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“Mosman Down Under” is Over!!!!

Our exhibition at the Mosman Gallery closed on 8th November. It is thought by many to have been one of our best exhibitions ever. Since 1995, the Society has held 28 exhibitions in various venues in Mosman, North Sydney and over the Spit Bridge. This is our 5th exhibition in Mosman Gallery. The first was in 2001, that is, three years after the Gallery opened in 1998, and since then every alternate year. And, here we are in our 14th year as a Society.

We are most grateful to Ann Cape for officially opening the Exhibition and for her encouraging words about the Society and the works on display. She particularly reminded us that our Society is inclusive and is not selective, as are many other societies. Ann spoke very movingly about her personal journey as an artist. Thank you, Ann for your most significant contribution to the evening. We are also grateful to Mayor Anne Connon who graciously presided over all the proceedings and officially opened the Festival of Mosman and the Festival Photography exhibition. It was a grand Grand Hall occasion.

“Paintings in the Promenade” Sunday 1st November Happened!!

This was a new type of event initiated by the Society to which all artists were invited from all the societies and art groups we could contact. Having the event in conjunction with “Hunter Uncorked” proved a good idea. In spite of pay parking and logistical problems, nevertheless about 40 participated including about 10 Society members. Thank you to the Mosman Council and Skye Paton, the Festival manager, for their encouragement and assistance. Some artists travelled all the way from the western suburbs and northern beaches, and everybody enjoyed the Left Bank experience on the Balmoral promenade. Many sold their works and painted, mixed and mingled in the convivial atmosphere. It was a good community event.

The Year that is Almost Over!!!

has been one of the best that I can recall in recent memory. The two exhibitions, at the Hutley Hall and the Mosman Art Gallery have been of excellent standard. Our guest speakers on Tuesday nights, (Madeleine Szymanski, Ian Chapman, Jo Bertini, Ann Milch, Josefia Lemon and Malcolm Carver) have been first rate. We have good reason to expect that this trend will continue into next year and beyond.

As our membership increases, there are effects on the administrative work involved in continuing the day to day management of the Society. I am most grateful to our Committee for their continued dedication to these matters. I would particularly refer to the tireless work of Dr Max Coleman who looks after our finances and membership register. Thank you Max.

The Year to Come

The committee is giving consideration to making a leap into cyberspace next year. About two thirds of our membership have email addresses and we will be asking those members to accept our newsletters and publicity material from time to time to be sent by email instead of snailmail. This is not only a saving in cost, it is also quicker and less work for our hard worked committee. Use of email will open up more possibilities of better communications with and between members.

Exhibitions next year could be difficult because some of our previous premises are not possible. It is not easy to find suitable space for a hundred or so paintings and we only have access to the Mosman Gallery every second year. One acceptable option might be to have an exhibition of small works. There are a number of approaches and ideas to be considered.

For many years, the Society, in conjunction with Art Smart Seaforth, has provided a prize as part of the Mosman Youth Art Prize. Next year we are proposing to also contribute a prize as part of the North Sydney Art Prize. These are encouragement prizes which help to pursue one of our purposes as a Society, that is the fostering of art in the community.

We can talk over these matters at the AGM.

The **next newsletter** will be published early February and our first Tuesday Night will be in late February

Our Annual Meeting/Christmas Party Sunday 29th November:

An Annual Meeting is a time for reviewing what has been done, for collecting new ideas and seeking to improve or change what we are doing at present. Parking is easy. It will not consume much time. You will not be dragged onto any committee or pressured to do anything. Please come if you possibly can. We have had a pleasing influx of new members recently who we haven't yet met. Your turning up would be a real pleasure and encouragement. Immediately after the Annual Meeting we go into party mode. Our **Christmas party** continues until about 8pm. Some come to both. Some come just to the AGM and some just come to the Party. Details about the Party are enclosed.

Gerald Christmas

President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2009 AT 5.30PM

JULIAN ASHTON ART SCHOOL STUDIOS HEADLAND PARK GEORGES HEIGHTS.

AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES. AND PROXIES
2. CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S AGM
3. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT CONCERNING THE SOCIETY'S ACTIVITIES
4. RECEIVE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT AND STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009
5. RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ANNUAL STATEMENT REQUIRED BY ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT.
- 6 ELECT THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER AND UP TO SEVEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS
7. DETERMINE ANY SUBCOMMITTEES TO BE APPOINTED AND ELECT MEMBERSHIP.
- 8 RECEIVE AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

NOMINATIONS AND VOTING GUIDELINES

1. Nominations for any officer or member of the Committee must be received in writing by the Secretary prior to the annual meeting. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary Jan Hook. Each member has one vote which may be given personally or by proxy.
2. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairperson may exercise a second or casting vote.
3. Members or proxies may not vote if they have not paid their current annual subscription.
4. Any member may appoint another member as a proxy provided the notice of appointment, (enclosed) is given to the Secretary or the President prior to the meeting.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMENCES AS SOON AS WE CONCLUDE THE BUSINESS OF THE AGM, ABOUT 6PM see separate invitation

Members' Doings... Two Exhibitions opening on Saturday 28 November (the day before the AGM/Christmas Party....)

David Wiggs at Ethel Street Gallery Seaforth until 12th December. Opening 2-5pm

Erika Beck at Gallery 307 Sailors Bay Rd Northbridge until 9th December. Opening 4-6pm

