

MAANZ AGM 2023.

Report by Branch Representative to be tabled at Meeting

NSW Branch

Name of Representative: Xanthe Wells, Linda Weiss, Annie Balcomb (11/22 to 02/23)

Number of Current Members: 263

Number of New Members since last AGM: 2

How has the Branch met the Objectives of MAANZ:

- Exhibition

Material Musings - NSW Branch Exhibition 2022

The NSW Branch exhibition was held at Gallery 107, Redfern, Sydney, 19th to 28th October. A total of nine generous awards were made. The opening also provided an opportunity to farewell Noula Diamantopoulos from her long-serving role as MAANZ President.

Fifty works were entered into the exhibition. Thirty-five were from NSW branch members, twelve from other branch members and three from non-members. Six works were sold. Two works were sold after opening night indicating visitors were viewing the exhibition throughout its duration.

The prize winners were:

Galia Menin for "The Nature of Bark" - Best in Show

Pip Enever for "Beauty Lies Beneath" - Judge's choice

Francesca O'Donnell for "Final Resting Place" - Judge's choice

Deslee Hancock for "Loss is not a straight line"- Highly commended

Biljana Pop Stefanija for "Always Was I" - Highly commended

Marian Shapiro for "Memories are Made of This"- Highly commended

April Keogh for "Morning Kiss"- Highly commended

Samuel Kirby for "Shattered earth" - Innovation award

Linda Weiss for "Elissa: After the plague" - People's choice award

The exhibition would not have been possible without the help of Francesca, Andrea, Kate, Marian, Linda, Caitlin, Inge, April, Mia, Xanthe, Galia, Birgit, Brett, Steve, John, Winnie, Debbie, as well as Helen, the gallery coordinator.

- Community

The NSW 'Hanging by a Thread' project was exhibited in the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery for three months. The team mosaic was part of an International Year of Glass exhibition. The exhibition opening night attracted a large audience with people from many cultural backgrounds. The mosaic was displayed in the front entrance foyer of the gallery. Michael Scarrone, the Assistant Curator of the National Art Glass Collection, reported the mosaic was of great interest and they received a lot of positive feedback.

Other:

- Sydney Royal Easter Show Arts and Crafts Awards 2023

MAANZ members received the following awards:

Wall Hanging Mosaic Section

1st and 3rd prize - Christine Stickley

2nd prize - Catherine Maher

3rd prize and Highly Commended - Birgit Heinemann

Sculptural 3D Mosaic Section

Standard of Excellence, 1st and 2nd prize - Pip Enever

3rd prize - Birgit Heinemann

- Blue Mountains Art Prize 2023

Christine Stickley, NSW MAANZ member, received the Best Mosaic in Exhibition award.

Xanthe Wells and Linda Weiss
06/10/20203

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Branch – New Zealand

Name of Representative: Sharon Pine and Ellie Fjin

Number of Current Members: 53

Number of New Members since last AGM: 1

How has the Branch met the Objectives of MAANZ:

- Education (Workshops held etc)
- Exhibition (Brief summary)
- Community (Collaborations, community events held/attended etc)
Mosaic for Afghan Women – several MAANZ members contributed pieces for the NZ piece (which also includes contributions from Australian members). Pat George was instrumental in putting this together and transporting it to be displayed at the NZ Mosaic Art National Exhibition in Whanganui.

Other:

Include any special recognitions or awards

Major achievements not included above

Issues facing branch: Not many active members and we are thinly spread out across NZ. This makes it very difficult to foster a sense of community.

Branch Representative: Sharon Pine

Date. 5/10/23

Queensland Branch Report MAANZ AGM 2023

It's hard to believe that a year has rolled around so quickly! It has been a great year for mosaics, and getting to know our Qld Branch members. We have 9 new members since the last AGM.

Our focus on education this year has been through Zoom meetings throughout the year, held on a Monday night, with sessions discussing:

- Material Choices and Why
- Adhesives and Substrates
- Tools and Cutting Techniques
- Andamento and Keystoning
- General Q & A
- Artist Statements and Photographing Your Work

The next two zoom meetings planned are 'Artist Spotlight' on 23rd October where we discuss and unpack the work and techniques of specific artists, and then our final Zoom for the year (11th December) will be an exhibition de-brief, plus an opportunity to showcase and share ideas for Christmas themed mosaics.

We have a terrific group of regular attendees for the Zooms but would love to build the audience for these sessions, and achieve a wider reach across Queensland. We would be keen for input from members how to achieve this. We have been posting details of the Zoom on our facebook page, plus sending out a newsletter before each zoom reminding people of the date.

