



HAGAS IMPRESSIONS



Henley and Grange Arts Society

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It is with great sadness ...

... that I inform members that Henley & Grange Arts Society Life Member Peter McLay passed away suddenly in early October.

Well known and highly respected, Peter joined HAGAS as a student back in 1978. He was tutored by Boris Franco and mentored by Fraser Hay. Peter became a tutor himself in 1984, holding classes for painting members in watercolour and oils.

From 1988 onwards he led many popular oil painting workshops for members. Fondly referred to as the 'cloud man' for his ability to paint beautiful and realistic cloudy skies.

Over four decades Peter volunteered his time to act as HAGAS Committee Member, Art Director, Tutor, and Mentor. Peter was President on and off for many years between 1981 and 2014, and was awarded Life



LtoR Betty Edwards, Fraser Hay, Boris Franco, Peter McLay. Photo taken 1990

Membership in 1994 for his outstanding contribution to the Society.

Best known for his landscapes and seascapes in oil, Peter exhibited and sold many works over the years, and exhibited most recently at this years' Rotary Exhibitions. A highly sought after tutor, Peter also held workshops and classes for many painting groups including the Burnside Painting Group, Gawler Art Group, Yankalilla Art Group, Barossa Art Society, Gallery One at Mitcham and Elizabeth Art Society.

Peter will be greatly missed by all, and we extend our deepest sympathies to Yvonne, his family and friends.

Alison Harvey, *President*

Solo exhibition



As a thank you to Stevan Savic who has been our cleaner for the last five years, the committee staged a solo exhibition in our gallery of paintings he has done as a student since 2012. The Covid19 restrictions meant only a small gathering of his family and friends were able to attend the opening in September. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to celebrate his creative talents.

Stevan seen here with class mates Sheree and Adriana at the opening.

Think about what you will be exhibiting in this year's

HAGAS 2020 Annual Members Exhibition

11-13 December 2020

AGM President's Report

‘The little things you do can be very significant to others.’ *Wayne Gerard Trotman*

Generosity is what drives HAGAS. Our committee members generously volunteer their time and energy to the everyday tasks required to keep us operating. The tasks include everything from finances, safety, cleaning, security, supplies, planning, enrolments, membership, communication and social inclusion. Other members generously share their knowledge and demonstrate their considerable skills in classes, open studios and workshops.

Your actions matter – anything from simply wiping down your bench, to making sure you pay your fees on time will assist us in maintaining a healthy and vibrant arts facility.

2019 was a busy year with exhibitions, classes, workshops and asset renewal. The Mothers’ Day, SALA and End-of-Year Exhibitions were all successful thanks to the hard work of many. An exhibition of works in November was also a great opportunity to view the work produced by our talented tutors. We are at capacity for the number of potting and painting classes.

The committee (in particular Secretary, Chris Moran) arranged the switch to LED for all our lighting, and upgrade of our outdoor security lighting. We (principally Ting and Chris Moran) have arranged for the purchase of one new large kiln to be delivered in March 2020. This will replace two smaller kilns in the pottery. We are also in the midst of a time-consuming and complicated process to plan for, gain approval for, and erect a new storage shed along the eastern side of the building.

Grant applications have been lodged to offset the costs of these improvements, and this work has been taken on once again by our generous and capable Secretary, Chris Moran. Thank you Chris for your dedication and skilled contribution in these matters.

Painting member, Stevan Savic has stepped down from his cleaning role after 5 years, and I wish to thank him for his service. With more than 150 people using the building each week it is not an easy task.

Once again, many sincere thanks are due to Ting Collins, the Pottery Director for another year of service, Lyn Sage for her role as Art Director, Anne Wheaton for her extraordinary work as club Treasurer and Lydia Jaworski as Vice President, Enrolments & Membership officer and Newsletter editor.

Thank you to the committee members who attend meetings, volunteer their support and advice, and jump in when needed. I would like to also sincerely thank all the tutors who oversee the potting classes and workshops, the painting classes and the

children’s classes.

October report update

An update to my report ... following probably the strangest times any of us have ever experienced! My comments in my report written in early February regarding ‘wiping down the bench’ were most prescient! As you know the AGM was postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and we closed down in March and did not recommence classes until late July. Thank you to the current committee members for continuing in their respective roles.

Luckily, the closure did not prevent the continuation of our projects to install and commission our new kiln, and to complete the approvals process and construction of a new storage shed on the eastern side of our building.

