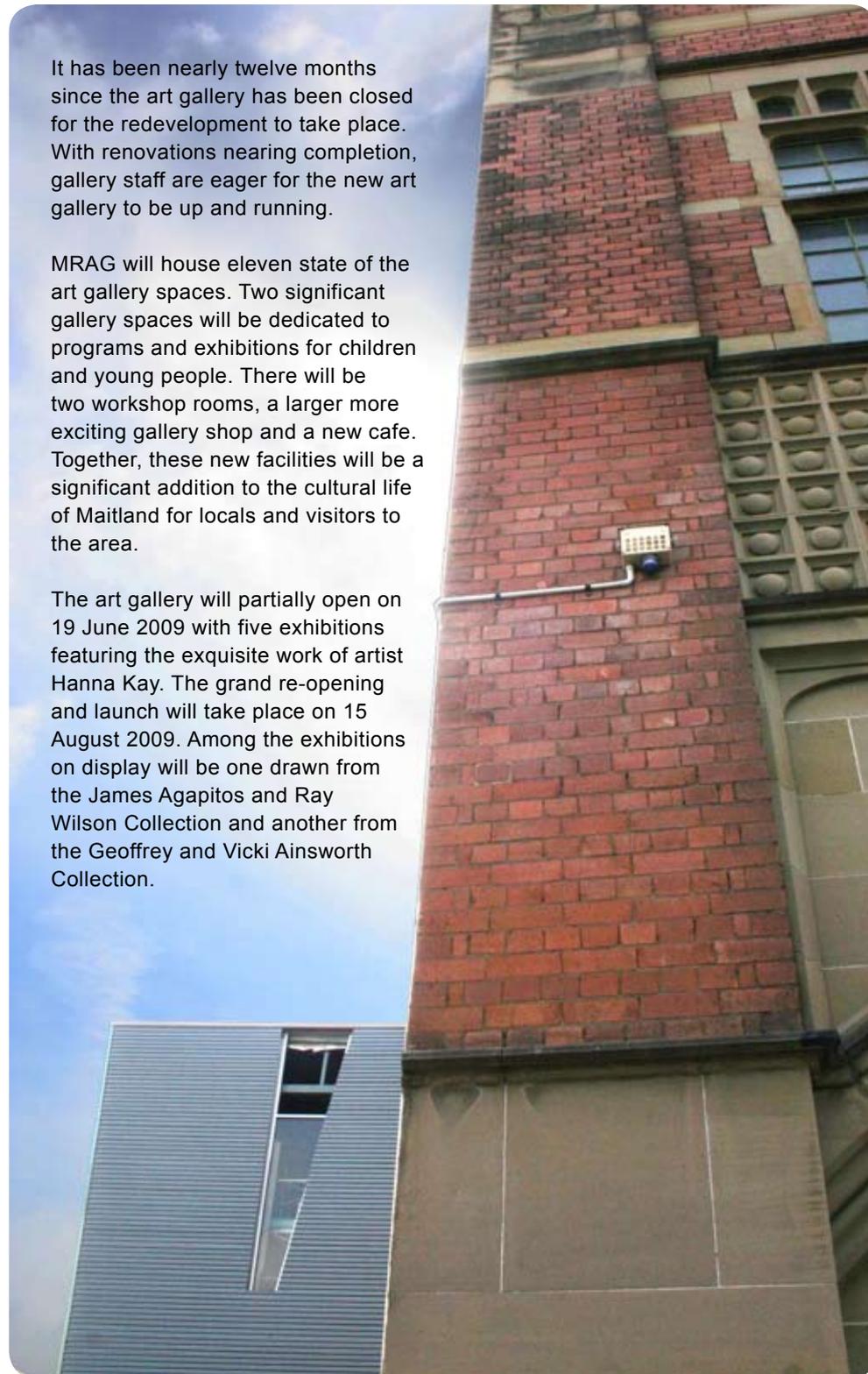


# full steam ahead

It has been nearly twelve months since the art gallery has been closed for the redevelopment to take place. With renovations nearing completion, gallery staff are eager for the new art gallery to be up and running.

