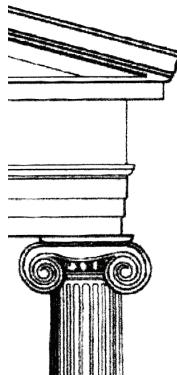


ADFAS Blue Mountains Inc. Newsletter

Summer, 2019



Sharryn Ryan
Chair

A few years ago, I attended a workshop in Sydney called The Happiness Conference. Although the title sounded flaky, it had a serious take home message - one of the strongest predictors of human happiness (read contentment, stability, sense of fulfillment) is feeling connected to your local community. I let go of groups I'd been involved in for years in Sydney, and looked around for things to join in the mountains. One of my discoveries was ADFAS.

I know it was the right decision. I've never been to a lecture where I didn't learn something, even about topics I hadn't thought I'd be interested in. Having now been on the committee for a couple of years, I've had the added advantage of seeing how things work behind the scenes. Stepping into the role of Chair following Murray Wilcox's sad and untimely death was unexpected, but I hope in time I can be as effective and useful as Chair that he was.

And so, to 2019. As in previous years, we're lucky to be starting the year with Susannah Fullerton. Fullerton has previously lectured on the Bronte's, Byron, Dickens and others. This year she's chosen Anthony Trollope, one of the most prolific of the Victorian novelists. After that we move from literature to art,

and from there to film, history, ancient China, royal jewellery and architecture, all presented by a mix of Australian and international experts in their field.

At the recent AGM several new members joined the Committee. Christine Lee stood down from Badge and Raffle duties after having served ADFAS Blue Mountains for nine years. During her tenure she raised approximately \$15,000 and arranged over 80 prizes. Frank Lipscombe will now take over this role. Richard Herlihy resigned as Membership Secretary and Denise Schoer will take over this position. Gil Green will manage Publicity, Gabrielle Kirby, Catering, and with general committee member Patsy Hollis, we now have a healthy Committee of ten members.

At this time of New Year resolutions, consider creating your own happy place – get more involved with ADFAS. Invite your friends. Join those who contribute to our delicious afternoon tea that follows the lecture. Your annual membership enables us to plan and budget across the year, and you might just be doing something good for your own mental health as well as that of the Blue Mountains community.

As I was reminded recently 'don't put anything off for a special occasion – being alive is a special occasion.'

...Sharryn Ryan

Origin of English from the Vikings

Window

A vindauga is a wind-eye, referring to the ability to see things coming up outside of your home while remaining inside it.

Slaughter

Comes from slatra and, fittingly, that's the Norse verb for butchery.

UPCOMING LECTURES

22 March

Jacqueline Cockburn



Francisco de Goya
Self-Portrait with Spectacles
www.arts.com/goya

Goya will be unraveled through his depictions of himself frequently in shadows or silhouetted, sometimes painted over and against a backdrop of a Bourbon Monarchy in crisis. Also discussed will be the turbulent times in which he lived, his illness and his sense of identity.

26 April

Karen Pearlman

'Telling our Stories, Images and Ideas in Three Waves of Australian Film.'

Examples of Australian cinema from the 1970s until present day.



24 May

Bernard Allen

'Laura Knight: from Newlyn to Nuremberg'

The first female Royal Academician since 18thC, Laura Knight was the official artist for the Nuremberg Trials of 1946.



VALE Murray Wilcox



...Murray Wilcox

Murray Rutledge Wilcox, AO QC, was a former Australian Federal Court Judge, serving from 11 May 1984 until retiring on 2 October 2006. From 1994 until his retirement, he was the Chief Justice of the Industrial Relations Court of Australia. He also served as an additional Judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory from 23 April 1983 to 30 September 2006.

Murray may best be remembered for handing down the controversial Noongar Native Title ruling a fortnight before retiring. In May 2007, he gave the Blackburn Lecture to the ACT Law Society.

In his speech, he claimed that Australia was becoming an 'elected dictatorship' as a result of a concentration of power in Canberra.

In October 1993 his book *An Australian Charter of Rights* was launched by Michael Kirby. The Australian reported a concomitant attack on Australia's human rights laws as inadequate to prevent discrimination and a potential international embarrassment. Murray was quoted as saying that 'Parliaments and the common law [are] not doing their jobs.' In particular, they did not do enough to extirpate racial and sexual discrimination or to protect homosexuals.

Murray was also a committed environmentalist, and was President of the Australian Conservation Foundation from 1979 to 1984.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the 2010 Australia Day Honours 'For service to the law as a Judge and a Law Reform Commissioner, particularly in the areas of environmental, native title and industrial law.'

Murray was Chairman of ADFAS Blue Mountains from December, 2016 until November 2018 and prior to that served as Vice Chairman.

AROUND THE MOUNTAINS

DAVID WARDMAN
Water Colour Artist



One-day structured workshops for beginners and more advanced artists, aimed at raising the skills and confidence of the participants.

Study includes:

- Techniques to discover new ways of seeing the world.
- How to find compelling subject matter.
- The nature of light in painting.

Limited to six participants

Booking essential

Location: 7 Emily Street, Katoomba

Dates: 03 February, 03 March, 07 April, 05 May, 02 June.

Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Cost: \$110.00

Contact: David Wardman

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INVITATION to MORNING TEA

ADFAS Blue Mountains cordially invites New Members to meet the Committee Monday 13th May at 10.30am.
Sharryn Ryan's home
79 Falls Rd,
WENTWORTH FALLS
email: janicelight1@bigpond.com
or
phone: 0410 580 257

Thank You - Christine Lee



Christine Lee was part of the Steering Committee in early 2009 and has been an active member ever since. Her drive, enthusiasm and friendly manner over the past nine years has helped raise over \$15,000.00 in raffle money which is used primarily for our Youth Arts Fund. Over that time Christine organized the purchase of over 80 raffle prizes. We take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank her for her dedication and commitment to ADFAS Blue Mountains. She has passed the Raffle baton to Francis Lipscombe - it will be a hard act to follow.

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