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May 2026

DTAS Workshops (Supported by Manningham Council)

- May 24th Linda Finch- Pastel Flyer
- June 21st John Orlando Birt – Watercolour Flyer
- July 19th Ellen Jenkins – Clay Modelling Flyer

Workshops are proudly supported by Manningham Council's Community Grants Program

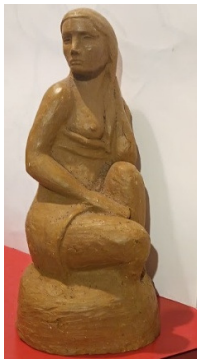
Notes:

- Linda French Bring pastels and paper. Linda has spare chalks and papers if needed. Have a look at her flyer to see her lovely luminous work.
- John Orlando Birt Some places still available.
- Ellen Jenkins: introductory class to creating small, figurative **sculptures in clay**.

All clay, tools and materials will be provided.

Enjoy the 3D freedom to create sculptures.

Photo: Charlie Kinross



Editor's note: When I was younger I sculptured a lady with a towel out of clay from the Yarra River. I never fired it but the creation was a lot of fun.

Other Events

- Wed July 21st Jim Grivas is the new Mayor of Doncaster and Geoff Clift has arranged for a portrait session to paint him on Wed July 1st at 1 PM. All members are welcome to come and paint the Mayors portrait. The Mayor will select the best Portrait 3 weeks later.

- Nov ??? We will have a demonstration by Jenny Croom in November (Winner of the Australian Portrait Artist of the Year, 2025) Date to be confirmed.

Artists of the Month

Artist of the month is now decided by the committee not an individual. Anyone interested in being considered for artist of the month please contact the secretary. 'Glennis Osborne' <glennis.osborne@gmail.com>

Membership

We have 185 people on our mailing list however this year our paidup membership is 67 which is down from last year. The cost is low and there are lots of benefits being a member:

- Self-help painting groups on Tuesdays from 10am, and at 10am on the 2nd Saturday morning each month for a self-help portrait group.
- During the year, members may hang their paintings in the gallery for sale.
- Annual Spring Exhibition (and awards).

- The Society's book and video libraries.
- Monthly newsletter.
- Discounts for art classes
- Discounts at selected art supply outlets.
- Members have the freedom to meet and participate in a congenial and supportive atmosphere at the gallery.
- Click to see the full details of the Advantages of membership

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- Commonwealth Bank BSB 063494 Account No. 10037684

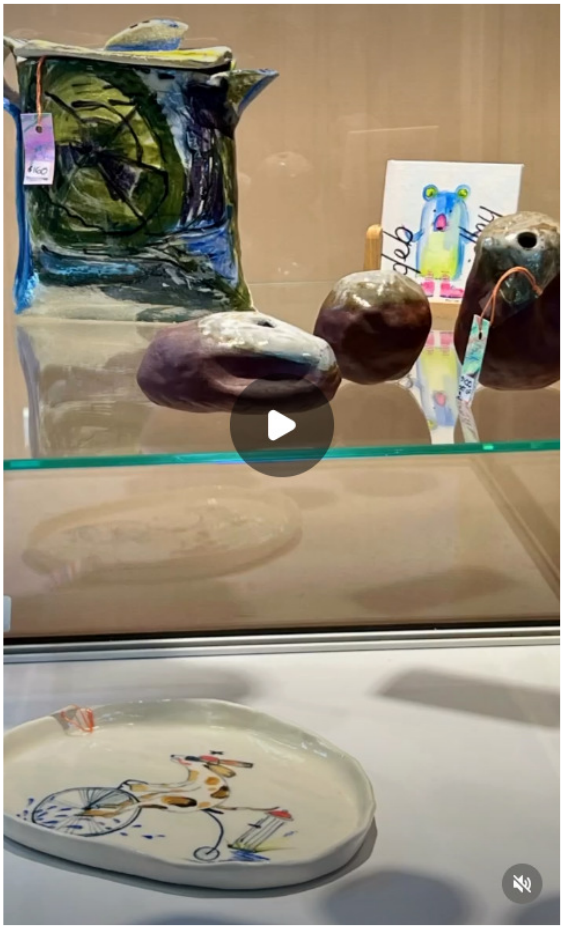
Spot light on DTAS Workshop with Deb Gidley Chris Hermans

