

HAS HISTORY

World-renowned Australian artists such as Margaret Preston, George Lambert, John Olsen & Sir William Dobell, all came from the Hornsby region.

Our current eminent patrons are Kevin Best OAM, Kasey Sealy, Margaret Woodward, Peter Laverty, and the Mayor of Hornsby.

In 1963, a group of local art students under the tutelage of Rod Milgate (artist, poet, writer & playwright) formed a small art society. Meetings were held in private homes, and ongoing exhibitions were held at the Beecroft community centre. The society grew, with all profits from art shows going to Hornsby Hospital.

Later the society became known as Hornsby Art Society Inc., with many members joining after studying courses at Hornsby TAFE. Others joined while attending life drawing and painting classes organised within the society

Hornsby Art Society Inc. is a non-profit community organisation, with an elected committee of volunteers actively promoting and facilitating the development of the visual arts and a cultural presence within the Hornsby Shire. It needs and warmly welcomes new members who are involved in arts production, have an interest in the arts, and who share this vision.

HAS organises an annual Members Exhibition, a Drawing & Sculpture Exhibition, and a HAS Volunteers Exhibition. The Volunteers Exhibition is for members who have volunteered their time at the annual Hornsby Art Prize run by Council, organising member activities, and/or contributed to committee and subcommittee activities.

In 2009, HAS partnered with Hornsby Shire Council and added two new events to the yearly art calendar. These are the reuse, recycle "Returned to Glory Art Exhibition" with Council's Waste Management Branch each June, and the \$5,000 acquisitive Hornsby Art Prize, sponsored by Hornsby Council. The HAP is a feature of the Hornsby Shire Festival of The Arts held in October-November.

These exhibitions provide excellent opportunities for artists from all disciplines to showcase their works to the community, and the world.



Hornsby Art Society ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Hornsby Art Society aims to encourage and foster the development, appreciation and recognition of art and thought.



Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre.

Late in 2011, Hornsby Art Society will move some of its activities to the Shire's first community arts and cultural centre, Wallarobba, corner of Edgeworth David Avenue and Sherbrook Road, Hornsby.

Wallarobba will be used by Hornsby Art Society, Hornsby TAFE, Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College, other local artists and art groups, to establish a space where everyone can come and get involved in the creative process. It will also be a place where people can meet, chat over a cuppa, and gain additional arts training and continuing professional development.

Making the most of your HAS Membership

Art spares us from boredom and depression, and nurtures the spirit. Do something you enjoy doing, with someone you like, and be happy.

Attend Monthly meetings. We have evening and some daytime activities.

Contribute to the monthly HAS Newsletter- give feedback on activities, sketches, previews of exhibitions, personal tips on art practice, photos, recommend places of interest to visit. Share your successes in competitions.

Identify artists, topics and resources that would be of interest to members, and pass these on to the HAS Committee.

Become involved, when you can, in a special HAS project. Most of these are short-term, and involve maybe a few hours or several days of your time, e.g. baking muffins for a new members morning tea, selling raffle tickets, car-pooling for trips to

galleries, organising the annual Christmas party.

Promote the Society to other artists, businesses and the community.

Membership Benefits

JOIN NOW AND BECOME COMMITTED TO MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE TO HORNSBY SHIRE'S VIBRANT, CREATIVE COMMUNITY.

We welcome new members of all ages and backgrounds to the Society. Membership ranges from enthusiastic leisure artists, students, and emerging artists, to devoted professionals. Other members just love being part of the creative community and enjoy participating in opening nights and social activities. A love of art is all you need to join. Meet and make friends with people who enjoy painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, graphic art and design.

Regular meetings are held from 7.15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month (including public holidays) at **Hornsby Art Gallery, Horizon Towers, 208 Pacific Highway, Hornsby** - a short walk from Westfield shops, Hornsby Station, and next to the Shell Service Station.

Hornsby Art Gallery Ph: 94768869
www.hornsbyartsociety.com.au

Monthly meetings usually include a demonstration given by a professional artist, and an update on what's happening in HAS and the local art scene, as well as a light supper and an opportunity to catch up with fellow members.

Membership benefits include:

Making friends with like-minded people, and having a good time.

Meeting well-known artists who come to demonstrate at monthly meetings, and learn new skills and techniques.

Participating in practical workshops to develop your skills.

Social events and outings to galleries, exhibitions and artists' studios.

An opportunity to exhibit in the annual Members & Volunteers Exhibitions.

Discounts on local art supplies, framing and classes.

A copy of the informative HAS monthly newsletter.

A deeper appreciation of beauty and life.