



# News Letter

2nd Edition  
-April 2023-



## Hello from the MONCAS Committee

The MONCAS Committee thanks all those who participated in the smART exhibition. It certainly was a wonderful exhibition that attracted works near and far.

We are now in the preparation stage of our Annual MONCAS Exhibition. Please see below for more information.

We are delighted to launch our website at our Member's Exhibition...so please look at for Bill, Rahila, Michael, Laila and Pratibha who put this together!

Don't forget our **Art Connect** sessions occur on the first Saturday of each month. Our grant from the City of Monash is still underway, so these events are free to those who attend. Please refer overleaf for the schedule of the upcoming Art Connect sessions.

## **MONCAS Members' Zoom Chat Room**

MONCAS is taking an initiative to encourage constructive conversations between artist members who are new to arts practice and those who have successfully achieved some milestones in their arts practice. These discussions would solely be to inspire, trouble-shoot or share some guidance and not for any legal conclusive advice.

Our first Zoom session will be held on 4th May, further details about the topic and time will be forwarded to members soon.

## **Diary dates with MONCAS**

**6 May:** **Art Connect Workshop**  
*Rahila Zeeshan (Craft Room)*

**3 - 14 May:** **'Tradition To Cherish'**  
*Solo Exhibition by Anudeepa Kadiresan*

**17 - 28 May:** **'How Do You Do?'**  
*Solo Exhibition by Sara Fung*

**3 June:** **Art Connect Workshop**  
*Laila Tabassum (Craft Room)*

**15 - 25 June:** **Members Annual Art Exhibition**

**16 June:** **Opening Celebration, Members Exhibition**

**17 June:** **Art Connect Workshop**  
*Pratibha Madan (Craft Room)*

## **Thank you to our Supporters**

The MONCAS committee wish to thank the **Bendigo Bank** and the **Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale** for their continued support. Both organisations have provided MONCAS with financial support since our conception. Both organisations enable us fulfill our legal obligations and purchasing items we need to run a gallery.

## **Welcome to Country**

MONCAS acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Kulin Nations whose lands on which we work. We pay our respects to the Wurundjeri & Bunurong Peoples, recognising their continuing connection to lands, waters & communities. We pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future.

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## MONCAS Members Annual Art Exhibition 15 - 25 June 2023

Monash Community Arts Society Inc. is proud to present its second annual member exhibition at The Track Gallery, with support from City of Monash.

This collaborative group art exhibition will feature a diverse range of art practices from our member artists, providing an opportunity for creative expression and fostering connection with the wider community. MONCAS members will have received the entry form recently. Please refer to the important dates for this exhibition below:

<b>Submissions Close:</b>	Wednesday, 31 May 2023
<b>Drop-off Date:</b>	Tuesday, 13 June 2023, 10am - 12pm at the Gallery
<b>Opening Celebration:</b>	Friday, 16 June 2023, 6 pm - 8 pm
<b>Pickup Artworks:</b>	Sunday, 25 June 2023, 2pm - 4pm from the Gallery

### What exhibitions is MONCAS auspicing next?

**Tradition to Cherish - Anudeepa Kadiresan - 3 -14 May 2023** - Opening Celebration: 6 May, 6pm - 8 pm

'Tradition to Cherish' by Anudeepa Kadiresan, is a celebration of Indian Culture and a reflection of Anudeepa's own journey as a member of Indian diaspora.

It offers a unique perspective on the intersection of tradition and modernity, and invites viewers to explore their own connections to cultural heritage and identity. The exhibition features a variety of media, including painting, drawings, and mixed media works. Many of the works incorporate traditional Indian elements, colors, intricate patterns, and symbolism drawn from Hindu mythology.

#### **About the Artist**

Anudeepa Kadiresan is an Indian artist who has lived in Australia for 20 years. Her art explores Indian culture and traditions, and aims to give voice to the experiences of the Indian diaspora in Australia.

**How Do You Do? - Sara Fung - 17 -28 May 2023** - Opening Celebration: 20 March at 1 pm (invite only)

'How do you do?' is the first solo art exhibition by emerging artist Sara Fung. Sara has been residing in Australia for four years, during which she has made numerous new friends and explored several stunning locations within this state.

"How do you do?" is the beginning of a conversation, that leaves a very important first impression. Sara uses a variety of mediums including acrylic, watercolour, pastel and pencil. The categories of the artworks are broad: landscape, town scene, people, portrait, flower and animal studies, and special series.