These two projects (now complete) were coordinated and driven by Secretary, Chris Moran and Pottery Director, Auriol (Ting) Collins, and mean that our facility is more up to date and flexible for use long into the future. A huge thank you from all to Chris and Ting. Thanks also to Paul Moran for his contribution in solving some of the issues arising from the stormwater disposal aspects of the shed construction.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that the committee have nominated three of our long-standing members for **Life Membership** in recognition of their outstanding contribution over many years.

They are: **Anne Wheaton** – Treasurer, **Auriol Collins (Ting)** – Pottery Director, and **Lydia Jaworski** – Vice President, Newsletter Editor, Enrolment and Membership Officer.

All three of these individuals have not only volunteered countless hours to benefit our Society, but have shared their knowledge and expertise with other members. We owe them a debt of gratitude and on behalf of HAGAS I would like to acknowledge their contributions and thank them sincerely.

Once again, I reiterate how lucky we are to have individuals who generously donate their time and expertise to allow us to survive and flourish. The COVID-19 closure only served to highlight the incredible value organisations such as ours have in terms of community social connection. If you value your opportunity to socialise with other members, use our studios, share techniques and ideas, or learn from our tutors, please consider how you can give back in some way. Remember ... even positive feedback is a valuable contribution!

Alison Harvey President

February 2020 (update October 2020)

2020 AGM LIFE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS

The Henley & Grange Arts Society Inc. Constitution states that Life Membership may be granted to a person who has rendered outstanding service to the Society.

We are very fortunate in having long-term members who make an extraordinary contribution to the functioning of our Art Society.

The committee has nominated three members for Life Membership. Not only have these people taken on roles vital to our ongoing success, they have each done so selflessly and without seeking recognition or reward.

The individuals are :

Anne Wheaton – Our conscientious Honorary Treasurer took on this position when our membership started to soar and we were trying to navigate the difficult circumstance of both cash and online payments. Anne was an active potting member during the 1990s along with her mother Veronica Wheaton. She then re-joined us in 2013, and although not now an active potter, she agreed to take on the challenging role of club treasurer. We really appreciate her time and efforts, and wish to recognise her outstanding contribution to HAGAS over many years.

Auriol (Ting) Collins – We all know and hopefully recognise the pivotal role Ting plays in the HAGAS ceramics studio and the gallery. An influential member in the 1980s and 90s, Ting left us for some years before her return about five years ago. Her dedication and tireless work to improve and maintain the potting facilities is amazing. Added to this, her willingness and ability to share her considerable knowledge and skills is second to none. The gallery exhibitions over the last few years have been a testament to her considerable abilities as a curator also. We are very lucky to have her as part of our Society.

Lydia Jaworski – Joining HAGAS in 2002 as a painting student, and becoming a committee member soon after, Lydia took on the role of HAGAS newsletter editor in 2003 and has also been Vice President for several years. In recent years she has also taken on the difficult and time-consuming role of online pottery and painting class enrolment officer, as well as managing our membership database. The contribution Lydia has made to HAGAS has certainly been significant and outstanding, and we wish to acknowledge her valued efforts.



Ting Collins



Lydia Jaworski

HAGAS COMMITTEE 2020-21

Executive Committee

President	Alison Harvey
Vice President	Lydia Jaworski
Treasurer	Anne Wheaton
Secretary	Chrissie Moran
Painting Director	vacant
Ceramics Director	Ting Collins
Enrolments	Lydia Jaworski
Publicity Officer	Gill Farnden

Committee Members

Jennifer Casburn	Julia Clancy
Deborah Haynes	Rosemary Helmis
Jan Poynter	Di Rawnsley
Chrissy Schultz	Koruna Schmidt Mumm
Dottie Telford	Rose Walker

Non Committee Positions

Painting Librarians	Alison Harvey & Lyn Sage
Ceramics Librarian	Ting Collins
Newsletter Editor	Lydia Jaworski
Social Activities	Chrissy Schultz
Public Officer & Key Custodian	Anne Wheaton

Patrons

Bev Bills OAM	<i>Director RSASA</i>
Matt Cowdrey	<i>Member for Colton</i>
Boris Franco	<i>HAGAS Life Member</i>

2021 Terms

Term 1 Mon 01 Feb to Fri 26 March Term 2 Mon 27 April to Fri 18 June Term 3 Mon 19 July to Fri 10 Sept Term 4 Mon 11 Oct to Fri 03 Dec

See the website for days and times of classes

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