MRAG will house eleven state of the art gallery spaces. Two significant gallery spaces will be dedicated to programs and exhibitions for children and young people. There will be two workshop rooms, a larger more exciting gallery shop and a new cafe. Together, these new facilities will be a significant addition to the cultural life of Maitland for locals and visitors to the area.

The art gallery will partially open on 19 June 2009 with five exhibitions featuring the exquisite work of artist Hanna Kay. The grand re-opening and launch will take place on 15 August 2009. Among the exhibitions on display will be one drawn from the James Agapitos and Ray Wilson Collection and another from the Geoffrey and Vicki Ainsworth Collection.



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## upcoming exhibitions at mrag

For mrag's partial opening on 19 June 2009, the following exhibitons will be on display. All exhibitions except Charles Blackman run till 9 August 2009

*Undertow*: Hanna Kay;

*Shooting the Builder*: Carla Feltham, Michelle Maartensz And Martin Trew;

*Progression*: Shirley Cameron-roberts And Brian Roberts;

*Shorelines*: Adrian Lockhart; and

*Recent Acquisitions from the Collection*: Charles Blackman.

During these exhibitions Hanna Kay will present a lecture on her work and the Maitland Jewish Cemetery and Dr Janis Wilton will present a series of workshops on pubic history revolving around the Maitland Jewish Cemetery.



Hanna Kay *Undercurrent* 2008 oil and tempera on linen 180 x 350cm

## mrag touring exhibitions

mrag is currently organising several touring exhibitions. The Hanna Kay exhibiton is beginning its tour at Maitland Regional Art Gallery in June 2009 before touring to other galleries in eastern Australia. Also touring is Salvatore Zofrea: *Days of Summer* and Judy Cassab: *Essentially Australian*. For more info [mrag.org.au/touringex.htm](http://mrag.org.au/touringex.htm)



Salvatore Zofrea  
*Illawarra Flametree*  
Hand coloured woodcut print  
on Japanese Hitachi paper  
69 x 88.5cm



Judy Cassab  
*Margaret Whitlam* 1988  
Acrylic and oil on canvas  
78.5 x 103 cm

mragm profile  
craig wilson mragm chairperson

Greetings members,

I am the new Chairperson of mragm and thought I would take this opportunity to tell you a bit about my background. I am originally from Melbourne but have lived in Newcastle for many years. I have always been interested in art and my main focus has been photography. I have a BA (Visual Arts), a Bachelor of Fine Art (Hons) and a PhD in Fine Art. Last year I completed a Graduate Diploma of Education in Secondary Visual Arts teaching. I have taught photography for many years at Hunter Street TAFE, The University of Newcastle and more recently at secondary schools.

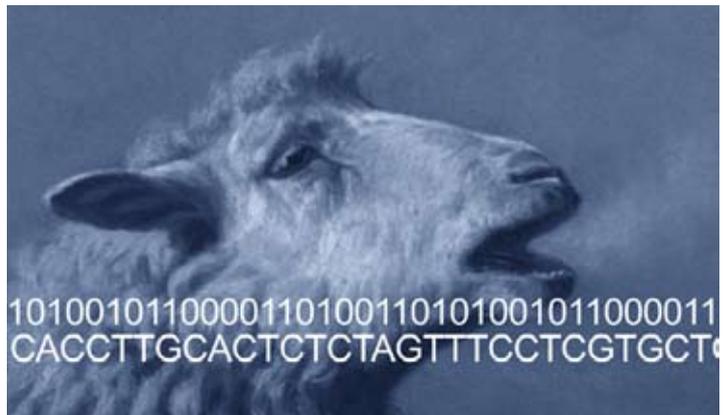
Last year I volunteered at the gallery and assisted with school holiday programs and participated in the Regional Conversations program. This involvement with the art gallery led me to my current involvement with mragm. I am excited about what the members can do for the art gallery.

