



# HMAC Newsletter : June 2018

## Presidents Report

After a busy start to 2018 and finding my feet as far as the general operations of the Arts Council are concerned, I now find myself with the time to finally complete our first newsletter for the year.

I am very excited by the enthusiasm, talent and support of all our members who have worked hard to manage such a wonderful service for our community. In particular, I would like to thank Nina Horton for her efforts in managing the restoration project of the Murrumburrah Courthouse, bringing it back to its former glory and making it a venue that will be enjoyed by both our community and visitors for many years to come. I would also like to pay my respects to our previous President, Mrs Connie McFadyen, and previous Treasurer, Mr Brian Dunn who both sadly passed away last year. As members, we truly appreciate the massive contribution that they gave to the Arts Council over the years and know that they will be guiding us to ensure we continue to develop and grow the wonderful legacy that they have left in our hands.

Following our AGM last week on Tuesday 5 June, , I wish to extend my appreciation to our re-elected committee member: Secretary Lorraine Brown and our newly elected Treasurer Katya Catalinac. I thank you both for accepting these roles which are such an important part of the community service we provide. I know we will make a wonderful team. I wish to also thank all the members for their contributions to the group either by way of attending Committee meetings and sharing ideas, attending group workshops and/or assisting with HMAC duties. Your contribution is very much appreciated and helps keep things running as smoothly as they do.

A big thankyou must also go out to all the current workshop leaders who have shared their artistic skills with both adults and children at our venue. I would encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a workshop leader for either

adult and/or children's classes to contact me either by email or phone. There is so much in the way of artistic talent in our community and we would love to host a workshop where you can share your talent by teaching others.

To our community members and visitors I would like to invite you to share with us your suggestions and/or ideas on how we can improve our service. We are currently putting together a "Workshop Wish List" so if you have an area you would like to see a workshop offered in, let us know and we will see what we can do to make it happen. Send all suggestions via the "Contact Us" link on our website or message us on facebook.

Looking forward to a vibrant and colourful year.

**Creatively yours,**

**Nicole Scott  
HMAC President**



## **HMAC is now online!**

We have been working on creating a website and facebook page for our community organisation. They are both in their infancy but are now operational.

The website contains an electronic events calendar that is regularly updated to contain all currently booked events. If you would like to make a booking of your own, you can do so by sending a message via the Contact Us section of the website and we will respond with details and confirmation of the booking.

As the year progresses we also intend on gathering a gallery of photographs to showcase our events and promote the use of our wonderful facility by members of our community. There are already a few pictures up of some of the events from this year. Get online and have a look!

Visitors to the website can subscribe and will then be on our mailing list to receive the electronic copy of our newsletter. This newsletter will contain recent HMAc news, as well as a coming events update. If you are already a HMAc member, make sure you subscribe and encourage others to do the same.

The HMAc facebook page contains upcoming events promotions and a gallery of images from past events. There are also promotions for events occurring at some of our neighbouring arts groups as well as shared facebook posts of cool art project ideas and talented individuals showcasing their creations.

You can find us online as follows:

Website : [hmarts.org](http://hmarts.org) (click on the link below)

Facebook : Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council

Check them out! We would love to hear your feedback!

[Click here to visit our website at hmarts.org](http://hmarts.org)

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## Recent Events and Workshops



**Rural Women Rock!**

On Friday 9 March, a celebration was held as part of International Womens Day in honour of Rural Women. The evening involved keynote speakers, a basket supper and a presentation for Inspirational Woman of the Year. A big thankyou to Rita O'Connor for organising such a wonderful event.



### **Sydney Conservatorium of Music**

On Thursday 3 May, the Arts Council were very fortunate to work in conjunction with Young School of Music to host the Sydney Conservatorium of Music as part of their Grand Western Tour. Those who attended the evening were delighted with a variety of pieces played by five extremely talented students and accompanied by Mr David Miller. Instruments featured included oboe, clarinet, bassoon, flute, harp and piano. A huge thankyou to Matt and Denise from YRSM for their efforts in bringing this wonderful event to our township.



### **Kite Festival Workshops**

On 17 May, the Harden Kite Festival launched the first of its planned monthly events on the lead up to this years festival with the Bits & Bobs Workshop. Each month will be a different event and these will be held up until this years festival on October 13, 2018. These workshops will provide opportunities for community members to assist in preparing for this years Kite Festival as well as enjoying opportunities to have a taste of this years theme....Kites, Colour, Culture!

# Upcoming Events.....



## Imaginarium Launch

This month, HMAc will be launching its newly titled Imaginarium Workshops for children beginning with ceramics workshops for school aged children lead by Michelle Kennett on 17 June. Children will be creating a ceramic piece at this workshop using a specific technique. A separate workshop will be held where students will be given the opportunity to glaze their pieces. Further Imaginarium workshops and events are scheduled for the coming months including school holidays so keep an eye on the calendar for what is coming up.

**HARDEN  
THEATRE  
TRAIN**

Learn all aspects of the theatre including acting, dance and singing with fully qualified teachers at the Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council in the Old Courthouse



We provide a safe, judgement free place for children's artistic expression.

**10 WEEKS FOR \$100**  
Starts Term 3 25th July 2018  
Wednesday nights 5-7pm  
Class 1 - kindy to yr 6  
Class 2 - yr 7 - yr 12  
bookings are essential via  
hardentheatretrain@outlook.com

 

## All aboard the Harden Theatre Train!

Starting at the beginning of Term 3, HMAc will be the place to hop aboard the Harden Theatre Train. New members Cathy Innes and Jo Fenney have been instrumental in bringing this wonderful opportunity to the children and young adults in our community and we thank them for their enthusiasm and efforts in making

this concept a reality. Classes will be available to learn all aspects of theatre including acting, dancing and singing and will be run by qualified teachers. Bookings are essential.

The group would also like to hold an annual theatre performance in Harden. Anyone interested in getting involved, please contact HMAc via email.

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## Events Calendar - June 2018

Mon 4 Jun	● 11am – 3pm	Art Group Murrumburrah Courthouse
Tue 5 Jun	● 5:30 – 6:30pm ● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Arts Council AGM Murrumburrah Courthouse Essential Oils Workshop Murrumburrah Courthouse
Mon 11 Jun	● 12:30 – 2:30pm	Essential Oils Workshop Murrumburrah Courthouse
Sun 17 Jun	● 9am – 12pm ● 1 – 4pm	Imaginarium Workshop - Pottery creation Murrumburrah Courthouse Imaginarium Workshop - Pottery Creation Murrumburrah Courthouse
Mon 18 Jun	● 11am – 3pm	Art Group Murrumburrah Courthouse
Tue 19 Jun	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Essential Oils Workshop Murrumburrah Courthouse
Thu 21 Jun	● 9:30am – 12:30pm	"Colours of the Kite Festival" Workshop Murrumburrah Courthouse
Mon 25 Jun	● 11am – 3pm	Art Group Murrumburrah Courthouse
Tue 26 Jun	● 12:30 – 2:30pm	Essential Oils Workshop - Kombucha Make & Take Murrumburrah Courthouse

For further information regarding our calendar of events:

- \* visit our website at [hmartarts.org](http://hmartarts.org)
- \* visit our facebook site - Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council
- \* contact Nicole Scott on (0427) 864320

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