



Society of Artists
NEWCASTLE INC.

Society Newsletter

OCTOBER

Hello Fellow Artists,

Your committee met recently to discuss many matters including the Newcastle Art Prize, procedures for opening the rooms and other events as well as all the administrative stuff that needs to happen to keep the wheels turning (even if nothing seems to be happening).

As you no doubt have heard, the NSW Government has released their “roadmap” out of lockdown and there are some details about what will happen when full vaccination rates reach 70%, 80% and 90%. So far, they have not released details of what may happen if an area has high virus rates and have not ruled out snap lockdowns. So, the following information is based on the best-case scenario and changes could happen depending on the health orders.

Most importantly, our number one priority is the wellbeing of our members. We will be applying the NSW health orders to keep you safe and to ensure that we can keep operating.

Rooms Reopen

The plan is to open the rooms in accordance with the NSW Health orders on the Monday following the 70% full vaccination goal being achieved. At the moment, this is probably **Monday 11th October 2021** and will be confirmed. Group conveners are responsible for ensuring that the following conditions are followed:

- 4 square metre rule must be followed. The desks will be set and spaced and they must remain in their position. No exceptions.
- Social distancing required – keep 1.5 metres minimum from others at all times.
- Observe room limits. Maximum of 20 people in the main room (our space allows for greater numbers but at the 70% and 80% stage only groups of 20 are allowed indoors). This may mean that larger groups will need to break into two groups with one in the main room and one in the gallery (occupancy maximum 8). No intermingling of groups.
- Members who wish to attend groups must be vaccinated and must show evidence of vaccination or a certified exemption certificate to enter the rooms. This is the same as for all businesses, and while we recognise that some members may have strong opinions about vaccination, we must follow the health orders. Everyone will be welcome in December when the 90% vaccination rate is achieved.
- Masks must be always worn indoors unless you are legally exempt. Again, we recognise that some members may have strong opinions about this, but we will be strictly following the health orders. If you do not have an exemption and do not want to wear a mask you will need to wait to attend until this is no longer required under the health orders. Do not put others in a vulnerable position by potentially exposing them to the virus.

- Do not attend the rooms if you have any cold or flu like symptoms. Go and get tested! Once again, other members will not appreciate your coughs and sneezes so stay home until you are well or receive a negative test result.
- Sign in with the NSW COVID Safe App and sign the book for insurance.
- Use common sense hygiene practices. Wash your hands and use the sanitiser and wipes provided. Clean down all surfaces after use – table, easel.
- If you have underlying health conditions consult with your doctor and discuss whether it is suitable for you to be attending community-based activities. While we will be taking all necessary precautions and operating with a COVID Safe plan we cannot guarantee that there will not be an outbreak once people begin mingling. Each member is responsible for their own health and safety.

Newcastle Art Prize

The NAP is scheduled for the 12th – 14th November 2021 at the Adamstown Uniting Church Hall. This will be a major event with \$10,000 in prize money. I am sure that you will have plenty of paintings done during lockdown to exhibit. Entry form is attached. We also need your help to promote this event so please let your fellow artists know and spread the word through social media as well. The Society of Artists Newcastle has a Facebook page with this information so follow us and share the news. Flyer is attached.

Members' Exhibition Ron (Joe) Donkin Gallery Lambton Park

We have had to cancel many exhibitions this year and so are planning to squeeze one in before Christmas. There will be an **exhibition** in the **RJD Gallery at the Lambton Park rooms** on the weekend of the **27th and 28th November 2021**. I will forward more details closer to the date, and it will follow the usual format. Collection of artworks on the Friday afternoon or by prior arrangement and \$5 entry fee per painting. Total of four paintings per member. Think about the size and pricing of your art for this one in order to encourage sales for Christmas gifts.

Christmas Gathering

On Tuesday 7th December 2021 5:00pm there will be a function at the society rooms for all members to round off the year and to celebrate our 50-year anniversary. We have changed the date and put it back by one week to align with the possibility of more restrictions being eased in early December. Come along and enjoy some snacks and a glass of something. Wine, soft drink and water will be supplied. If you would like beer or another drink, please provide your own. This is a free event, but you will need to register to attend. You can do that by replying to this email.

Finally, there are a number of members who have not renewed their membership. They have received notifications and have been advised that they will no longer be receiving newsletters etc. If you know someone who has not renewed, let them know that they will be unable to attend groups and functions and will need to pay the non-members rate for their Newcastle Art Prize entries and workshops.

We look forward to seeing you soon, keep well and Happy Painting!

