



### *Notes from the Chair ...*

Dear ADFAS Newcastle Members,

We are delighted to remind you that our first lecture this year is happening next Monday and is our Newcastle Lecture with David Banney. His Special Interest Morning last year was so popular we decided to ask him back to give an evening lecture, which I am sure you will enjoy. The Committee is very excited to be back to 'in person' lectures and we hope to see as many of you as possible at our first lecture.

### **Change of Venue – Christ Church Cathedral**

#### *Lecture Organisation ...*

There have been some changes to the Covid rules which will influence our next lecture. Below is what you need to know:

- *QR* codes are no longer necessary
- *Masks* are no longer compulsory but we encourage you to wear them for the safety of all our members
- *Parking* will be available in the Cathedral grounds and on the street but will NOT be available in the Newcastle Club grounds
- *Refreshments*: Wine, cheese and crackers will be available on arrival at the Cathedral
- *Programme Cards*: Our programme cards will be available on arrival at the lecture. Pick them up when you collect your refreshments
- *Live Streaming*: This will be available next Monday evening from 6.30 pm and the link will stay available for a few days.

#### *Feb 2022 Lecture ...*

- *Lecturer*: David Banney
- *Topic*: Symmetry in Art, Craft and Graphic Design with Lessons from the Japanese Puffer Fish
- *Venue*: Christ Church Cathedral
- *Date*: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- *Time*: 6.30pm



David Banney - Symmetry in Art, Craft and Graphic Design

Symmetry is one of the fundamental organising principles of the universe - so pervasive that we tend to take it for granted. But, consciously or subconsciously, symmetries and broken symmetries influence our behaviour. From finding a mate to selling products, symmetry is always lurking in the background, and this lecture examines the fascinating roles of symmetry in the visual world.

### ***Bring a Guest ...***

*The Committee has decided to make our first lecture a 'Bring a Guest' at no cost lecture. Please put on your thinking caps and see who you think would enjoy the ADFAS lectures and bring them along, they may even decide to join. We do ask you to let us know who you are bringing at: [quests@adfnewcastle.org.au](mailto:quests@adfnewcastle.org.au).*

### *Raffle...*

The raffle will be again available at this lecture and all proceeds will go to Young Arts. The cost is \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. The book looks interesting and is 'New York Mid-Century' Post War Capital of Culture by Paul Goldberger, Annie Cohen-Solal and Robert Gottlieb.

### *Membership ...*

We are delighted with the number of members who have already renewed but there are a few who have perhaps forgotten. We do hope you decide to join us again this year as we would love to see you. You can renew and/or pick up your membership forms on the night from the guest table.

### *Conference ...*

The National Conference is going ahead 29 to 31 March at The Holiday Inn in Sydney and we have arranged to have Sharon Nevile as an observer. Normally two members are sent to the conference but as we have co-chairmen, we negotiated having Sharon included.

## *Members' News – Thank you to two wonderful women*

We have received *Mary Cuppaidge's* resignation from the committee (but not as a member), due to ongoing family health problems. Mary joined ADFAS soon after she and John arrived from Bathurst. She worked hard on publicity and was instrumental in having a wonderful article in the Hunter and Coastal Lifestyle. We will miss her kind, gentle demeanour, and thank her for being part of the committee. We have since found out she was 'hiding her light under a bushel.' In 2016 she was made a *Living Legend* by the Bathurst City Council. She received this award for her contributions to the city for the Arts. Mary was talking to an artist one day who told her that being an artist was a lonely profession. This prompted Mary to do something and so she set up a group for artists in the area to meet to share their stories. What followed on were Art Trails and Art Tours organised by Mary. She encouraged one artist to open an Art Gallery. Driving into Bathurst is an avenue of Canadian Maples and one is named after our Mary! We are sure there is more to tell! (Mary is holding the painting)

During February, *Rae Richards* met with Dean Katherine (a member) in the cathedral. Dean Katherine wanted to personally thank Rae and talk to her about her banners and artworks in the cathedral. Rae has been a long-time member of ADFAS as well as being a former committee member and of course we are very thankful for her generosity in allowing us to use her artwork for our letterhead banner and our programmes over many years.



Cathy Tate

Judy Wotton