

# RANGIORA ART SOCIETY

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***Our website:*** [www.rangioraart.org.nz](http://www.rangioraart.org.nz)

## **From the President**

Happy New Year everyone, I just blinked and we are well into January, life has been moving so fast that it seems just last week that we held our Christmas party. While I've been tied up with building work on the garage at our place at Waikuku Beach I have managed a couple of paintings, trying to get outside in the early morning when the sun casts such great shadows.

Your committee is working on putting together an interesting programme for 2011, starting with our AGM then the Kaikoura weekend at the end of February. We are starting to organise the tutorials and while we have some thoughts we would appreciate suggestions from members on suitable artists we could approach to facilitate these one day sessions. A suggestion has been made that we could organise an advanced portraiture tutorial, please let a committee member know if you are interested in such a course.

I hope you have all had a great summer break!

Quilliam

## **Good luck Gill from your RAS Friends**

As many of you will know Gill Perring and her husband have moved to Levin to be nearer their family. We would like to acknowledge her work on the committee and in producing our newsletter in 2010. Newsletter production and distribution can be a pretty demanding task, but it is essential in an organisation like ours that members are kept informed.

Thanks Gill for your work on the committee and for your quiet company at our Tuesday sessions. We will miss you and we wish you good luck for the future.

## **Tasmania trip**

In late November twelve members (and partners) travelled to Tasmania for a painting holiday.



We had a really good time starting with a really hot day in Hobart, which is a pretty attractive harbour city, a bit like Wellington only much smaller. We did a lot of walking in our day and a half there and at the end of the day drove the group to the top of Mt Wellington which looms 1270m above the town, really interesting because at the top you are in an alpine environment with truly amazing 360 degree views.

We next spent 3 nights in Port Arthur which is on a peninsular south east of Hobart, very remote with great coastal scenery and the Historic convict site which was enormous and very interesting.

Next we moved up the east coast to Bicheno where we spent the next few days touring and socialising with a little time spent painting. Bicheno is a small fishing village and minor holiday resort, it has great beaches and is near to the popular Freycinet National Park.

We drove back across the island to Launceston where we spent a day exploring before flying home.

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## 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7pm Tuesday 1 February  
at the Gospel Hall  
High Street, Rangiora

To be followed with an interactive  
presentation on the trip to Tasmania

### Notice of Motion

- Your committee has recommended a small increase to the annual subscription. (From \$20 to \$25 with a reduction to \$20 for prompt payment) While we believe in keeping the cost down as much as possible, increases to our costs (ie postage and printing and our, financially, relatively poor year in 2010 make this increase advisable.
- Your committee also wishes to reduce the annual honorarium paid to the President, Secretary and Treasurer. (from \$200 to \$100 per annum) Those currently holding those positions feel that \$200 is excessive

### The first painting day for 2011

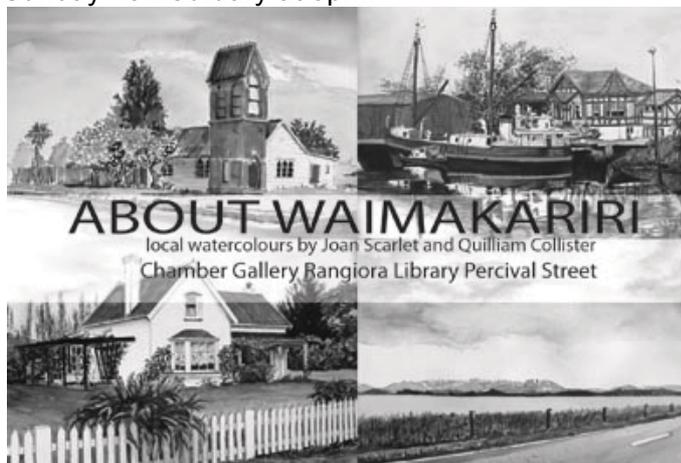
#### Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup>

We are hoping that a group who are interested will travel to various destinations to paint outside while the weather is warm. On Tuesday 8 Feb Quilliam will lead a group to paint at the Victoria St park which offers a range of subjects. We will be leaving the Gospel hall shortly after 10am (weather permitting).

We will be looking for suggestions for other destinations and for topics for our next few workshops.

### ABOUT WAIMAKARIRI

Joan Scarlet and Quilliam Collister are exhibiting in the Chamber Gallery in the Rangiora Public Library. They will be showing watercolour works of local scenes. You are all invited to the opening on Sunday 13 February at 3pm.



### Website Opportunity

Just a reminder that the "Members Work" Section of our website is available for all members who would like to display 5 images of their work along with a brief biography. If you would like to be included on our website just email 5 pics of your paintings plus a one paragraph "Bio" to Quilliam.

Quilliam is hoping to alter the site to enable members to have a page each on the site.

### Fernside Exhibition

In early November a large number of our members displayed paintings in conjunction with the Fernside School Garden Tour. Around a dozen paintings were sold and while most of the works sold were quite inexpensive it was felt that involving the society in this opportunity improved the profile of the society and member artists. In addition those of us involved had a really enjoyable day.

### Kaikoura Weekend

**Staying the nights of Friday Feb 25 and Saturday February 26.**

Following successful weekends away over the last couple of years we are organising a painting weekend in Kaikoura.

Due to the amount of time involved in organising accommodation we are asking those who wish to attend to book their own. If you are wishing to share accommodation or vehicles with other members please get together to organise or talk to Quilliam who may know of other members wishing to share.

It is proposed that we would stay in units at the **TOP 10 Holiday Park.**

**Free phone:0800 363 638**

**The Alpine Pacific Holiday Park**

**Free phone:0800 692 322**

is close to the Top 10 and also offers a range of accommodation if you are having difficulty getting suitable bookings. Otherwise there are many motels, backpackers etc and providing we have organized meetings etc you should not miss out on activities.

Please let Quilliam know if you are coming so we can arrange meeting places and times etc.