



President's Report for year ending 30 November 2014

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

Our previous AGM was held as announced, on Monday, 9th December 2013 in the Sports Association Office at the back of the Mezzanine level (Club Marconi). **Delfina Pipitone** was Returning Officer.

The AGM was followed by our End of Year "Dr. Zeus Theme" 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 **Leane Stitzinger** won the rare honour of keeping our "Good-Ship Arts-Alive Travelling Trophy" for the duration of 2014.

Beginning Monday 10th February 2014 we held **7 Monthly Meetings** (second Monday each Month). All of these were open and minuted management-committee meetings.

In addition to the Monthly Meetings, micelf(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 notable 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. Unfortunately this Sunday 6th April annual Club Marconi Sports Carnivale, was washed out.

Joe, Lorraine, Nika Norman, Steve McLaren and Ron Stitzinger represented our Association at the annual Club Marconi Chestnut Day, Sunday 27th April. They provided a comprehensive Children's Face-Painting service, on a warm sunshiny sausage-sizzle sort of day

Similarly, **Nika** and **Lorraine** represented us with Children's Face-Painting activities at Club Marconi's Italian Republic Day celebrations and festivities, till bad weather set in, on Sunday 1st June.

Lorraine and Joe represented our art society at a Club Grants Function on 7th Aug at Mount Pritchard Social Club. Then **JJ** and **Leane & Ron Stitzinger** did same at another Club Grants Ceremony on 27th Aug, also at St Johns Park Bowling Club.

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 2014 to Jan 2015, these were issue numbers **62 to 64** 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).

The morning of Sunday 19 Oct was spent by **Joe** and **Steve McLaren** on maintenance and painting of our Fifteen white screens just prior to the hanging of the Fairfield Art Prize Exhibition.

And just last Friday the 5th, **Joe, Steve, Leane and Ron**, spent all day restoring, refurbishing and repainting the Club's Christmas Nativity Crib (under stairs near the front escalators).

And now, to what we are really about –

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

Giovanni Tozzetti -- Solo Exhibition in our Artist Corner. **Giovanni**, a past President of our FCAS, and multi-award winning artist, exhibited his wonderful abstract paintings, and were well enjoyed by many Club Marconi patrons from 17th February till 22nd March.

John Rice – Solo Exhibition from 25th March till 4th May in our Artists Corner, we were all able to enjoy the atmospheric landscapes of our very popular local High School principal **John Rice**.

2014 FCAS Member's Prize Exhibition (the **47th "Annual Exhibition"**), Mezzanine area of Club Marconi, was officially opened Friday 9th May, by **Mario Soligo** (Club Marconi Vice-President) and **Delfina Pipitone** (Club Board). Exhibition was open to the public from 5th to 18th May.

Also speaking at the Opening was the exhibition judge Nicolas Tsoutas, Stedman Visual Arts Lecturer, Sydney College

of Arts, University of Sydney.

Category First Prize winners were **Filomena Vanzanella** (Trad), **Cheryl Tate** (Cont), and **Pamela Rodoreda** (W on P).

The winner of the annual \$2000 **Club Marconi "Best in Show" Acquisitive-Prize** was **Linda Brescia** with her "*Memories Die With Us*". Many thanks and much applause to **Club Marconi** for sponsoring this ongoing *feature* addition to our yearly exhibition program. *Bravo!*

2014 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 19th May till 29th June.

Also showing were **Patricia Johnston, John Rice, Sybil Barber, Ojars Greste, Dorothy-Rae Sullivan, and Len Hurley.**

Patricia Johnston -- Solo Exhibition in our Artist Corner. **Patricia**, a multi-award winning artist, exhibited mostly landscape and still-life paintings, and were viewed many Club Marconi patrons from 29th June till 16th August.

Beverly and Ron Webster – Duo Exhibition also in our Artists Corner. This married team showed many landscape paintings and a section devoted to canine paintings. This successful show was seen by many 17th August till 18th October .

2014 Fairfield Art Prize our "**22nd Annual FAP Exhibition**", was Opened by **Guy Zangari MP** (State Member for Fairfield) and **Mario Soligo** (Club Marconi Vice-President) on Friday 24th October (Open to public 20th Oct till 2nd November).

The exhibition judge was **Dr Adam Geczy** (Senior Lecturer, Sculpture and Art Theory, Sydney College of Arts, University of Sydney).

