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Sydney News

Newsletter of the Sydney Branch, Cake Decorators' Guild of NSW Inc

Saturday, 2 February 2019

Notice of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12.30pm followed by Branch Meeting

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**Membership Renewals
are now due.**

Details on Page 2

Door Fee: \$15.00

When: 9:30am for demonstrations to start at 10:00am
Ensure you sign in on arrival. This is necessary for insurance purposes.

Where: Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street,
Concord NSW 2137

- Remember:**
- ❖ **Bring your own lunch and a mug for tea/coffee.** If you do not have your own mug, paper cups will be available for a donation of 20 cents each.
 - ❖ **If your surname begins with N—Z**, please bring a plate for morning tea.
 - ❖ 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.

Note: The Guild Shop, Library and Committee Table will be open until lunchtime. Please ensure all transactions are completed by that time.

Demonstrators

Maria Burzynski - Stiletto Heeled Shoes

Melissa Ross - Fondant Faces

Pearl Toh - Gravity Defying Creation



Source: www.clipart-library.com

Visiting Shop

Embellished Cake Creations
3/342 Camden Valley Way
Narellan 2567

Tel: 02 4647 6336

www.embellishedcakes.com.au

President's Message

Dear Members

Apologies for not being able to attend this AGM as I am babysitting my grandchildren in New Zealand for the last week of their school holidays.

2018 has been successful with 94 branch members. We held 6 demonstration/meeting days and 3 additional workshops. Juniors met 5 times and their membership stood at 22. At our final meeting of the year, the Christmas Lunch, **Lesley Neve** was presented with the Fay Gardner Award for outstanding service to the branch.

Our biggest challenge has been parking with so many sporting events nearby. The carpark is frequently full and requires double parking and juggling but we have been ably assisted by **Mark Threlfo** who patrols for us until all members are safely parked and in the meeting. Mark was also given a special award for service to the branch to recognise his ongoing support in setting up the room each meeting (and managing the carpark).

Our members enjoyed terrific demonstrations in 2018. Many demonstrators were drawn from our branch membership but other Guild members from sister branches kindly gave their time, sometimes travelling long distances to do so, and our co-ordinator **Denice Fuhrmann** was also been able to attract some external demonstrators who brought additional skills and perspectives.

The short hands-on workshops on the demonstration days have been enthusiastically embraced by some members and particularly appeal to younger and newer members. I believe it is very worthwhile to offer this

format as it gives participants an opportunity to "have a go" in a supportive and friendly environment and is surely the cheapest cake decorating learning environment in Sydney!

Our 3 half-day workshops were also appreciated by the attendees and being able to piggyback on the Juniors' booking of the smaller part of the venue in alternate months makes it an economical proposition.

I would like to acknowledge the continuing efforts of the Committee who get the meetings up and running and look after the behind-the-scenes record keeping and financial matters. While it *appears* effortless, I can assure you there is in fact much thought and planning that goes into delivering everything and we all owe a debt of gratitude to them. I am not standing for another term as President as I have too many other commitments but it has been a privilege to serve and be part of the team for the past two years.

I urge others to put themselves forward to make their contribution to the future of the branch. There are so many good ideas discussed over the tea and coffee but good ideas by themselves don't change anything and fresh faces and ideas are vital to any organisation.

The Sydney Branch celebrates 40 years this year .. an achievement to be proud of! I wish everyone well and anticipate another successful year in 2019.

Elizabeth Ivory

President

Committee 2018

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Elizabeth Ivory	0425 364 229
V/President (& Public Officer/Demonstrators)	Denice Fuhrmann	9822 9642
Treasurer	Dianne Cassim	0414 435 685
Secretary (& Web Manager)	Sharon Barker	

CO-OPTED

In-bound Calls	Jeannine Ashby	9744 2981
Guild Shop	Helen Barton	9476 3078
Mail Out	Iris Boxsell	9481 8425
Mail Out	Lyne Fuller	9680 4096
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Delegate	Annu Mishra	0409 826 213
Social Media	Sandra Page	0402 035 425
Newsletter Editor	Susan Thomas Rajan	0404 178 990

GENERAL COMMITTEE

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Membership Reminder

If you have not paid your fees for 2019, **you must do so by the February meeting.** Payment can be made in cash (please bring correct change, \$65 or \$59 for over 85s). **Renewals not made on time will be subject to an additional \$10 State-imposed late fee, payable by the member.**

General Notices

Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to our members who celebrate their birthday around this time of the year, including **Glenda Borg, Di Cassim, Nadia Farag, Norma Farrell, Denice Furhmann, Noelene Gooden, Debbie Lim, Derryn McLauchlan** and **Maureen Threlfo**.

