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Patron:  
Salvatore Zofrea OAM

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

# Anniversary Luncheon



A happy gathering at the long table! Missing attendees on kitchen duty.

## President's Report 2022-2023

The year's activities commenced with the September opening of Art & Craft 2022 - a cash & carry fair which was moderately financially successful. The concept of 'cash & carry' proved to be a welcome change from the previous more stressful situation of taking down unsold works, whilst also attending to clients collecting purchases.

With the 2022 passing of former President Paul Rasmussen the organisation canvassed donations to cover the matting costs of four images, to become a lasting memorial to Paul. Members obviously appreciated what he had accomplished for the Hawkesbury art community & in particular our organisation, as the fund-raising initiative proved so successful we were able to cover the cost of the majority of works which formed the backbone of the memorial exhibition IMPACT to NOW. The exhibition, in the Stan Stevens Studio, opened October 29<sup>th</sup> with Jeanne Rasmussen as honoured guest and with a sizable crowd in attendance.

November 2022: Our massive weekend garage sale took place across two days with the sum of \$3,018 being raised for the financial year.

Also in November, in the Stan Stevens Studio, the exhibition Colours of Asia was held including several images from our Collections. Highlights of the exhibition included works by Craig Waddell (representing Thailand), a work on silk - artist unknown - (India) and Ron Hogan's 'Extracts from a Painters Journal' (Indonesia). The works were supported by images & crafts from member's own collections. This colourful exhibition was enhanced by our year end luncheon featuring wonderful food from the Asian continent.

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**7.30pm October 12th—Bi-Monthly Committee Meeting,**  
**526 George Street, Windsor.**



**Liam Benson: Virtue without stain**

18 August to 22 September 2023

Liam Benson's 'Virtue without stain' celebrates Benson's contemporary and cultural practice of the last 18+ years.



**The Hawkesbury Now Art Fair**

is an opportunity for local artists to exhibit and sell their work.

Hawkesbury Now Art Fair 2023 will open October 18 and run till November 26, 2023.

Entry forms will be forwarded to members when they become available.

**Hawkesbury Now Art Fair** : Committee Member contact : Jenny Allan  
[pj.allan@bigpond.com](mailto:pj.allan@bigpond.com) or phone 4572 1413

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April 2023 opened with our 'Prints on Paper' exhibition. The majority of images were sourced from our collections to showcase and exhibit works from the many forms of print-making. Concurrently we also hosted a sold-out print-making workshop with Mellissa Read-Devine.

Our 'Affordable Arts' fair was unfortunately deferred to later in the year as the Deerubbin public rooms were not available June 2023. However, we undertook our 'A touch of France' 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Lunch at the home of Secretary, Margaret Ginnings. French wines complimented the delicious 3 course meal of French onion soup and beef Bourguignon followed by French orange and almond cake.

We are hopeful that our September coach trip to the Southern Highlands Regional Gallery will prove to be of interest to members and the wider community.

Continuing our quest to conserve the art works in our collections, four works were conserved this year by Caroline Whitley Conservation Works and many images (including several large works) were matted to museum quality. \$6,665 was spent on this core area of conservation care.

In closing, I wish to thank our Treasurer, Ellen Jordan, who has for the past several years kept our financial affairs in order. Ellen has now decided it is time for her to step down from the position of Treasurer. This position is critical for this organisation and we are seeking a willing volunteer to undertake the role from tonight.

In closing I wish to thank all Committee members for their commitment to the organisation and its aims. Whilst the worst of COVID is hopefully behind us, the challenge to engage with and remain relevant to the wider community is a continuing issue.

Jennie Nelson President

## The 2023/24 Committee

President: Jennie Nelson  
Vice President: Jenny Allan  
Secretary:/Membership Secretary Margaret Ginnings  
Treasurer: Geraldine Jones  
Public Officer: Jennie Nelson  
Newsletter Editor: Jenny Allan  
(assistant Margaret Ginnings)  
Publicity & Media: Deidre & Satya Morrison  
Committee Members:  
George Veicherts  
Bill (William) Sneddon  
Dianna Miller

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Here we go again!!!!!!  
Our annual resolution not to undertake all the hard work entailed with the *Garage Sale Trail*....or in fact any further yard sales has yet again fallen on deaf ears.

The possibility of raising significant funds for conservation is so tantalising our common sense has deserted us and we have again signed up for the opening weekend of this mega event.

Last week Alex Lister delivered a van load of goods, with the promise of more to come. Additionally we have lots of frames—in various sizes—and a mass of potted plants, and that is just the beginning!!

From November 1st further donations will be gratefully received at 526 George Street, South Windsor. Please phone 45774440 to arrange a mutually convenient delivery time. Or email Margaret Ginnings at [mingteck@bigpond.com](mailto:mingteck@bigpond.com).

**W**e welcome new member Mark Johnson to our organisation.  
With a pair of skilled hands in the

kitchen, we have—in the past—thoroughly enjoyed his culinary efforts at several of our lunches.

## AFFORDABLE ART EXHIBITION

Hawkesbury City Council Staff have warned us that the Stan Stevens Studio may not be available to organisations during October, which in when **The Voice Referendum** is expected to be held.

It is therefore felt that the exhibition should be held over till the new year.

Perhaps we could we make this our inaugural 2024 event?

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OCCURRENT AFFAIR



## SPRING COACH TRIP September 10th

National Trust Card Holders have free entry to Retford Park

### *OCCURRENT AFFAIR Exhibition*

Addresses current socio-political, economic & environmental issues, while celebrating the strength, resilience & continuity of Aboriginal culture. The exhibition reflects on the ongoing state of affairs affecting 1st Nations communities.—issues that are relevant to all Australians.

### Seats still available

Spend a day amongst the natural beauty of the Southern Highlands, in historical surroundings and thought provoking art.

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# BOOKING FORM

## NGUNUNGGULA GALLERY & RETFORD PARK & GARDENS, BOWRAL

National Trust members: free entry to house & garden

I .....of .....  
.....phone .....  
Email.....  
wish to book: number of places.....Total:\$.....

### Fees for FOHacaRG MEMBERS

@ \$85pp for coach, house & garden or  
\$75pp fee covers travel and garden entry or  
\$55pp fee covers, travel only

Number of persons:.....  
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### Fees for NON-MEMBERS .CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS. NON CARD HOLDERS ADD \$10PP

\$60pp covers coach travel only (exhibition free)  
\$80pp fee covers travel & garden entry  
\$90pp.covers travel, house & garden entry

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**Tickets for Retford Park House & Garden must be pre-purchased**

**Coach departs 8.30am from the bus stop (beside the rail station) East Market  
Street, Richmond September 10th**

Mail cheque or Money Order to: FOHacaRG Inc. PO Box 462, Windsor, NSW 2756  
Cash to Richmond Art Supplies, Shop 1/328 Windsor Street, Richmond  
Direct banking: Bendigo Bank BSB 633-108 A/C 152569331 with name identification