



**Maryborough Regional
Art Society Inc**

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From the President:

Dear Members

During the last few months, MRAS has set up sub groups to review management and promotional processes as a result of a special S.W.O.T analysis meeting. Application was also made to the Office of Fair Trading to add the word "Regional" to the Art Society title, which will result in a wider and more inclusive membership.

The recent members exhibition reflected international art. Congratulations to *Wendy Talbot, Nora Hanasy* and *Hans Schmidt* for their excellent renditions of the work of European artists. The standard of the entries to this exhibition was extremely high

On the management side, appreciation to *Jeanette Rogers* and the three new executive members *Kaija Keys* (Secretary), *Tanya Kearin* (Treasurer) and *Pam Sleep* (Volunteer Coordinator).

As always, a big thank you to the many volunteers and committee members who contribute their time and energy to improve running procedure.

Applications are now being prepared for the September 2022 Annual Exhibition, so time to plan your entry. Thank you for your ongoing support and membership.

John Horrex, EM, President

General Meetings

It has been very pleasing to see a good attendance at the General Meetings and it is hoped that this will continue. These Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month commencing at 4.0pm

Membership

A warm welcome is extended to all New Members and to those who have re-joined after a short break in 2021. Hoping that you find your time in the Maryborough Regional Art Society most rewarding and enjoyable.

Total membership stands at 95 including life members and patrons.

Art Exhibition 2022

The Annual Art Festival Exhibition is on at Gatakers Artspace, Kent Street, Maryborough Qld from 5 August to 18 September, 2022.

Workshops

Workshops are a wonderful way to learn new skills and try out new mediums, it is also an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

So if Members would like to see a workshop held with a particular Medium or Art Style in mind please register your interest with the Gallery, and if we have enough enquiries than we can look at engaging a Tutor to run an appropriate workshop to meet your needs. Also please indicate which day of the week best suits and what time slots.

Annual General Meeting 2022

Date to be Determined.

This important event is fast approaching and time to start thinking about people taking a position on the committee for the next 12 months. Members are reminded that they need to be financial members to vote at the AGM.

Art Supplies

Members looking for Art Supplies or wanting to have their artwork matted or framed - look no further than Wide Bay Gallery - they can meet all your needs.

Also, a wonderful place to look for **Xmas Gifts**

Maryborough Regional Art Society is most appreciative of their ongoing support and Sponsorship.



Gallery Hours:

Mon – Fri: 9am - 4pm

Sat and Sun: 9am - 1pm

Public Holidays: Check with the Gallery as we will open on some holidays depending upon the availability of Volunteers.

Please Note: as the Gallery relies upon voluntary staff, at times you may find it closed.

Members Challenges

Thank you to all members who have supported the members challenges during 2021.

Congratulations to the winners in members challenge "My Interpretation of a famous artwork".

1st – Wendy Talbot for "Matisse's girl"

2nd - Nora Hanasy for "Tribute to Basquiat"

Highly Commended – Hans Schmidt for "The Stars Above"

Peoples Choice – Pam Sleep for "Sitting Down on his Luck"

If anyone wishes to provide ideas for members challenges next year, it would be very much appreciated.

Members Challenges 2022. Themes to be advised

General Conditions

- The Members Challenge was introduced to encourage Members to produce new Artwork to a given theme which means that old artwork will not be accepted as an entry in the Members Challenges. Entries should be produced over the last 6 to 12 months.
- Open to financial members only
- The size of the entry is not to exceed 1.2SqM. including the frame
- All paintings are to be ready to hang fitted with "D" Rings and Cords
- Artists name, title of the painting and sale price must be clearly marked on the back of the painting
- Presentations and socials will be held
- Entry forms will be available from the reception desk at the Gallery

Social Art Sundays: Bring any artwork or craft, anything you like, and enjoy the company of others in the gallery every Sunday from 9.30am.

Members Gallery: We would like to thank all the members who have supported the members gallery and if you have any new work, it would be more than welcome.

Gallery Roster

As the gallery is now open 9.00am to 4.00pm five days per week plus Saturdays and Sundays from 9am to 1pm, we need more people to assist on rosters. Any help is appreciated and you can do your artwork while here. We need someone for the roster on Fridays please.

Members if you feel that you could help please contact Pam Sleep at the Gallery on 4122 4408 or by email maryboroughart@bigpond.com. Pam is available at the Gallery on Sundays or leave a message and she will return your call. Many of our visitors enjoy talking with artists, it's a great way to help promote our gallery and also help new artists bring in their work, to come in and have a chat, tea or coffee and enjoy!

Coming Exhibitions

Pam Price

will be holding an exhibition in October

Nora Hanasy

having an exhibition during September and October

Stephen Preston

has fully booked Galleries 1 and 2 for November.

The Members Gallery

If passing by please call in and check this Gallery as Members have been displaying some new and interesting Art which is well worth having a look at

As the end of the year approaches there is not a great deal of space left in the Gallery for Exhibitions, however please give Helen a call if you are interested as I am sure that she can still find some space for another exhibition.

If you are contemplating holding an exhibition next year it is recommended that you book in early so as to avoid disappointment.

General

Members if you have some spare time and would like somewhere to sit and paint or to meet with other Art Friends and spend a couple of hours painting and socialising you will find that the workshop area at the Art Society is often free, there are various resources such as the Library which contains a number of books and magazines, also tea making facilities, painters easels etc. so if you are interested please contact the Art Society and make a booking.

At present we have a wonderful Committee who are working hard to make the Art Society and the Gallery something that the Members and the Community will be proud of, so if you have some time to spare please talk to the Committee and see if you can provide some assistance

Happy Painting, and if you have any items that you would like included in the next Newsletter please forward them to the Secretary for attention the Newsletter.

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