



Saturday, 4 February 2017

Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12.30pm followed by Branch Meeting

- DOOR FEE:** \$15.00
- When:** 9:30am for demonstrations to start at 10:00am
Please make sure you sign in. This is necessary for insurance purposes.
- Where :** Concord Community Centre, Gipps Street, Concord
- Getting There:** Bus #464/466 (Burwood Station) or #439 City to Mortlake
- Remember:**
- ❖ A plate of food for the community lunch. Please include condiments if needed eg tomato sauce.
 - ❖ **Bring a mug for tea/coffee.** If you use one of the mugs provided, ensure you wash and put it away.
 - ❖ Only still photographs may be taken at branch meetings. Taking videos of demonstrations is strictly prohibited.
 - ❖ If you sit in the front row for one demonstration, take your turn in the back row for the next demonstration.
- Demonstrators:** **Elizabeth Ivory - Cosmos**
Denice Fuhrmann
There will be 2 other demonstrations on the day
- Visiting Shop:** **Pretty Sweet Supplies, Castle Hill**
Unit 18, 5 Hudson Avenue
Castle Hill NSW 2154
Himari Devendra / Simon
Tel: (02) 88507811
www.prettysweetsupplies.com.au
- Other:** The Guild Shop, Library and Committee Table will be open until lunchtime. Please ensure all transactions are completed by that time.



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President's Message

Dear Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and that this newsletter finds you well. The heat has been staggering, plenty of water and shade or air-conditioning if you have it.

This will be my last message to you here as my term as President has come to an end. I can say I have enjoyed my tenure and it has been because of you and my fabulous committee members and helpers. We have a successful, fun and informative branch which I am proud to be a part of. Team work and effort, no matter how small the contribution, helps us attain that. I know that you will give the same support to the incoming president and committee for 2017.

Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, I will not be at the February and possibly the April meetings, so I shall convey here my gratitude for the support and friendships that I have had throughout my term. I don't want to single anyone out to thank individually as I know there will be someone I will miss due to a poor memory!

The demonstrations lined up for the meeting are, as usual of high quality and I would like to welcome the new shop. I hope you will all enjoy the day and I look forward to seeing the pictures via our website.

We have excellent topics for our workshops, please make sure you support this endeavour.

Please note that the April meeting this year has been moved to 8th (which is the 2nd Saturday) due to a clash with the council bookings

Looking forward to seeing you later in the year. Love to you all.

Lyne Fuller

Sydney Branch President



Nominations for 2017 Sydney Branch Committee

Elizabeth Ivory	President
Denice Fuhrmann	Vice President
Jennie Kenyon	Secretary

We have 3 Committee positions available to be filled.
Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

Committee 2016

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Membership Reminder

Thank you to all who renewed their membership before the end of 2016. Your names are in the draw for one lucky winner for a refund of this year's fees or 2018 in advance. If you have not paid your fees for 2017, **please do so by the February meeting.** Any fees not received on time will incur an additional \$10 late fee, **payable by the member**, to the State Body.

General Notices

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to **Dianne Cassim** who celebrates her birthday on **4 February** and our other members whose birthday falls around this time of the year, including:

Ann O'Neill, Madelin Sinclair, Deborah Hyde, Tina Hinwood, Mary Singham, Heather Boyce, Yan Yoong, Gwen Wheatley, Thea Cubis, Ivy Puterflam, Nadia Farag, Rema Lolas, Maureen Fryar, Cassim, Khiem Forbutt, Norma Farrell, Maureen Threlfro, Yolande Kober, Dimity Scales, Denice Fuhrmann, Noelene Gooden, Sandra Stebbings, Glenda Borg, Debbie Lim and Elza Levin.

Dates for the 2016 Diary

February Annual General Meeting	4 February
State AGM and Delegates' Meeting	5 March
131st Castle Hill Annual Show	24 - 26 March
Camden Show	31 Mar - 1 Apr
April General Meeting	8 April
Sydney Royal Easter Show	6 - 19 April
June General Meeting	3 June
August State Roster Day & Birthday Comp	5 August
ANCA Perth Seminar	17- 20 August
October General Meeting	1 October
December Dem Day & Xmas lunch	2 December
Juniors' Meetings in 2017	
4 March • 6 May • 1 July • 2 September • 4 November	

We need volunteers for Kitchen Duty! If you are able to help, please go up to the kitchen and let yourself be known. A big thank you to all the Committee members and other regulars who help out at every meeting.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jennie Kenyon** on the arrival of her brand new **granddaughter** as a Christmas gift beautifully wrapped up to be cherished by the doting **grandma**.

**Fay Gardner
Award 2016
Dianne Cassim**

Get Well Wishes

Our thoughts are with **Norma Farrell** who had a nasty fall in December and **Lily Ma** who has had a stint in hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Past Recipients of the Award

2008 Margaret Tesoriero
2009 Lily Ma
2010 Jacky Davidson
2011 Iris Boxsell
2012 Jan Sambrook
2013 Denice Fuhrmann
2014 Mary Anne Loveridge & Bev Smith
2015 Dorothy Apps

Spotlight on a Cake Decorator - Dianne Cassim



How long have you been a member of the Guild?