I am really looking forward to the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prize coach trip on Saturday March 28. Judy always does such an excellent job and we always have a brilliant fun-filled day.

It is a very exciting time for Maitland as the new mrag nears completion. I am delighted to be a part of the art gallery being reopened for the community and visitors to Maitland to access to enjoy.



Craig Wilson



Craig Wilson  
*5% Anguish* 2004 digital imagery, ink jet print on vinyl 180 x 320 cm



Craig Wilson  
*Pure Anguish* 2004 digital imagery, ink jet print on vinyl 180 x 320 cm

## education pipsqueak! pilot program a success.



After trialing an early childhood arts program, Pipsqueak!, during the January 2009 holidays, the success of the program has lead Education to run the program again in the April holidays before the gallery re-opens, and then initiate it as a mid-week family gallery tour in the new mrag.

Pipsqueak! is a special arts program for children aged 2-6. It presents an artwork from the mrag collection in a child-orientated way, helping younger audiences to learn more about looking at artworks. Afterwards, the children and parents enjoy working on a related small art project. During January, we used Frank Hodgkinson's 1989 work, *Female Cockatoo and Chick* and children and their carers created colourful pairs of kid sized wings.

We received lots of positive feedback about the program and it was great to see parents, carers and grandparents interacting with their children whilst creating artworks. The Pipsqueak! workshops will be held at all four Maitland libraries during the April holidays.

## NEW teen's art challenge running in april



mrag Education will be trialing the next NEW education program during this April school holidays. This program is only for high school students aged 13-18, and is a life drawing challenge with a twist.

The 'Mixed Bag Drawing Challenge' is a competition style art workshop that helps develop the drawing skills of high school aged students. It is called 'Mixed Bag' because you never know what you're going to get - to draw that is - participants could find themselves sketching anything from an Elvis impersonator to a Volkswagen Beetle. The winner, as judged by Joe Eisenberg, Gallery Director, will receive an Ipod Nano.

## april holidays program of events:

Keep an eye out for additional children's programming provided by Maitland Libraries and the Maitland City Centre, as part of Kids Holiday Fun!



### Pipsqueak!

Bookings essential. Call the corresponding library to make your booking. (all materials supplied)

**who:** Children aged 2- 6, and their parent/carer (up to three children per carer)

#### where / when:

16th April Thornton Library 10.30am-11.30am

16th April Rutherford Library 2.30pm-3.30pm

23rd April East Maitland Library 10.30am-11.30am

23rd April Maitland Library 2.30-3.30pm

**cost:** \$5.00 per child

### MRAG Kids Art Workshops

Bookings essential. Call the gallery to secure a place. (all materials supplied)

**who:** Children aged 6-12

**when / where:** 15th April 10am – 2pm and

22nd April 10am - 2pm

Maitland Heritage Mall, High St Maitland.

(shop number to be advised)

**cost:** \$20 members / \$25 non members

### Mixed Bag Drawing Challenge

Bookings essential. Call the gallery to secure a place (all materials supplied, however students may prefer to use their own materials or equipment).

**who:** High School students, aged 13-18

**when / where:** 17th April 11am-1pm, Maitland Mall, under the shade cloths (wet weather venue will be advised)

**cost:** \$15

### FREE kids activities stall (in connection with Hunter Valley Steamfest.

This event is funded, organised and staffed by MRAG Members.