We have managed to squeeze in a couple of face-to-face catch ups through the year, with a well attended gathering at Catherine Conaty's studio at the end of March. Then In September, we enjoyed a special event at the Brisbane Square Library, with the launch of Dr Helen Bodycomb's book 'Mosaicism: Thinking in Mosaic'. It is always lovely to meet and chat with like-minded people, and we look forward to more of these gatherings in the future.

The Queensland 'Hanging By a Thread: Mosaic for Afghan Women" scarf has been weaving its way on tour through parts of Queensland, going from its launch at Brisbane Square Library to Central Queensland University in Bundaberg from March, and then onto Gatakers Art Space in Maryborough in July, before reaching its permanent home with Multicultural Australia in its Logan Office, where it was installed in September. Many thanks to Paul Perry for the considerable hard work and effort he put into making all this happen.

We are getting very excited about our upcoming 'Quintessentially Queensland' exhibition in Gatakers Art Space in Maryborough, from 17th November through to 10th December, with the official opening on Saturday 18th November. All works must be 25cm x 25cm and will be hung in a grid format. The deadline for entries has been extended to 22nd October. It is

sure to be a fabulous display, and we look forward to the event! Thanks to Dorothy Burke, who is one of our judges, travelling all the way from Western Australia!

Special mention should be made for some of the activity from individual members:

Kay Distel has been busy working over the last few months with Paul Perry and a group of community volunteers in Hervey Bay on the renovation of a 40 year old de-comissioned mosaic fountain, which is coming together beautifully!