I joined in 2001 and remember attending the Mysteries in Springtime weekend seminar held by our branch shortly after. I believe it was at the following AGM that I became a general committee member and took over the Library. I've been on the committee since and have served as general committee member, vice-president and currently, as Treasurer.

What do you enjoy most about the Guild meetings?

I enjoy spending time with other decorators, learning from them, exchanging tips and sharing experiences.

How long have you been decorating cakes and what inspired you to get started?

I have been making cakes for about 38 years now. My first experience was back in 1979 when a neighbour helped me make my engagement cake. We made fondant from scratch (no choice back then) and cut out flower petals using cardboard templates. I enjoyed the experience so much that I enrolled in an evening college course to learn the basics, and have been learning and decorating ever since.



What was your most memorable cake/decorated piece?

I made an 8 tier wedding cake which had different shaped cakes and many different decoration types such as hand moulded roses, quilting, stripes, figurines and lots of bling. I did it a few years ago now but it's still one of my favourites. I also enjoy making novelty cakes.

One cake decorating tool you could not live without?

My old knitting needle which I use for a variety of tasks such as frilling, marking, veining. It's very versatile.

How has cake decorating changed in the time you've been doing it?

Totally! When I first started there was no ready-made

fondant or gumpaste, no cutters, no veiners, very few tools – you really had to learn how to do things from scratch. Unlike today where you can buy almost anything so you don't really have to know a lot, the tools do the work for you!



What is the most rewarding part of cake decorating?

Two things – the satisfaction you feel when something just works the way you want it to and the look on the client's face when they see the finished product and are happy with it!

Are there any challenges you face as a cake decorator?

There are lots of challenges so it's hard to pick just one or two. One of the biggest challenges as you get older is your health. Cakes seem to get heavier and harder to lift and carry!

The weather in summer can also be a big challenge here in Sydney, especially the hot and humid weather such as we've had lately. It makes icing a cake very difficult!



Do you have any other interests apart from cake decorating?

I enjoy gardening but seem to be doing less and less of it as time goes on. My cake business keeps me busy. Sometimes I work 7 days a week just trying to keep up!

If you had one piece of advice for a new decorator, what would it be?

Just buy the basics, don't waste a lot of money on fancy tools. There are many items you probably already have at home that can be very useful. Be creative and improvise.



Delegate's Report - November 2016 by Elizabeth Ivory

11 branches were represented at the meeting and there was a lively discussion on a variety of matters.

Feedback on Seminar/Challenge 2016:

All feedback received has been very positive.

A review of financial results of Seminar/Challenge/Workshops was presented.

- Seminar made a loss of \$959.10.
- Workshops made a profit of \$2,896.96.
- Challenge made a profit of \$2,057.10 (helped by sponsorship from Bakels).
- Postage and printing was \$2,954.24 (loss).
- An overall profit of \$1,040.72 was made.

State Committee has not been reimbursed for any accommodation costs at this stage as they had elected not to be reimbursed until it was certain that the event would be able to afford the expense.

It was moved that State Committee be reimbursed for 50% of accommodation expenses associated with managing seminar and challenge.

State Seminar/Challenge 2018

We will probably go back to the Campbelltown Catholic Club because it worked well as a venue.

It may be rather difficult to compete with the new developments in Queensland, but we will try and attract an overseas personality as a drawcard and also look to touring them around to Branches while they are here. Helen Robinson will check on the visa situation regarding inviting an overseas decorator.

White Folders:

To keep these more up to date and accessible by everyone, the forms are currently being put into digital format and will be available via the website. Once this is done full instructions will be given on how to access them.

Use of accumulated funds held by State Committee on behalf of membership:

It was decided to look at the possibility of using some of these funds to upskill Delegates and Branch Executives with the use of technology.

Review of magazine management:

Due to the high cost involved in producing the magazine (which currently runs at a loss of \$9,000 for the year in a physical format), the State Committee is going to trial making it available in digital format. Once this is set up and functioning properly, we will explore phasing out the mailed versions.

Helen Robinson advised that the current Editor finds it challenging to keep up with the process but is still prepared to carry on.

It was suggested that Delegates speak to their branches and get a feel for how receptive members are to receiving the magazine on line.

ANCD A

National Executive:

The National Committee had its first meeting on 26 November 2016. They were mostly reviewing the materials sent over from the outgoing executive in Perth.

The schedule for the national competition 2017 had been approved and is now ready to be distributed. Copies are available from Jennie Kenyon.

The National Executive is responsible for running the competition in WA and will be fundraising to cover the direct costs plus costs of travel and accommodation to manage the event at the time.