Category First Prize winners were again **Filomena Vanzanella** (Trad), **Renate Fisher** (Cont) and again **Renate Fisher** (W on P).

2014 Fairfield Art Prize Showcase Of Winners Exhib. All award-winning artworks from our recently closed Fairfield Art Prize Exhib, are showcased together, in our Artists Corner from the 3rd November. Along with the three above, they include **Martin Shaliapin, Fay Joseph, Charlie Wells, John Tooma, Mary T Nguyen, Beverly Webster, Maria Galass, Peter Markwick, and Patricia Johnston.** This show will close mid-Jan 2015.

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

Takiteasy, John Janis Supe, President FCAS.

Vita Brevis, Ars Longa.

Management Committee, elected at the AGM held on 10th Dec 2014, 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

Liaison & Property, Art Corner/Studio Manager:
Steve McLaren - 0419 123 450

Education officer: Nika Norman - 9645 4104

Publicity officer: Peter Markwick

Committee Member: Leane Stitzinger, Ron Stitzinger

The Committee meets every second Monday of the month except January & public holiday Mondays (see Program on last page). All members are warmly encouraged to attend and actively participate in all our activities.

Members wishing to exhibit their artwork in the Artists Corner in Club Marconi, please contact Steve McLaren on 0419 123 450

**Breaking Member News:
Lorraine Maggs finalist in the inaugural Paramor Prize 2015**



Lorraine's entry in the Paramor Prize 2015 (photo L.Hurley)



The work, 'Beneath the Ripples', 2014, consists of 35 layered flags; 16 flags strung on two parallel lines stretch over 6 metres. Each flag is made from organza, rice paper and or newsprint, and are linocut prints (relief) printed in black and or white ink. This work was also a finalist in the 2014 Silk Cut Awards for Linocut Prints, Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Caulfield South, Victoria.

Member News:

Filomena Vanzanella :



Artists Corner at Club Marconi

The Fairfield Art Society, is proud to invite members and guests to a solo exhibition of artworks by our multi award-winning Society Member **Filomena Vanzanella**

"I was born in Sydney, from Italian parents. I enjoyed art as a child. As I grew, I changed my direction in life, one of which was to raise a family. Once they were old enough I decided to study art in 2006 and I have completed my Advanced Diploma of fine arts.

I do prefer to paint portraits from photographs and paint them in acrylics. I also like to use charcoal and paint different subjects such as plants and animals.

Descriptions of the artworks

I have chosen to display a mix of artworks. These are a group of paintings and works on paper that over time you can see how my art has progressed. My portrait subjects are of my immediate family. I usually stage the piece I want to paint and take a photograph. Or if I see a photo that I or a friend has taken that I like, I will paint it.

I hope you enjoy the display, and any feedback would be wonderful."

The exhibition opened on the 18th January, and will be on view until the 15th March 2015. All artworks are for sale (unless already sold).

Contact: (mazdarella@hotmail.com)

Member News (cont.) :

Charlie Wells :

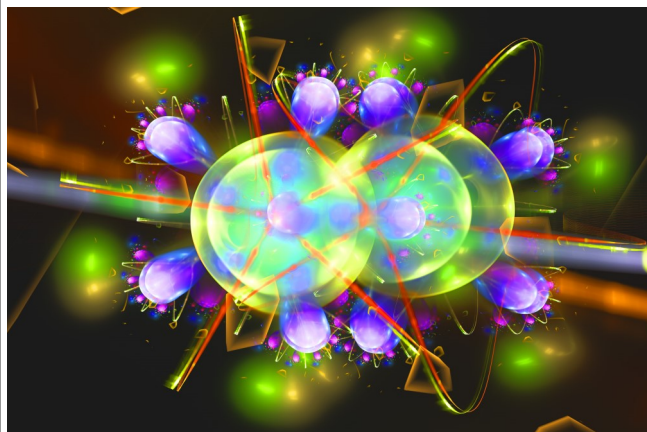


Forms of Landscape from Friday 6 February, until Saturday 28 February 2015, at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre, 137 Reed St, Greenway, ACT 2901.

Artist Statement:

"Our experience of the world is shaped by both subtle and dramatic forces of nature. In Forms of Landscape, Charlie Wells reveals a unique perspective of the natural Australian landscape inspired by her travels and everyday life."