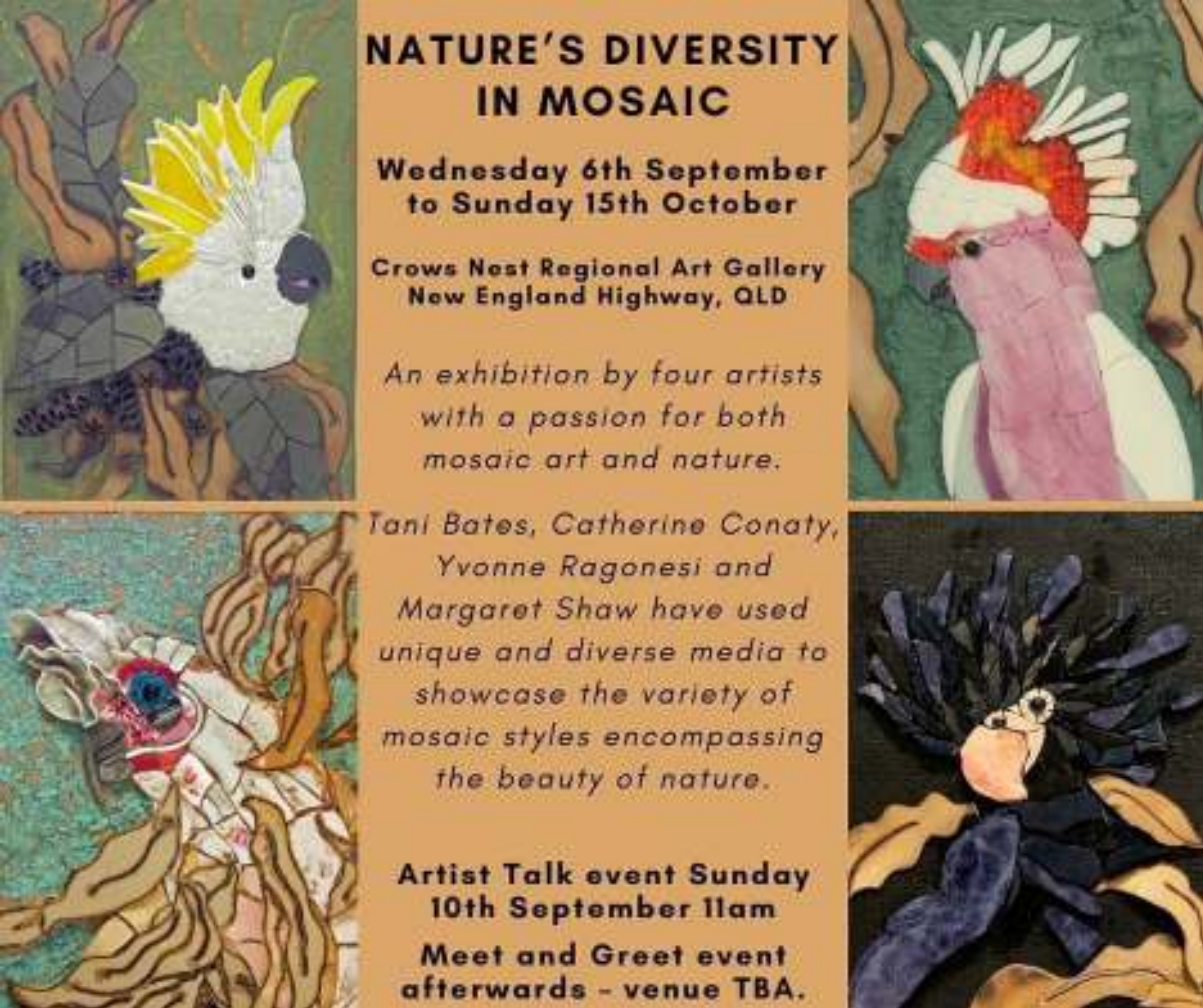




Earlier this year, Tani Bates set herself a marathon goal of creating 100 mosaics in 100 days, which she achieved! What an exercise in commitment and tenacity, and with fantastic results!



Four of our members (Marg Shaw, Yvonne Ragonesi, Tani Bates and Catherine Conaty) currently have an exhibition on display at Crows Nest Gallery: Nature's Diversity in Mosaics running from 10th September to 15th October. It has been very successful with lots of red dots! Special thanks to all the MAANZ members who travelled from far and wide to join us at the opening of this event.



**NATURE'S DIVERSITY
IN MOSAIC**

**Wednesday 6th September
to Sunday 15th October**

**Crows Nest Regional Art Gallery
New England Highway, QLD**

*An exhibition by four artists
with a passion for both
mosaic art and nature.*

*Tani Bates, Catherine Conaty,
Yvonne Ragonesi and
Margaret Shaw have used
unique and diverse media to
showcase the variety of
mosaic styles encompassing
the beauty of nature.*

**Artist Talk event Sunday
10th September 11am**

**Meet and Greet event
afterwards - venue TBA.**

Late last year, Paul Perry ran a series of workshops in Bundaberg (with 67 volunteers) to create 'Jack'ie the Sand Goanna which now resides in the Bush Tucker Garden at Community Lifestyles Support Garden. A fabulous example of public art involving the community!



We look forward to many more memory making mosaic adventures with the Qld Branch in the year ahead!

Happy mosaicing!

Catherine, Paul and Tani
Queensland Branch Reps

MAANZ AGM 2023. Branch South Australia

Name of Representative: Kristin Wohlers

Plus, any additional endorsed representatives

The Team: Helen Blackman, Beate Linckelmann, Doon Hayman, Stan Baker, Elaine Spence, Sandra Sullivan, Sally Alexander, Anni Telford, Anne Allen, Margot McDougal

Number of Current Members: 120

Number of New Members since last AGM: 11 (hopefully more this week!)

How has the Branch met the Objectives of MAANZ:

- Education (Workshops held etc) several workshops were held at different venues and mosaic businesses. We have not run any MAANZ hosted workshops.
- Exhibition (Brief summary) – not a MAANZ exhibition because we ran one last year. We are holding a SA mosaics exhibition at the moment (From the Land to the Sea – Pepper Street Art Centre 6th October – 3 November) 2023 – the entire committee are MAANZ members (10) and some exhibitors (half) are MAANZ members. We understand SA Mosaic as a non-for-profit working group that feeds into MAANZ.
- Community (Collaborations, community events held/attended et
 1. MFAW: Over the past year about eight events took place in different State Libraries/ Regional Galleries for opening the exhibition of the Mosaic for Afghan Women. We are promoting MAANZ at each event.
 2. Domestic Violence project in Gawler: Sandra Sullivan lead a massive DV project supported by Zonta and the Gawler City Council. The group fabricated a 10-meter-long memorial mosaic in Gawler under Sandra's guidance and expertise.
 3. Reflection Sofas: Since July community member are working on mosaics for three sofas in the Barossa Valley for Seeds of Hope/ Black Dog Ride/ Suicide Prevention in Angaston, Lyndoch and Mt Pleasant with Kristin Wohlers' guidance and expertise. The project will be opened on 26th November 2023.

General comment: We have a very lively mosaic community in South Australia and we MAANZ members are trying to get people to sign up for MAANZ (it is a bit like herding cats...) . We believe that the Symposium will give people an impetus to join. A last push is happening this week.

