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# Friends of the Hawkesbury art community & Regional Gallery Inc.

## In memory of our late President Paul Rasmussen

As a lasting tribute to Paul, Committee is seeking donations to cover matting costs for the following images by artists Henry Edgecombe, G.K. Townshend, Bro Damian FSC & Henry Hanke.



Henry Edgecombe. Watercolour on paper. 35.5 x 39.8 cm Undated Hawkesbury River from the Terrace, North Richmond.

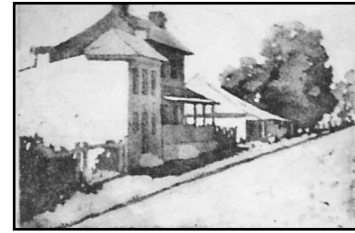
Included in our upcoming October exhibition in memory of Paul are three images which have previously never been publically exhibited.

In attempting to include works from our Collections which have not been exhibited, the Curatorial team have found the escalating costs of matting a real challenge.



Bro Damian FSC. 26 x 34.5 cm. Water colour on medium weight paper. 1959. Upper Colo River Bridge

Paul was generous with his time & council, but additionally behind the scenes he advocated for the betterment of the arts, tourism & farming in the Hawkesbury. Instrumental in the advocacy for the



Henry Hanke. Aquatint. 11 x 15 cm Undated. Old Houses, Windsor.

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, a series of mats dedicated to his memory would be a practical way for our organisation to acknowledge his significant contribution to improving local access to the arts.



G.K. Townshend. Watercolour. 28.6 x 38.5 cm. Undated. River Oaks, Castarinas, Windsor.

Why stop at four works? There are an additional 14 images requiring matting. At our August AGM \$100 was donated, with an additional \$200 promised.

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## NEW PRESIDENT HEADS 2022/2023 COMMITTEE

Elected to the position of Office Bearers:

President /Public Officer: Jennie Nelson

Vice-President: Jenny Allan

Treasurer: Ellen Jordan

Secretary: Margaret Ginnings

Appointment to Committee Positions:

Membership Secretary: Geraldine Jones

Newsletter Editor: Margaret Ginnings

Media & Assistant Publicity: Satya &

Deidre Morrison

eHive Co-ordinator: Ellen Jordan

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**Bi-monthly Committee meeting will be held 6.10.2022 @ 7.30pm  
at 526 George Street, Windsor**

Contact Margaret Ginnings at 4577 4440 for details

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

As members will no doubt remember, owing to the continued upheaval caused by the COVID pandemic our August AGM was postponed to December 2021. This Report therefore covers the eight month period from January to August 2022.

The report opens with the sad acknowledgement of the June 14th death of President Paul Rasmussen. Paul was elected to the position at the 2014 AGM following his many years in the supporting role of Vice-President. Even as ill health sapped his energy he continued to support FOHacaRG to the best of his ability.

Paul is sorely missed by the many entities (including FOHacaRG Inc) on whose Committees he served, and the hundreds of Hawkesbury residents who - over the years - he assisted with friendly advice and support.

Constrained by the pandemic, sadly the early months of 2022 passed quietly with the only proposed activity being an Easter egg decorating workshop and afternoon tea. This activity failed to create any interest from members.....and so became a non-event!

In lieu of street stalls (which during 2021 raised \$2,935 conservation funding) Committee agreed that the hard working members manning the operation required a break . As a substitute \$214 has been raised by plant stalls.

Conservation: 18 images at a cost of \$4,000 were returned to Hawkesbury Regional Gallery storage in May— as a result of a 12 months COVID related delay.

June produced a further shock with the resignation of long serving Hawkesbury Regional Gallery Director Kath von Witt. Kath's happy public personality will be sadly missed, we wish her well in all her future artistic endeavours.