Len Hurley :



"MORE OF THE HIDDEN DIMENSION"

at the
Fracking Redundants Art Gallery,
111A Crystal St, Petersham,
opening 6th March 2015 6.30pm.

An exhibition of digital art works created using fractals, photo-shop and other computer tools. Fractals are mathematical equations that can be used to create complex computer generated patterns. Len Hurley is a self-taught artist who has work displayed at various galleries around Sydney and has won many awards including *Photo of the Year* at Sydney Camera Club. **All welcome**

Fairfield City Museum and Gallery

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



FAIRFIELD AT WAR:

Public Space, 14 February – 9 May 2015

Fairfield at War investigates the affect of World War I on the Fairfield LGA with a focus on the experiences of war for soldiers as well as the women, children and others on the home front. It will also examine the affect the war had on the local community, economy, and industry of Fairfield. This exhibition promotes understanding of and educates younger generations about War, as well as pays tribute to those who were affected by the war. Exhibition opening: 14 February, 2pm

A PLACE TO CALL HOME - Migrant Hostel Memories
Stein Gallery, 14 February—25 April 2015

A travelling photographic exhibition from the National Archives of Australia detailing some of the many memories of post-war immigrants to Australia from the 1950's onwards.

<http://livingmuseum.com.au/learn/museum>



Art Classes by Nika Norman



- ◆ Every Monday Night (except school hols)
- ◆ Re-started Monday, 9th February 2015
- ◆ 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

2015 F.C.A.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION January to December 2015

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. 2015 PROGRAM

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

- Mon, 9th Mar: Committee & member Meeting
- Sun, 29th Mar: Carnevale: Face-painting
- Mon, 13th Apr: Committee & member Meeting
- Sun, 26th Apr: Chestnut day: Face-painting
- Sun, 3rd May: 2015 Members Prize Exib Handing-in & Hanging
- Fri, 10th May: 2015 Members Prize Exib Opening
- Sun, 17th May: 2015 Members Prize Take-down and Artist Corner Hanging of Members Prize Winners Showcase
- Sun, 31st May: Republic Day: Face-painting
- Mon, 1st June: Committee Meeting
- Mon, 13th July : Artwork WordShop : constructive group critique of members work
- Mon, 10th Aug.: Monthly Meeting
- Mon, 14th Sep.: Monthly Meeting – preparation for 2015 Fairfield Art Prize
- Sun, tbc Oct.: 2015 Fairfield Art Prize Exhibition Handing-in & Hanging
- Fri, tbc Oct.: 2015 Fairfield Art Prize Opening
- Sun, tbc Oct.: 2015 Fairfield Art Prize Take-down Plus Artist Corner Hanging of FAP Prize Winners Showcase
- Mon, 9th Nov.: Monthly Meeting – FAP post-mortem & preparation for AGM
- Mon, 14th 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:

TRUE ART DOES NOT LOOK LIKE ART. — Lao TZU

THE REWARD FOR CONFORMITY IS THAT EVERYONE LIKES YOU BUT YOURSELF. — Rita Mae BROWN

NEVER, NEVER BE AFRAID TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, ESPECIALLY IF THE WELL BEING OF A PERSON IS AT STAKE. SOCIETY'S PUNISHMENTS ARE SMALL COMPARED TO THE WOUNDS WE INFLICT ON OUR SOUL WHEN WE LOOK THE OTHER WAY.

— Dr Martin Luther KING Jr

INSANITY IN INDIVIDUALS IS RARE, BUT IN GROUPS, PARTIES, AND NATIONS IT IS THE RULE.

— Friedrich NIETZSCHE

A BELLIGERENT STATE PERMITS ITSELF EVERY SUCH ACT OF VIOLENCE, AS WOULD DISGRACE THE INDIVIDUAL.

— Sigmund FREUD

WAR IS A WAY OF SHATTERING TO PIECES MATERIALS WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE BE USED TO MAKE THE MASSES TOO INTELLIGENT.

— George ORWELL

ANYONE WHO ISN'T CONFUSED, REALLY DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION. — Edward R MURROW

THE INVENTOR OF PREDICTIVE-TEXT HAS DIED ANT HISS FUNFAIR WILD BE HELLO ON SUNDIAL.

— Joan Janice SUMP

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