Ann-Maree Kelly for Hugh Cross (President)

NAP FLYER—below is the flyer for our Newcastle Art Prize. Please print and hand out to family, friends work colleagues and other social groups you know.



Society of Artists Newcastle Inc
presents

Newcastle Art Prize 2021

12th to 14th November
10 am to 5 pm daily

Adamstown Uniting Church Hall
Corner Brunker and Glebe Roads, Adamstown

NAP 2020 winner Peter Gallagher *Breakwater Columbus*

Art Director News

Workshops:

The committee has made the decision to cancel all workshops scheduled for the remainder of 2021 because of uncertainty around lockdown and continued restrictions.

It may not be possible to reschedule these workshops therefore all current registrations are cancelled.

If you have registered for and paid a deposit or paid in full for a cancelled workshop, you may choose to receive a refund.

To receive your refund you need to email the treasurer Jenni Gander at jennigan@bigpond.com with your banking details and a direct deposit will be made. I will let Jenni know who has paid and the amount.

You may also choose to keep your money in your SOAN account to go towards a future workshop. We are able to monitor these funds.

Once the workshops for 2022 are organised and notifications published you will need to register for the workshop(s) of your choice.

Registrations from this year will not be carried over to next year.

In summary:

- You may receive a refund by contacting the treasurer in writing OR
- You may choose to keep funds in credit in the society account
- Money in credit can be used towards a future workshop
- All registrations are now cancelled.

When workshops are advertised any member may apply and registrations will occur on a first in basis as per the workshop policy with a waiting list established if needed.

I hope this information is clear. If you have any questions contact me on kelly.annmaree@gmail.com.

Ann-Maree Kelly
Art Director



Members Christmas Party

There will be a Christmas Party held at the rooms for members.

This will be on **Tues 7 December 2021 at 5pm.**

This will be an occasion to round off the year and celebrate our 50 year anniversary. Wine, soft drinks and water will be supplied.

There is no charge, but **you must REGISTER** to attend. This can be done by replying to the email sent to you by Ann-Maree/Hugh.

Hopefully there will be no further Covid restrictions.

Weekly members activities

ROOMS RE-OPENING MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER

WITH COVID RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE

Activities at the rooms cost \$5 each - includes tea/coffee & utility, expenses (rates, power etc).

Although we now have a cleaner contracted for limited activity, it is still our individual responsibility to keep our rooms clean. Easels should be cleaned down, eg pastel dust and/or paint wiped off.

The Toilet area and kitchen area should also be left clean. If you wash dishes please do so thoroughly, wipe them over with paper towel and place back where you found them.

Each and every member is required to clean down their desk with spray and paper provided in the rooms.

COVID is still with us so masks must be worn whilst indoors, only three people in the kitchen at any one time, maintain social distancing and if you are unwell stay at home!

Please refer to President/Art Directors report for more details regarding the Covid safe practices for the rooms.

More details about weekly and regular art activities and workshops for 2021 can be found on the society's website.

MONDAY

9.30am - 12.30pm

Portrait Drawing and Painting

(\$10 payable weekly for provision of a model)

Wayne Berrigan 49282319

Denise Johns 0418 687467

1.00pm - 4.00pm

Contemporary Group

Mainly acrylic, watercolour and mixed media

Jill Campbell 49434352 or 0402 321812

TUESDAY

9.30am-12.30pm

Social Art (Oils) (All Welcome)

1.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesday Afternoon 1.00-4.00pm

stARTers - an afternoon for anyone wanting to get started or resume their art.

Bring along your art you are working on, your own art materials and our experienced tutor is there to guide you.

(Cost is \$15 per week)

**Note: Group does not meet on the last Tuesday of the month.)

For further information:

Jill Campbell 0402 321812

Jackie Maundrell-Hall

0451 854 354

jmaundrellhall@gmail.com

LAST Tuesday of each month

1.00pm Society of Artists Member's meeting
(all members and visitors welcome).

WEDNESDAY

9.00am-11.30am

Chinese Painting

Stephen Cassettari 0413 570190

10.00am - 1.00pm

Social Art - the RJD Gallery

Gill Miles 0417 217335

12.30pm-3.30pm

Soft Pastel Class

Gwendolin Lewis

0420 298611

5.30pm-8.00pm

Social Art (all media)

Mainly Acrylic but all media fine. **Please phone Lisa if intending to come.**

Lisa Gaudron 0427 571359.

THURSDAY

9am until 1pm

Main Room: SOCIAL ART

All welcome

Jo Donkin Room: MIXED MEDIA GROUP

Gill Miles: 0417217335

FRIDAY

10am-1.00pm

Friday Art Group

General painting in all mediums plus any desired assistance with colour & composition.

