) on Fri 18th October who also assisted with Prize and Award presentation. (Exhibition was open to public 14th to 27th October). The exhibition was judged by Kurt Schranzer, Artist, and Associate Lecturer, UNSW Art and Design and Dr. Chelsea Lehmann, Artist, and Painting Lecturer, National Art School.

Category First Prize winners were Atif Alqas (Trad), Cheryl Tate (Cont) and JJ Supe (WonP).
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* **2019 Fairfield Art Prize Showcase Of Winners Exhibition**. Almost all 18 award-winning artworks from our recently closed Fairfield Art Prize Exhibition, were showcased together, in our new Gallery Space from the 28th October and will be on view for all Club Marconi visitors till late January 2020

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 as listed above, over the past year, and as in many previous years.

John Janis Supe, President FCAS.

Vita Brevis, Ars Longa

Management Committee, elected at the AGM held on 9th Dec 2019, is:

President: Svetlana Panov
Vice President: Ron Stitzinger
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Exhibition Graphics & Speeches co-ordinator:
Lorraine Maggs
Post-office box & FCMG Liaison: **Cheryl Tate**
Members: **Meri Andric** and **Glenda Carter**

The Committee wishes to congratulate our new President **Svetlana Panov**, and **Steve McLaren** on being elected Life-member, and new members **Cheryl Tate**, **Meri Andric** and **Glenda Carter**. Finally, a huge thank-you to **John Janis Supe** for his 22 years of service as President of our Art Association.

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

Our website;

fairfieldcityart.org

and our facebook page

Fairfield Art Society- Est 1961

Email: admin@fairfieldcityart.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that due to the changes taking place at Club Marconi we cannot guarantee that we will be able to hold our two yearly exhibitions at the Club. We will endeavour to keep members informed of developments.

F.C.A.S. 2020 PROGRAMME

(in progress)

for Several Species of Small Hairy Animals all Gathering Together at 8.00 on the Mezzanine Level each Second Monday of Each Month :

Mon, 10th Feb, Committee & member Meeting
Fri, 21st Feb, Meeting Guy Zangari re exhibition space
Fri, 28th Mar, Install hanging system and hang March 2020 exhibition in Guy Zangari’s office
Mon 9th Mar, Committee & member Meeting
Thur. 31 Mar. Take down Guy Zangari exhibition
Mon, 13th April, Committee & member Meeting.
Mon, 11th May, Committee & member Meeting
Sun, 7th Jun, 2020 Members Prize Exhibition
Handing-in & Hanging Party
Fri, 12th Jun, 2020 Members Prize Exhib Opening
Sun, 21st June, 2020 Members Prize Take-down
and **Hanging Party** for Members Prize Winners Showcase Exhibition
Mon, 13th July : Committee & member Meeting
Mon, 10th Aug: Committee & member Meeting
Mon, 14th Sep.: Committee & member Meeting
Sun, 18th Oct.: 2020 Fairfield Art Prize Exhibition
Handing-in & Hanging
Fri, 23th Oct.: 2020 Fairfield Art Prize Opening
Sun, 1 Nov: 2020 Fairfield Art Prize Take-down
and **Hanging Party** of FAP Prize Winners Showcase Exhibition.
Mon. 2nd Nov.; Committee & member Meeting
Mon, 14th Dec.: **AGM** plus **End-of-year party**

All artists 20and friends of Art are warmly encouraged to come and participate in all our Meetings, and activities.

Introducing: Florence Ilacqua

Florence is a Sydney based traditional artist who works in watercolour, acrylics, pastels, oils and other varied mediums. She is largely self-taught, gaining inspiration and new techniques by attending workshops and demonstrations with other talented artists.

Florence runs weekly classes & demos at the Dundas Community centre. She continues to research and experiment with new papers and techniques and loves to share her knowledge with other artists. She can be contacted by email: filacqua4122@gmail.com

Fairfield City Museum & Gallery Stakeholders Consultation Meeting

Chaired by: Martha Jabour

Date: Wed. 5 February.

Attendees:

Grigory Rogokjin:

Volunteer Blacksmith

Jane Stratton:

Children's' Bookshop - Think and do Tank'

Dr Bushra Al-Obaidi

Board Member, Iraqi Aust.Uni. Graduates Forum

Maya Zuhair Jamil:

HSC & Uni. High Achieving Members of Iraqi

Australian University Graduates Forum

Romeo Menegazzi:

Old Timers Club

Zana Brasnovic:

Arts Advisory Committee

Svetlana Panov:

Fairfield Art Society President

Steve McLaren :

Fairfield Art Society Liaison Officer

Lorraine Maggs:

Fairfield Art Society Committee Member

Carmel Aiello:

Fairfield City Museum & Gallery Coordinator & Education Officer

Alinde Bierhuizen:

Social History Curator

Ruth Maittlen:

Assistant Curator

FCMG - a non-commercial community museum & gallery in partnership with Fairfield City Council and Arts NSW. Their aim is to engage and strengthen the community through the arts, culture and heritage, inspiring an interest in the past and present by the promotion of new ways of looking and by the undertaking of original ideas which facilitate dialogue; our society could take part by the preparation of proposals, ideas for workshops, talks and exhibitions which speak for the citizens of Fairfield.

One of our Mission statement aims is to 'develop an ongoing partnership with the Fairfield City Museum & Gallery' thus bringing about respect and consideration. To work at this aim, we need to consider how we can encourage our members to engage more fully with the museum and gallery and thus develop a two-way conversation where our interests can be shared.