Resulting from the ongoing COVID & floods situation, our second BAS storage unit was finally delivered to HRG last month. The 6 drawer unit (which includes 4 shallow drawers) provides more appropriate storage for large & medium works. The acquiring of which (once permanently installed) will conciliate our works on paper, thus clearing the way for the Gallery's own works to be integrated into their units. With the new financial year and President, we - as an organisation - must look forward and in doing so

plans for the remainder of the year include: Resin workshop, Cash & Carry Art & Craft Fair, an exhibition on the Hawkesbury/Nepean River system, and an additional exhibition on art & craft from Asia.

We await the appointment of a new Gallery Director with interest, what new & innovative ideas will be brought to the facility? Time will tell.

Compiled by Margaret Ginnings.

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## BALANCING THE BOOKS!

**W**e've taken a breather.....but we need to raise funds to improve the bank account.

With a 2022 deficient of \$8,044 expressed in our Annual Financial Report, Committee has agreed that an October Yard Sale will be a quick way to raise additional funds. We therefore seek goods to support the effort.

The Sale is listed for mid October, with donated items being accepted by Margaret at 526 George Street, Sth Windsor . Please phone: 4577 4440 to arrange delivery.

### Income & Expenditure Statement July 1st 2021 to June 30th 2022

Income:	\$1,945
Payments :	<u>\$9,989</u>
Deficiency:	<u>\$8,044</u>

With COVID & floods stopping our ability to hold functions or fund-raise, unfortunately for the first time in over fifteen years, this year the Annual Financial Statement expressed a short-fall.

The deficiency related to the two major areas of expenditure (1) the storage unit (\$3,605 - purchase assisted by a donation given the previous financial year of \$3,000) and (2) the \$4,738 Collection conservation costs which covered 18 images, plus conservation & reframing of the Joe Rose work which had been donated to Hawkesbury Regional Gallery.

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# 33rd Anniversary Luncheon — 26.6.2022

Following consultation with Jeanne Rasmussen – who stated Paul would have wished us to do so – our 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Luncheon took place on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Secretary Margaret Ginnings. The event was fully booked, but again COVID had an impact with 2 members being unable to attend and illness stopping the attendance of a further two.

Sheila Sharp brought a smile to many faces and disbelief to others when she reminisced about Paul being part of the “half Monty” performance at our 2000 Christmas celebration held at “Sunnybrae” the former home of member Christine Paine!



L-R Deidre Morrison, Sheila Sharp, Bill Sneddon, Lyn Westcott and others!

Mark & Jennie's much appreciated Italian dessert.



A special thank-you must go to Jennie Nelson & Mark Johnston for the “winning” dessert—2nd helpings all round! And from Margaret, to Mark & Jennie a grateful thank-you for their efforts in undertaking the task of washing up. The gathering dispersed at 4.30pm.



Autumnal tones in a floral arrangement provided warmth to the entrance porch.



Vinyl 's transformed to an art form during Sunday's Resin Workshop!

Seven women challenged themselves to be creative when they signed up for last Sunday afternoons Workshop.

After three hours of concentration –mixing resin with colour (in three forms: paste, drops or dust) a variety of “artistic” items emerged! A small canvas, a coaster and a cheese-board were the order of the day.... with vinyl records making an added appearance.

Every-one agreed it was a challenging fun afternoon. On leaving Deidre & Satya were thanked for their fortitude in managing the group.



Lyn, Mimi & Doff take up the challenge.

A profit of \$200 was made.

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## PROPOSED NGA COACH TRIP

Owing to the present high fuel costs unfortunately the hiring of a coach has substantially increased. Therefore, at the 4th August Committee Meeting it was agreed that FOHacaRG would not proceed with the proposed visit to the Cressida Campbell Survey exhibition.

We apologise to those amongst us who are disappointed with Committee's decision.

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Donation in memory of our late President  
Paul Rasmussen

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The sum of \$..... The donated amount is to be used solely for Collections matting “In memory of our late President Paul Rasmussen”.

Donations of \$2 or more are Ta x Deductible

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The *Cash & Carry*'s closing date is fast approaching!  
Don't forget it's September 2nd



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Mixed Media. *Floralabunda Sensuata*

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