#### **About the Artist**

Sara was born in Hong Kong, whilst her family hails from Singapore. While studying IT in the UK, she discovered her passion for painting, which had been with her since childhood. Along with her hobbies of hiking, working out, and learning new things, she enjoys visiting museums and collecting art books. Sara Fung welcomes you to join her in celebrating the joys of everyday life at her debut solo exhibition and find wonders in ordinary suburbs and the familiar country.

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## Recent MONCAS News

### **smART 2023**

The 5th Annual Small Works Art Exhibition was held last month and was a huge success. The exhibition featured 60 artists ranging in age from 8 to 103 years old and displayed over 130 small works of art.

The opening event was officiated by Dr Carina Garland, MP for Chisholm and Tina Samardzija, Mayor for City of Monash, adding to the overall excitement and success of the event. The opening event was well attended by members of the local community, art enthusiasts, and the participating artists themselves.

Attendees were able to interact with the artists and learn more about their works, adding to the overall experience and engagement of the event.

The success of this exhibition highlights the importance of supporting and promoting the arts. The committee looks forward to future events that celebrate the artistic talent of our community.



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**What's happening at The Track Gallery in the next few months**

DRAVIDIAN ART'S

# Tradition to cherish

Art exhibition by  
Anudeepa Kadiresan

**3 MAY - 15 MAY 2023**  
AT  
**THE TRACK GALLERY**  
47 MILLER CRESCENT, MT WAVERLEY, VIC 3149

**OPENING CELEBRATION**  
SAT 6TH MAY, 6 - 8PM

**Gallery Hours**  
Wed - Fri 10am - 2pm  
Sat-Sun 10am - 4pm  
Mon - Tue closed

[www.dravidianart.com](http://www.dravidianart.com)

ART EXHIBITION

# HOW DO YOU DO

**17 - 28 MAY 2023**  
**THE TRACK GALLERY**  
47 MILLER CRESCENT  
MT WAVERLEY, VIC

**ARTIST:**  
**SARA FUNG**

Wed/Thu/Fri 10.00 AM - 02.00 PM  
Sat/Sun 11.00 AM - 03.00 PM

MORE INFO:  
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"Uluru Lizard" by Holy Saviour Primary School



# Uluru

## Youth Art for Reconciliation 2023

An exhibition of artwork by students in the City of Monash

**Thursday 1st June - Sunday 11th June, 2023**

**At The Track Gallery**

Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley 3149

Open: Wednesday to Friday: 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm

Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm Mon & Tues by appointment

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# ART CONNECT 2023

MONCAS MEMBERS 2ND ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

**15 - 25 JUNE**

TUE - SUN, 10:30AM - 2:30PM

**THE TRACK GALLERY**

**MT WAVERLEY, VIC 3149**

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## Out & About on the Art Trail



If you enjoy art, you may like to have a look the following exhibitions in and around our local municipality.

### **Museum of Australian Photography (MAPh)**

860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill

#### **Develop**

An annual showcase of work by emerging photographic artists.  
4 March – 16 April

#### **100 Faces**

100 works drawn from 3 photographic collections. 4 March – 28 May 2023

### **Civic Gallery**

293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

Civic Gallery is a new exhibition space designed to support and showcase Monash-based artists. Located in the foyer of the Monash Civic Centre in Glen Waverley, the Civic Gallery hosts painting, photography, drawing and works on paper.

Proposals to exhibit at Civic Gallery are accepted throughout the year. This space is available to individual or small groups of Monash-based artists.

### **Creative Spaces**

The Creative Spaces exhibition program is an opportunity for artists, community and student groups to showcase their artwork in 4 branches of the Monash Public Library Services (Mt Waverley, Oakleigh, Glen Waverley and Wheelers Hill).

### **Further Afield...**

**A4 Art Australia, Herring Island**

**4 March – 10 April**

[A4 Art Australia \(contemporaryartsociety.org.au\)](http://contemporaryartsociety.org.au)

**Colac Otway Art Trail**

**7 – 23 April**



Reader's Input

*Please let us know of any local exhibitions that you come across or other items you may like to read about in our next newsletter. Just email us at [reachmoncas@gmail.com](mailto:reachmoncas@gmail.com)*



### **FUN FACT**

**Street Art Projects** - these murals that help prevent graffiti and provide spaces for street art as a distinct art form. Do you know where the mural to the right is located? How many can you find in the City of Monash?

**Answers:** See the next edition of this newsletter.



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