It would be great to be able to run workshops through MAANZ but so far, the finances have not worked out for most tutors.

Kristin Wohlers, 9th October

MAANZ AGM Branch Report – Tasmania

In 2023, Tasmania has embraced the MAANZ pillar of “Community”.

The Mosaic for Afghan Women, “Hanging by a Thread”, was on display in five locations across the State, with highly successful exhibition openings at each location. Many Afghan women from the Launceston area attended these opening events, sharing their stories and culture with the local communities. The community response and interest was overwhelming and it has certainly raised the level of awareness, support and compassion for the plight of the Afghan people.

Two other community projects have been completed.

First – ‘Mayfield Mosaics’ where residents of disconnected suburb were invited to attend workshops to create a butterfly mosaic for their front yard. This provided an opportunity for people to meet their neighbours, have a conversation and make something pretty for their home, resulting in a sense of identity and pride in the suburb.

Second – ‘Harmony Hands’ a large mosaic mural created by the Connected Women group. This is a local support & friendship group for migrant women. The ladies created a mosaic of their own handprint in colours and designs significant to their country or culture. These hands were mounted on a panel and is on display at the local community centre where they meet. It was launched as part of the Tamar Peace Festival and received great media coverage at the launch event.

We have had two social gatherings among members for our ‘Cake & Create’ days. Our next is planned for November in St Helens.

We have one new member joined this year.

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Branch - **VICTORIA**

Name of Representative: **HELEN BODYCOMB**

Plus any additional endorsed representatives: **BARB UHLENBRUCH (EXHIBITIONS) and BEV PLOWMAN (SECRETARY)**

Number of Current Members: ? **(Ask David)**

Number of New Members since last AGM: ? **(Ask David)**

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- Education (Workshops held etc)

Last year we held three educational sessions called Growing Mosaic Literacy. They were held in the first part of the year (before the last AGM). It was an ambitious program, partly funded by a grant from The City of Melbourne and fuelled by a lot of goodwill. We have not held any this financial year because I have been too busy with mosaic study tours and planning for the 2024 Symposium.

- Exhibition (Brief summary)

MAANZ Victoria Branch Exhibition held at No Vacancy Gallery December 14th-24th 2022 with 45 Entries and 5 sales.

Entry payments : \$900

Sales : 5

13% sales income: \$258.35

Gallery Hire/catering/ Awards \$4323

Sponsors \$500

Net loss \$3164

- Community (Collaborations, community events held/attended et

Mosaic for Afghan Women project. Creation of mosaic panels by MAANZ members and community participants early 2022 for project with Zoom meeting to facilitate instructions and spread the word run by Barb Uhlenbruch. Workshop with MAANZ member volunteers at Afghan Womens Organsiation August 21st 2022 to create mosaic panels with Afghan refugees for the Mosaic scarves. Display of Mosaics at Immigration Museum Sept-Nov 2022 with large public event held Sunday 13th November celebrating Afghan culture and the Mosaic scarves. This was well attended by MAANZ members , Afghan Women's

Organisation staff and youth group, and Afghan community members and the general public. The scarves were exhibited at ANU March 2023 in conjunction with the Glass Conference followed by an extended display at Toorak College April-Sept 2023 with school programming coordinated by MAANZ member Petra Glaser. From October 14th the Mosaic Scarves will be displayed at the Drum Theatre Dandenong for several months. 2 workshops for the public at Dandenong and Springvale Libraries in parallel with the Dandenong scarf display will be run by 2 MAANZ members Jacqui McCooke and Barb Uhlenbruch on Oct 5th and 12th. Mosaic workshops with Afghan refugee families and volunteer MAANZ members to make mosaics for the gardens of the Afghan Women's Organisation planned for summer school holidays 2023/4

MAANZ Lunch Catch up Auburn Pub Sunday 13th August (about 25 attendees)

Other:

Include any special recognitions or awards

Major achievements not included above

Community Exhibition Grant awarded to Ravit Tidhar by Hawthorn Townhall Gallery for mosaic exhibition 2023.

Louise Marson's St Vincent's project

Issues facing branch

Not being able to hold any branch funds makes it difficult to do very much outside meeting at a pub or someone's house. So I suggest that it should be possible for the Branches to be able to hold a small amount of funds – say a petty cash amount of up to \$250, to allow for Branch events.

Branch Representative: **HELEN BODYCOMB**

Date. **4 October 2023**