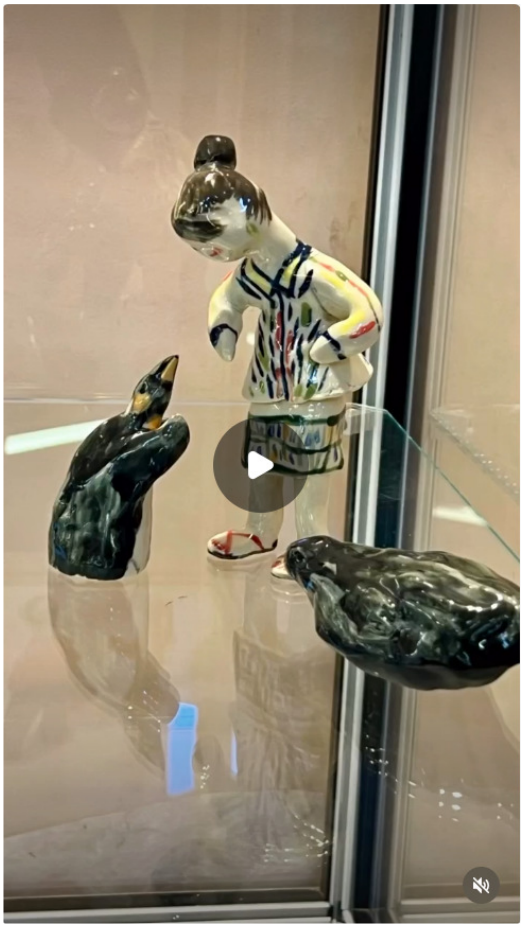
I really enjoyed this workshop as it gave us a lot of freedom to experiment with different materials. Deb talked about her methods of gluing on torn or cut pieces of paper with a glue called Mod Podge. We sketched on butchers paper first roughly the same size of our canvas. I had a photo of sunflowers from our garden and used that as my resource . Once settled on my design I sketched it on the canvas. Deb encouraged everyone to choose an animal and to draw it on the canvas in a linear style, glue on torn paper and then add paint and spray with water to create a soft atmospheric effect. There was a huge array of materials to use from dried leaves to magazine and tissue paper. I chose magazine photos of roses and cut them into petals and glued them on.Then I glued on torn bright blue tissue paper shapes.We had acrylic paints to use so I commenced to paint abstract shapes around the flowers. The yellow paint over the blue tissue paper resulted in a vibrant green. In some of the spaces I used a paper doyley as a stencil to create those textured curves. I wanted to create an upward sweep representing the growth of the sunflowers

Deb Gidley	Chris Hermans

Jean Sturrock	Fran Devine

Deb Gidley has an exhibition of her art at the Eltham Library see her instagram reel
https://www.instagram.com/reels/DXyCEWjsCNc/





Just installed #yprl Eltham library . Available for viewing till 30 May. Five glass cabinets inside and the large cabinet at the top of the stairs at the entrance.

Term 2 class dates are show below.

a) Pastel/Oil: Shirley Straford -Mon 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

***20th April* to 22nd June** (9 weeks 225/270) No class 8th June

b) Oil/Pastel: Thel Cardwell – Wed 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm

22 Apr to 24 Jul (10 weeks 250/300)

c) Watercolour: John Orlando Birt *–Thu 1 pm to 3.30 pm*

– 23 April to 25 June (10 weeks 250/300)

Payment: When paying online: please send an email to Pam s.ziedas1@bigpond.com

Direct Credit: Doncaster Templestowe Artists Society Inc BSB 063494 Account No. 10037684
Mail enrolments: Please send form with payment to the Class Enrolment officer as soon as possible.

Electronic makes the treasurer's job easier.

Payment is now also available by Direct Debit or EFTPOS/Credit Card Direct Credit – Doncaster Templestowe Artists Society Inc. New Members please include name in payment reference details.

EFTPOS or Credit Card – payment can be made at the Gallery on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays after 1:00 pm or by phone (0438 450 519).

Please send new details to Pam Ziedas s.ziedas1@bigpond.com
Name/s .....
Address .....Phone.....
.....Mobile .....
Email .....

Please note: Class enrolments must be paid separately from Membership fees- Enquiries to Pam Ziedas 0438450519(classes) Jean Sturrock 0419518345 (membership)

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Artist of the Month Co-ordination	Committee	
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	Jeff Byrne	0419 529 390

Gallery Co-ordinators

Saturday	Wendy Harpham	0439 308 544
Monday	Pam Ziedas/Jean Sturrock	0419 518 345
Tuesday	Laurie Bicknell	9842 4115

Self-help Groups for Members - $5.00 per session

All enquiries : Wendy Harpham 0439 308 544

Saturday – 10.00 to 1.00pm

Tuesday – 10.00 to 2.00pm

2nd Saturday each month : Portraits 1.30 to 4.00pm. Enquiries: Laurie Bicknell - 9842 4115

FEES Annual Membership : Single $55 Family $70

Classes (full term only): Members $25 per session Non Members $30.00

Workshops and Demonstrations to be advised

PUBLIC OPENING HOURS

Saturday 10.00 to 1.00pm *Monday* 1.00 to 4.00pm *Tuesday* 10.00 to 2.00pm

Classes and workshops – www.doncastertemplestoweartistssociety.org.au