

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 2013

This newsletter gives me an opportunity to let you know of the extra work committee members and interested others have undertaken to ensure that BDAS continues to grow and provide a pleasant venue and environment for members and the wider community.

The substantial Grant from the IMB together with donations of the beautiful birch trees by Mick Pfahl of Tree keepers, and paving from Austral bricks and our savings enabled us to undertake the building of our sculpture garden. We are proud of our achievement, which has received wonderful support from BDAS members and the broader community. Our Garden sub committee, Mick Pfahl, Heidi McGeoch, Sam Larwill, and myself, efficiently and creatively led by Helen De Salis, worked hard to achieve the result you can see today. I especially thank Helen for her efforts, they are very much appreciated

Susan Love and Maureen Varnavsky led the team of enthusiastic volunteers and community organisations who worked to make our second Open Day a joyful and profitable event.

The Celebrity Portrait Reveal was a great success as usual. Catering by the committee was excellent and the artists Denise Sumner, Annie Day, Wayne Taylor and Justin Pearson donated their work for the occasion. The paintings of Liz Burch were varied and impressive and she was delighted with her choice.

Dr Tony Emmett made and donated the new bookshelves in the workshop and Ross Meredith dismantled the old shelves and erected the new. Denise Sumner, Leanne Booth and a willing team repacked the books. Denise is consulting with Tony regarding more shelves to complete the foyer.

Ross Meredith and Tony Deigan installed the new lighting in the small exhibition room and the whole gallery will be fitted out as soon as there is a space for this to happen.

I am really happy to be writing to you in our newly designed and formatted newsletter. Robyn Ezra and her sister Annie Day have spent hours developing our new BDAS website and a newsletter format which I am sure you will appreciate. Kathie Atkinson has also labored long over the photos of artworks and activities and I am confident you will see a big difference in their representation on the website.

Please take a moment to look at [www.bdasgallery.com](http://www.bdasgallery.com)  
It is packed full of information and pictures of exhibitions and recent BDAS events. You can be confident that it will be kept fresh and up to date.

Ruth Kemp is our featured member this month. Ruth has worked for BDAS in many capacities and is handing over maintenance of the website and production of the Newsletter as she has moved to live in Temora. Thank you Ruth, you have been a treasure.

I have asked various people to write more about the projects mentioned and also, Tim Copes has written a piece about the John Copes Memorial prize. There is a lot to read in this newsletter – enjoy

Warm Regards

Christina