National Seminar and Competition, August 2017:

Fundraising is important. We need to support ANCD A fundraising plus also do fundraising for the state body. State Committee will be helping to steward and run the competition as well as provide two delegates and an observer who have to attend the national meetings. Between \$5,000 and \$10,000 will be needed over two years. There was a suggestion from delegates that some of the accumulated funds be used for this purpose but State Committee feel it is better to work on getting new funds for this purpose.

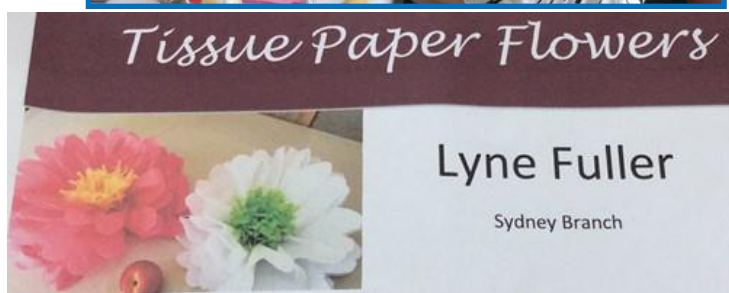
Skillshare workshops/demonstrations:

10 people attending who will pay \$100 each for the day and have the opportunity to experience a variety of techniques. Workshop to run from 9am to 3 or 4pm. Two additional members can attend free in return for helping with catering and acting as assistants. The first workshop is scheduled for Wagga Wagga. Information brochures are available from Joy Eagles at president.ancda@gmail.com.

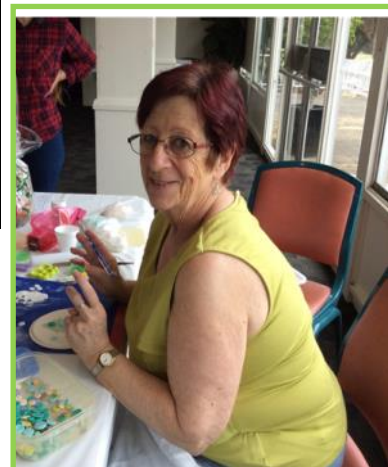
Financial Situation:

Working Bank account June 2016	\$32,014.16
Cash Reserve	11,543.25
Term Deposit	<u>29,065.90</u>
Total	\$72,623.31

Sydney Branch Christmas Celebrations - December 2016



The demonstrations by Lyne, Elizabeth and Denice were very impressive and engaging. Everyone loved novel ideas.



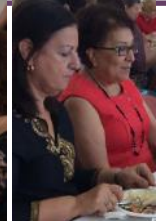
Sydney Branch Christmas Luncheon - December 2016



There was a great variety of food at the Christmas Luncheon which was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.



The food was catered by Pen Catering and desserts provided by Lesley, Lyne, Susan and Ishmail were a great treat.



Sydney Branch Mini Cakes Appeal 2016

Christmas Mini Cakes

Congratulations Sydney Branch members .. we produced and donated over 500 cakes last Christmas! We had lots and lots of cupcakes of all sizes and shapes, they were very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who spent hours baking and decorating all the cakes. Thanks also to **Jeannine Ashby**, **Denice Fuhrmann** and **Mark Threlfo** who helped collect and pack the cakes on the day.

If you have unused cake boards and cases, please bring them with you to the February meeting.



Sydney Branch Workshops 2017

Have you watched the demonstrations at the Sydney Branch and thought the skills were beyond you? Would you like to be able to create beautiful sugar flowers to wow clients and friends?

The Sydney Branch Workshops are the perfect opportunity for you to brush up on your flower making skills. Three workshops will be held this year in conjunction with the Juniors' meetings. The topics selected by the Committee were **Slipper Orchid**, **Chocolate flowers/peacock** and **Buttercream flowers**. Photos are available on our website in the Gallery section (www.cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au) or on our Google+ page (plus.google.com/+CDGNSW-SydneyBranchOrgAu).

If you would like to attend the workshops, complete the form below and send it in early to book your place. You can also book and make payment at the February meeting.

Sydney Branch Workshops Booking Slip

<https://www.bing.images>

I would like to attend the following workshops:

- ☐ 6 May 2017 (**Slipper Orchid**)
- ☐ 1 July 2017 (**Chocolate flowers/peacock**)
- ☐ 2 September 2017 (**Buttercream flowers**)



Name: _____ Tel: _____

Member: ☐ \$45.00 (1 workshop) ☐ \$80.00 (2 workshops) ☐ \$120.00 (3 workshops)
Non-member: ☐ \$55.00 (1 workshop) ☐ \$110.00 (2 workshops) ☐ \$165.00 (3 workshops)

Payment by cheque: Mail completed booking slip and your cheque (payable to *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc*) to **Dianne Cassim, 4 Keyworth Drive, Blacktown 2148**

Payment by direct deposit: Email completed booking slip and payment details to treasurer@cdgnsw-sydneybranch.org.au.

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