

ARLIS / ANZ AGM - 2008

NSW Chapter report

2008 has been another relatively quiet year for ARLIS / ANZ NSW chapter. We have had four chapter meetings as of September, including one in combination with Museums Australia NSW branch (March) and a social meeting at the Arthur Boyd (Bundanon Trust) homestead. Attendance has been steady, as per previous years and the meetings continue to provide networking, resource sharing and problem solving opportunities.

2008 Meeting details.

The combined meeting with the Museums Australia group took place on 5 March at the Hyde Park Barracks. Included a tour of the Convict Hulks exhibition and a talk by the curator Brad Manera.

One ACT member (Jill More) joined the NSW Chapter for a social meeting at Bundanon on Sunday 4 May. NSW Chapter members hired a mini-bus to travel to the property, which is around 3 hours drive, south of Sydney. The visit included a tour of the homestead and lunch. Ample time was allowed for self-guided walks around the property and for catching up on chapter/member news. Thanks to Barbara Rendall and Susan Schmocker for organising this very popular event.

The 12th of August meeting was held at the Jerzy Toeplitz Library, Australian Film Television and Radio School. AFTRS has recently relocated to brand new, purpose-built premises within the (Fox Studio) Entertainment Quarter in Moore Park, Sydney. The meeting was preceded by a guided tour throughout the new building to see the state-of-the art facilities. Thanks to Michelle Burton, for making this meeting venue possible.

The NSW Chapter AGM was held at the College of Fine Arts Library on 23rd September. The meeting was preceded by a tour of the Ivan Dougherty Gallery to see the exhibition *Colour in Art- Revisiting 1919*. The exhibition featured works by Roy de Maistre and Roland Wakelin (circa 1918-1920) that were influenced by de Maistre's colour-music theory. In addition, several Ralph Balson abstract paintings from a landmark exhibition held in the Anthony Horden Gallery, (Sydney) in 1941. Sourced from around the world, this was the first time these Balson abstracts had been shown together since that original exhibition. Sarah Hetherington, one of the IDG curators gave attending members an interesting & informative overview of exhibition. Thanks to IDG and the COFA Library staff, for hosting this meeting.

At the AGM, the positions of both Chair and Secretary were confirmed (Margaret Blackmore & Barbara Rendall, respectively). Susan Schmocker was nominated and seconded as Treasurer, but this has yet to be confirmed.

The final meeting for the year is an end-of-year / Xmas get together. We have not yet finalised that date or venue, but will advertise this of the ARLIS/ANZ web page when it is confirmed.

Margaret Blackmore.
October 3rd 2008.