Kath Loudon 49526902

(Friday 10am—2pm only)

9.00 on location

Outdoor painting group

Friday 15th Oct Lambton Park

Cheers all, Jim and Bob.

Contact: Jim Woodbury 0419 991338

SATURDAY

Watercolour group - last Sat of month **ONLY**

10.00am - whenever

URBAN SKETCHERS

Sat 16th Oct Lane behind Scottys on Zaara Street

Sat 30th Oct Duckpond walk, Cain St Redhead, opposite Barnes Lane.

Next dates are 13 and 27 Nov.

Contact: Phil Bamford 0408 483143

Note: new day on Thursdays

ART SUPPLIERS SPECIALS

Information sourced from emails sent to editor— check dates of sale online.

SENIORS FINE ART SUPPLIES

20% off easels for October 15% off Arches watercolour paper Pkts
15% off Posca Marker most tip sizes. 10% off most charcoal
10% off Baohong Block watercolour pads in all sizes
10% off Arttec Visual diary in all sizes

ADAMSTOWN NEWSAGENCY

20% off Aqua Drop 30ml bottles 15% off Daniel Smith 15ml Tubes
20% off Gansai Tambi Set of 36 15% off Roman Szmal Aquarius Travel Set
15% off Raphael Squirrel Mop Brushes 15% off Langridge Oils
20% off Golden Heavy body 59ml Tubes 15% off Dr Ph Martins TECH inks
Multiple soft pastel specials 50% off Karmina Colouring Pencils

EXCERSLEYS

20% off Winsor& Newton Prof watercolour paints 5ml
20% off Winsor & Newton Watercolour Colourless Masking Fluid
20% off Liquitex Gloss Medium 20% off Liquitex Satin Varnishes
20% off Liquitex Gloss Varnishes Art Spectrum Oil Medium from \$22.30
20% off Neef Stay Wet Palettes

RIOT ART AND CRAFT

\$6.99 shipping on orders over \$50

Free shipping on orders over \$99.00

40% off entire range of artists pads 10% off Matisse Flow Acrylic Paint
50% off Eraldo Di Paolo Stretched canvas with wooden frame 8x10inch, 6x6 inch,
12x12 inch and 11x14 inch, 14x14inch,16x20inch.

THE SYDNEY ART STORE - Opening 18 October

Free delivery over \$99 Artist brush wrap case –holds 24 brushes \$12.50 each
Artist Denim apron \$54.95 ea Up to 52% off canvas rolls
10% off pastel boards 15% off Arches Watercolour blocks
15% off various brushes 10% off Caran D’Ache Gouche sets

ART EXHIBITIONS

MAC Yapang –Lake Macquarie

Oct 10 2021 WHIP collective—Art in your Community featuring the Women from the Hunter in Photography.) Each week we will feature several of the 30 members and showcase their practice on our Social Media Platforms—When reopen—will be able to be viewed in physical **exhibition** space.

10 Oct 2021 Arthur Boyd: Landscape of the Soul—Bundanon Trust's new three year nationally touring exhibition exploring a lifetime of landscape paintings by renowned Australian artist Arthur Boyd. Featuring up to 60 paintings, including a group of masterpieces borrowed from major state art museums as well as 20 works on paper, letters photographs and sketchbooks spanning almost half a century and featuring works from his adolescence through to his final years.

MRAG—Maitland

Oct 2—Nov 28 Unpreparable—Fiona Lee—Artists Fiona Lee lost her family and home and studio near Taree to the catastrophic bushfires in Nov 2019. This exhibition is a very personal, raw and challenging response to the bushfire crisis where the artist has shaped works from her home's scorched remnants; collecting, categorising and sorting through the ash and detritus from the site where her home once stood.

Oct 16 2021—Feb 6 2022 A Conspicuous Object—The Maitland Hospital—Ten artists were invited to respond to stories of Maitland Hospital. The Maitland Hospital is a layered place. A patchwork of buildings from across 170 years. With good and bad memories, funny and sad stories the artists tap into these stories.

Oct 2 Bushfire Brandalism- 41 Artists response to Climate crisis, drought and bushfires—this undertaking was a direct reaction to the feelings of powerlessness experienced by the artists during the 2019/2020 bushfires.

Newcastle Art Gallery 14Aug—31 October 2021– **Kilgour Prize 2021**—Since 2006 the Kilgour Prize has encouraged innovation within portrait and figurative painting. One of Australia's major art prizes, the Kilgour Prize 2021 awarded \$50,000 for the most outstanding work of art, and a Peoples choice of \$5000 to the painting voted most popular by the general public.