L. Maggs 10/02/2020

Additional reporting by Steve McLaren 18/02/2020

- There was discussion regarding ways of unifying the various art groups in Fairfield and that some aren't aware of others;
- Questions of how the space is utilized and is it being used to its full potential in relation to funding and staffing and how do we as an art community help them achieve maximum potential and funding - how do we help them help us to help them;
- A series of artist talks/meet ups etc from the different art groups in the area so there can be a cross pollination of ideas etc - theme of This is our Art Community could bring every one together
- A bit more emphasis on youth and evolving programs with more practiced artists mentoring them towards continuing art practices - a step up from art lessons for kids etc;
- There was much more discussed and written onto giant worksheets and further wall sheets to which I believe will be printed up when all of the information is finally collated.

We invite all our members who wish to contribute ideas regarding the activities of the Fairfield Museum and Gallery to please email details to admin@fairfieldcityart.org or to the FCMG direct.

Congratulations to the following award-winning members in the 22nd Liverpool Art Society Annual Exhibition Awards 2019

Svetlana Panov, Winner of the ANZ Innovation Award with a work titled 'Troika', Ceramic;

Di Hallinan, Awarded 2nd Prize in the Judy pack Memorial History category with a work titled "This is Liverpool";

Dorothy-Rae Sullivan, Awarded First Prize in the Acrylic Painting category with a work titled "Transcendence";

Hedar Abadi, Awarded First Prize in the Oil or Encaustic category with a work titled "Rocking Chair";

Linda Ferlazzo, Awarded Second Prize in the Oil or Encaustic category with a work titled "No Milk Today";

Pamela Rodoreda, Awarded First Prize in the Drawing or Original Print Category with a work titled "Braveheart";

Monica Salinas, Awarded First Prize in the Ceramics category with a work titled "African Masks"

Julio Pena, Awarded Second Prize in the Ceramics category with a work titled "Palette"

Art Classes and workshops

Where: Marconi Bocce Area, located up the escalator just after our Mezzanine Gallery at the back of the club

Linda Brescia (Mob: 0407 700 434):

- ◆ Every Monday Night (except school hols & public hols) 7.00 pm – 8.30pm
- ◆ \$15 per night incl. all materials Just turn up during school terms !!

Casula Powerhouse Art Centre :

Life workshops: Every Tuesday night 7.00pm to 9.00pm - Short pose

- Life workshops: Every third Sunday of each month 10.30am to 1.30pm - Long pose
- Ceramics classes are held every Saturday morning

Fairfield City Museum and Gallery

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



2020 F.C.A.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION January to December 2020

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 or direct transfer to bsb: 062 217 account no: 1034 0711

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

Signature

Date: / / 2020

New Exhibition Space in the heart of Fairfield

We are extremely pleased to announce that we have been offered regular exhibition space in the front office of the Hon. Guy Zangari, State Member for Fairfield.

The office is located at 55A Smart street Fairfield. This offer will enable our Society to exhibit group and individual members' work for periods of up to one month. We have reached agreement for the Society to install a gallery style hanging system in the space available and will have our first exhibition during the month of March 2020.

We are very excited about this project and will be appointing a liaison officer responsible for the running of the exhibition and liaising with Mr Zangari's office.

Located in the heart of the Fairfield Central Business District, the office is quite busy with many people venturing in every day. A display of artworks for a dedicated period of time every year will be a wonderful opportunity to promote local talent and engage the community in an activity that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to appreciate.

If you wish to have your work displayed in this venue please contact the Society on admin@fairfieldcityart.org

JJ's Penultimate Words:

BEAUTY IS TRUTH, TRUTH IS BEAUTY — THAT IS ALL YE KNOW ON EARTH AND ALL YE NEED TO KNOW.

— John KEATS.

ART ONLINE WILL NEVER REPLACE THE ACTUAL OBJECT AND EXPERIENCE, I THINK IT WILL JUST GIVE PEOPLE MORE INFORMATION AND MAKE THEM MORE EXCITED TO MAKE THE PILGRIMAGE TO SEE THINGS.

— Nick MITZEVICH (NGA).

IF I VISIT AN ART EXHIBITION I'D LIKE TO SEE WORK BY SKILLED, INSPIRED ARTISTS. THE JOY OF WATCHING ORDINARY PEOPLE DO ARTY THINGS IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR QUALITY —John McDONALD(SMH)

GOD IS REALY ONLY ANOTHER ARTIST. HE INVENTED THE GIRAFFE, THE ELEPHANT AND THE ANT, HE HAS NO REAL STYLE. HE JUST GOES ON TRYING OTHER THINGS.

— Pablo PICASSO.

WITH ALL HIS EXALTED POWERS — MAN STILL BEARS IN HIS FRAME THE INDELIBLE STAMP OF HIS LOWLY ORIGIN,

— Charles DARWIN.

I'M NOT RELYING ON EVIDENCE (ON CLIMATE CHANGE).

— Senator Jim MOLAN.

CLEAR CONSCIENCE AND BAD MEMORY GO HAND IN HAND.

— Anon.

NEVER INTERRUPT YOUR ENEMY WHEN HE IS MAKING A MISTAKE.

— Napoleon BONAPARTE.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK, READ BEFORE YOU THINK.

— Fran LEBOWITZ.

A PEOPLE THAT VALUES ITS PRIVILEGES ABOVE ITS PRINCIPLES SOON LOSES BOTH.—Dwight EISENHOWER

GOVERNMENTS IGNORE AT THEIR PERIL DEMANDS BY CITIZENS TO COMBAT CORRUPTION WITH VIGOUR. WE URGE YOU TO IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH A STRONG EFFECTIVE AND INDEPENDENT NATIONAL INTEGRITY COMMISSION — Petition signed by 32 JUDGES including Gerard BRENNAN (former Chief Justice of High Court), and Mary GAUDRON (first female Justice).

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