

# Firestation Print Studio

## **Annual General Meeting: Minutes**

**Venue 2 Willis Street Armadale Victoria 3143**

**2.30 pm Saturday 27 August 2011**

1. Meeting declared open.
2. Apologies were received from Myra Kaufman, Margaret Manchee, Cindy Mann, David Terry, Sue Top & Yolanda Matlakowski
3. Present: Bronwyn Rees, Judy Schrever, Coralie Stow, David Williamson, John Madsen, Beata Slifierz, Trudy Rice & Rachel Ness
4. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (Saturday 21 August 2010) were confirmed.
5. Reports –
  - President (Coralie Stow)
  - Treasurer (Margaret Manchee)
6. Election of Committee of Management office bearers 2011 - 2012
  - President – Coralie Stow
  - Vice President– Cindy Mann
  - Treasurer – Judy Schrever
  - Secretary/Public Officer – Trudy Rice
  - Management committee members (4):
    - Myra Kaufman
    - Rachel Ness
    - Margaret Manchee
    - Rosie Lovell

Meeting closed with appreciation of services.

The President especially thanked all Firestation Print Studio sponsors, volunteers and staff members for their valuable assistance throughout the year in grants, sponsorship, and practical support.

See Presidents & Treasurer's reports attached.

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## Annual General Meeting 2011 President's report

Hello everyone and thanks for coming and supporting our AGM and the Firestation. It's been a significant year for us and I hope you all agree that we, in our small way, continuing to achieve our goal of fostering creativity in the community.

Some of the good things that have happened this year, in no particular order!

- Our website got a long-overdue makeover including an e-commerce component
- Edith May continued as our manager. She's doing a terrific job; just see how many workshops we have been able to run this year and the improved newsletter
- We've taken our first steps in to social media with Facebook and Twitter – hope to make even better use of these on 2012
- Our membership continues to grow – perhaps the strongest proof that we are doing something right. As of August we have 91 paid up members
- Our profile is improving in the local press with great stories on recent exhibitions such as Remnants of the Golden Past and On Fertile Grounds.
- The Gallery programme under Trudy's guidance has been very strong this year.
- We've held successful events – Open Day, Movie afternoon, Spring in to Gardening
- The student prizes continue to be a regular feature of our calendar, with City of Stonnington's support
- We were privileged to have the Mayor of Stonnington, Councillor Melina Sehr, open a group show earlier this year

Looking forward:-

- We have 3 members in the Silk Cut awards this year – opening next week
- The Impact 7 conference is coming up in September and all the hard work of the artists in particular Elizabeth Banfield is going to pay off with the exhibition of our portfolio and Sarah Amos' (our patron) Masterclass.
- We have received a grant to do workshops with MECWA which will enable us to go out in to the wider community and introduce a new audience to printmaking who would otherwise be unable to participate here

Of course there have been some challenges this year; like every business we have had rising costs and we have had to increase some of our fees and charges. And we have had to negotiate our lease with the council – we're still waiting for the outcome. Hopefully our right to remain in this building on a substantially discounted rent is warranted by the facility we provide to the community, using this historic old building to promote a traditional art form.

Thank you to City of Stonnington, our 2010/11 sponsors in particular Bendigo Bank and Seniors Arts Supplies, our Committee, our Manager Edith, our Gallery coordinator Trudy Rice, the Studio Artists and our volunteers. A special mention to Tina Smyrnious who has loaned her red press to the FPS for over 5 years now where it has been well-used and loved.

Please stay and enjoy our afternoon tea in appreciation of our volunteers. **This place would not survive as it does without their help.**

*Coralie Stow*

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## Annual General Meeting 2011 - Treasurer's report

- We have a profit of \$4076.70 for the year. This includes income for Sarah Amos's workshop in September as some students have already paid in full.
- Studio Rental has increased due to the rent rise in June 2011.
- We will receive a total of approx \$10000 grants from the City of Stonnington in 2011. This includes the new MECWA grant of \$6000. Thanks to Edith's great effort!
- Gallery hire has increased from the previous year of \$2100 to current year of \$4680. Gallery sales have unfortunately reduced by \$1300 to \$1945. However, Group exhibition fee has also increased by 75% this year to \$2269. A big thank you to our voluntary Gallery Co-coordinator Trudy!
- 1 to 1 tuition fee for 10/11 was \$3295 compared to the previous year \$395. However class fees have reduced from 09/10 \$23592 to 10/11 \$17465, partly because we didn't have Sarah Amos's workshops.
- Membership has increased from 09/10 \$4335 to 10/11 \$5570.
- Workshop access fee has increased 53% to 10/11 \$10643.
- Total expenses for 10/11 was \$60233, a sharp decrease from 09/10 \$92909 due to the following reasons:
  1. We no longer include Gallery Sales: Artists Payments of \$11216 and Print Rack: Artists Payments \$846 in our Profit and Loss.
  2. Saving of Gallery Co-coordinator fee as Trudy was on voluntary basis - the Co-coordinator Fee in 09/10 was \$2461.
  3. Website cost was \$4300 in 09/10.

Therefore, I would conclude that we are on the right track with the continued great effort of the Committee, Gallery Co-coordinator and Print Studio Manager and other members.

*Margaret Manchee*