**who:** Kids of all ages

**when / where:** Saturday 18th April 10am - 4pm

Sunday 19th April 10am-4pm in conjunction with Steamfest

**cost:** FREE (all materials supplied)

mragm archibald, wynne & sulman prize  
coach trip saturday 28 march 2009



**itinerary**

- 6.30 am depart maitland regional art gallery (mrag)  
 7.00 am leave bluetongue brewery 42 stenhouse drive, cameron park  
 8.00 am morning tea provided  
 9.15 am arrive art gallery of new south wales (agnsw) private guided tour of the archibald prize.  
 shows also at agnsw: mountford gifts, tim johnson: painting ideas, contemporary collection, ângela ferreira & narelle jubelin, oscar munoz: biografias, country culture community, artexpress 2009, korean dreams and justene williams.  
 11.30 am coach leaves agnsw for the rocks  
 12.00 pm lunch at the rocks/circular quay (byo or buy)  
 2.00 pm museum of contemporary art (mca) for a private guided tour of yayoi kusama: mirrored years and i walk the line: new australian drawing  
 4.00 pm depart from museum of contemporary art (mca)  
 6.00 pm arrive bluetongue brewery  
 6.30 pm arrive maitland regional art gallery

**cost: \$60 members \$70 non members/guests**

remember to bring your stash of \$1 and \$2 coins for the raffles on the bus, there are some great prizes to be won!! rsvp 24 march to book phone the art gallery (02) 4934 9859 or drop in to the art gallery. payment required at time of booking.

what's on

**Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre**  
 Cnr Bridge & William Streets, Muswellbrook  
**The 40th Muswellbrook Open Art Prize plus *Mirror Mirror***  
**a selection of works from the Max Watters Collection**  
 until 29 March 2009  
**The Paper Trail - Works on paper from the Muswellbrook Art Collection**  
**Miniatures XIII – Hunter Artists Group Show**  
**Bruce Webber Military Artefacts Collection**  
 4 April - 10 May 2009  
 opens 6pm Friday 3 April 2009



**Gallery 13**  
 13 Belmore Road Lorn (Café/Gallery at rear)  
**Margaret Hardy: Recent Works**  
 until 31 March  
 An exhibition of recent oil paintings by local artist  
 Margaret Hardy, featuring the works Magnolia Series



**Lorn Gallery**  
 17 Belmore Road Lorn  
**Selected Works of Maitland Region Society of Artists**  
 until 5 April 2009  
 Contact J Bellamy Ph: (02) 4934 3840  
 Email: jellenb@westnet.com.au

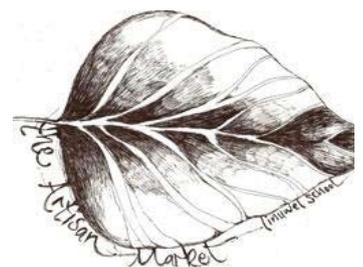
**Hunter Valley Steamfest**  
 18 & 19 April 2009  
 Be sure not to miss the hiss, toot and chug of Australia's premier festival of steam. Hunter Valley Steamfest, which was established in 1985 following the closure of the South Maitland Railway line in 1983, attracts over 80,000 visitors to the Maitland area to enjoy a fun filled weekend. ph 4931 2877  
[www.steamfest.com.au](http://www.steamfest.com.au)



**Brough House**  
 Church St Maitland  
**Re-gain Art Exhibition**  
 27 March- 12 April 2009  
 Contact Holly McNamee Ph: (02) 4934 4314  
 Time: Fri, Sat, Sun 10.00am - 3.00pm  
 Re-gain is an exhibition of drawings by Holly McNamee, of streetscapes reflecting the artist's childhood in the eastern end of High St, Maitland.

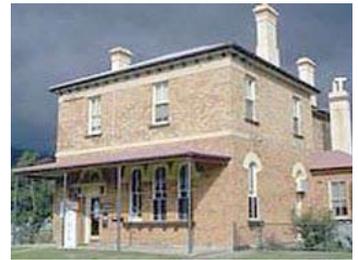


**The Artisan Markets @ Linuwel**  
 Date: 21 March 2009  
 Venue: Linuwel School, 133 Morpeth Rd, East Maitland  
 Contact: Linuwel School Contact: Chelle Heath Phone: 0422 955 108  
 Time: 10am - 2pm FREE ENTRY  
 The markets will be held in the carpark of the school on Morpeth Road. At the Artisan Markets at Linuwel you can find fresh produce, beautifully unique hand made clothing, quality toys supporting imaginary play in children, Steiner based art and craft, deliciously healthy food, all natural skincare products, and live music – just to name a few!!!



