

Presidents Report AGM 2025 Year End

This is the presidents report for the year ended 31 December 2025

We started 2025 with our 30th birthday celebrations, which were held here at the Mosman Art Gallery in the Grand Hall. During the celebrations, we presented six of our members who had joined the society in the first five years of its formation, with life memberships.

The 30th birthday celebration was also an opportunity to launch our new logo, which has been a great success. It is contemporary, distinctive and more readily identifiable as belonging to the Mosman Art Society.

Other social events included the monthly 'Coffee and Conversation' held at Frenchy's café in Mosman, and our Christmas party which was well attended.

Sponsorships

We continue to build on our close connection with the Mosman Art Gallery. The society was a sponsor again for both the Mosman Art Prize as well as the Mosman Art Youth Prize. Our branding was front and centre for both of these events and the society was acknowledged on the opening nights. In addition, we co presented an award with Artsmart for our chosen winner of the Mosman Art Youth Prize.

Paul Tavuzzi

Sadly, we lost member, Paolo Tavuzzi, who passed away in April of 2025. Paolo was a highly respected and award winning architect. He had had dreams of pursuing a career in art out of school, but family expectations discouraged this direction and so he pursued architecture instead. On his retirement, Paolo took up his passion for art again and several years before his passing, he had joined the Mosman Art Society, which his widow, Catherine, has told us, brought him so much joy.

Paolo's wishes, on his passing, was to establish an art prize for young emerging artists, and he has bequeathed the society with funds for such an award. We have chosen to collaborate with the Mosman Art Gallery to establish this prize, which was formally announced by the mayor recently at the opening of the Mosman Art prize.

The Paolo Tavuzzi Bequest is to be awarded annually, for a period of ten years, to a graduating student from an accredited art school in Sydney and/or New South Wales and is intended to assist the recipient in establishing their professional career following graduation. Calls for submission will commence shortly and 2026 will see the first of the prizes determined. What an amazing legacy!

Exhibitions & Workshops

The focus on the 30th birthday celebrations and logo change meant that we had to quickly regroup and organise other activities from April.

Throughout 2025 we held several workshops and demonstrations. We kicked off with a Kate Gradwell acrylics landscape workshop in July. In October we had a two hour plein air demonstration from member, Michael Braden, at Sirius Cove. Later in October, Rachell

Carroll presented a two hour demonstration on gel printing. All of these were subsidised to reduce the cost for participants.

Exhibitions

In June of the year, we held the 'Small work Art Show' exhibition at the Mosman Rowers, in which we managed to hang all 51 submissions.

Our final exhibition of the year was at the Creative Space, Curl Curl, in December. Once again, all submissions were hung. We appreciate all members who participated in the roster for Curl Curl, to supervise this exhibition, in what was a busy time of the year.

Committee

All of these activities would not have been possible without the voluntary work of our amazing committee.

I would like to thank Margaret Crane, Denise Gallagher, Shar Jones, Rob Wale and Linda Gold for all of their invaluable work in 2025.

Sadly, Denise, in her role as secretary and Shar, in her role as ordinary member, will not be renominating. They will be sadly missed and I would like to acknowledge their contributions. (flowers).

That concludes the presidents report on the activities of 2025.