**Paterson Historical Town Walk**

Date: 22 March 2009  
 Venue: Paterson Courthouse Museum, High Street, Paterson  
 Contact: Pauline Clements Phone: (02) 49385183  
 When: 1pm  
 Cost: \$5 Adults (includes afternoon tea and museum inspection), School children FREE  
 Leave Paterson Court House Museum at 1pm for a conducted walk around the village of Paterson. Led by Historical Society President Cameron Archer.



**Botanic Illustration Workshop**

Date: 4 April 2009  
 Venue: Hunter Region Botanic Gardens  
 Contact Details: Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Phone: (02) 4987 1655  
 Email: admin@huntergardens.org.au  
 Website: www.huntergardens.org.au

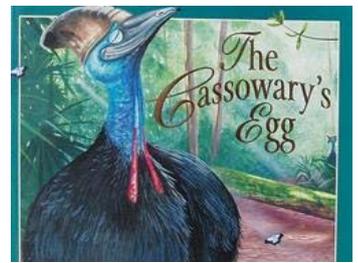


**Morpeth Gallery**

**5 Green St Morpeth**

**Children's Book Art Exhibition**

Date: 16-19 April 2009  
 Contact: Morpeth Gallery  
 Phone: 4933 1407 Email: info@morpethgallery.com  
 Website: www.morpethgallery.com  
 Time: 10.00am to 5.00pm Free entry  
 Children's Book Art Exhibition featuring the work of Natalie Jane Parker and Garry Fleming. Both established children's book authors and illustrators Natalie and Garry will be on hand to sign their latest books. Natalie has 12 books in print. Garry has more than 78 books, published in 28 languages and in 55 countries. The original illustrations featured in their books will be on display and for sale. There will also be book readings at 11am and 2pm.



**Maitland Arts Council**

In support of Maitland Arts Council and the onward and upward growth of the Arts in Maitland please make a note in your diaries of the following events

**June 2009**

The third part of the ever popular *Show Stoppers Series of Events*. The theme for this instalment will be *From the Sine to the Danube*. Held at the Mansfield Function Centre the event costs include a three course dinner plus wine and entertainment. Book early as all previous shows have been sell out events. (Date TBC)

**August 2009**

Concert (focus on youth) The Maitland Arts Council will be presenting a concert that focuses on the best of local youth. (Date TBC)

**11 October 2009**

The Peters Quartet, performing at St Peters Church Maitland. This quartet is immensely popular in their home town of St Petersburg, Russia. Travelling to Australia to appear in a series of performance this quartet is well known and loved throughout Europe.

Tickets for all events will be available from the Visitor Information Centre





## mragm committee and meeting information

Chairperson                      Dr Craig Wilson  
 Vice Chairperson                Mrs Judy Henry  
 Secretary  
 Treasurer                         Ms Helen Lowe

Please remember that all MRAGM meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month in the Paterson Room of the Town Hall at 4.00pm (3.45pm for afternoon tea). All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## mragm meeting dates for 2009

11 March	(Paterson Room Town Hall)	12 August	(Gallery)
8 April	(Paterson Room Town Hall)	9 September	(Gallery)
13 May	(Paterson Room Town Hall)	14 October	(Gallery)
10 June	(Gallery)	11 November	(Gallery)
8 July	(Gallery)	9 December	(Gallery)

Maitland Regional Art Gallery Members' (MRAGM) primary role is to promote public awareness of Maitland Regional Art Gallery (MRAG) and its activities. MRAGM is recognised by the art gallery as a vital ingredient to the growth of the Cultural Precinct.

MRAGM PATRON - Mr Frank Terenzini  
 Member for Maitland in the  
 NSW Legislative Assembly

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