Fay Gardner Award

Congratulations **Lesley Neve**, winner of the 2018 Fay Gardner Award. A member since 2005, Lesley is one of our quiet achievers. She assists with the Juniors, helps to organise our birthday competitions, is there to set up and pack down on meeting days and everyone of course loves her delicious pavlovas! *Thank you Lesley for all you do for the Sydney Branch.*

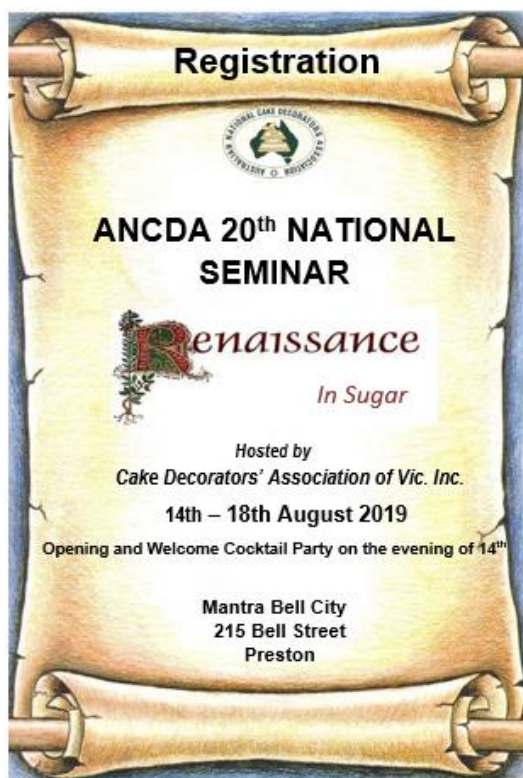


Dates for the 2019 Diary

February Annual General Meeting	2 February
Camden Branch Meeting	9 February
Sutherland Branch Meeting	16 February
Camden Branch Meeting	9 March
Newcastle Branch Meeting	16 March
April General Meeting	30 March
June General Meeting	1 June
August SRD & Birthday Competition	3 August
October General Meeting	5 October
December Dem Day & Christmas Lunch	7 December
Juniors' Meetings (1.30pm)	
♦ 2 March ♦ 4 May ♦ 6 July ♦ 7 September ♦ 2 November	
Sydney Branch Workshops (9.30am)	
♦ 4 May ♦ 6 July ♦ 7 September	

Sydney Branch Members - we need your feedback for our 2019 interactive workshops. Please complete the survey on **Page 6** and bring it with you to the February meeting.

ANCA 20th National Seminar



The 2019 National Seminar will take place from 14 to 18 August 2019 in Melbourne.

Sydney Branch will be making 18th Century jewellery for the branch entry for the Competition. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

More information:

www.facebook.com/renaissanceinsugar
or email: registrar.anca@gmail.com.

Nominations - 2019 Sydney Branch Committee

There are 5 positions to be filled for the 2019 Committee - President, Treasurer and three General Committee members.

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

Free To A Good Home

Perspex display cases in a variety of sizes are available for free to any of our members who are interested. The pieces are packed in bags and the sides, top and bottom pieces will need to be matched up. Contact **Denice Furhmann** on 9922 9642 for more information or to arrange to collect them from her at Mount Pritchard.



Delegate's Report - December 2018 by Annu Mishra

Meeting held 2 December 2018 at Camden

Sugar Showcase and Challenge 2018

A new venue needs to be found for this event. A criteria checklist will be forwarded to all delegates. Any suggested venues need to be forwarded to State Committee.

Seminar	- \$11,101.91
Workshops	\$ 1,719.15
Challenge	- \$ <u>6,223.96</u>
Overall Loss	- \$15,606.72

Sugar Showcase 2020

The theme is "Made in Australia" and only Australian demonstrators will be invited.

A venue is being sought and branches' assistance in looking for somewhere suitable is most welcome.

It was proposed that the display cases not be used. Two reasons - they are time consuming to erect and dismantle and no cakes were damaged by the public at *Cake, Bake and Sweets*.

Sydney Royal Easter Show 2019

Tentative date for Guild demonstrations is Sunday, 14 April 2019. Local branches will be contacted as soon as that is confirmed to see who would like to demonstrate. Sylvia Fitch will co-ordinate.

Request from RAS and acceptance from CDG of NSW Inc to donate \$650 towards cash prizes in Sugar Art section. This is an increase of \$150 as a new category has been added - *Gravity Defying*.

Jan Boon advised that there will be new display cabinets for Sugar Art.

Judges' Sub Committee Report

The Judges were thanked for attending diligently to their appointments. Local shows are being contacted for their requirements for 2019.

The *Sydney Royal Show* Schedule for 2019 is available online. All recommendations from the Guild Judges development weekend were accepted by the RAS and mistakes found in the 2018 schedule have been rectified for 2019.

Cake, Bake and Sweets Show

This was held on 23 - 25 November 2018. The competition had 30 entries and all processes went smoothly. *Loyal* were the main sponsors and have

pledged support for the 2019 CBSS.

The Guild will again assist at the 2019 show which will be held on 8 - 10 November at the Convention Centre, Darling Harbour.

Skill Share

Topics available to branches are:

Piping. Pressure piping; Lambeth style; Embroidery (brush and piped)

Covering a cake. Ganache and fondant covers focusing on getting sharp edges

Back to Basics. Baking the perfect cake; Stacking; Levelling; Covering boards

Mirror glaze

Painting on a cake. Various techniques; Paint on/ paint off

Sweet Perfection Magazine

Sweet Perfection loses \$10,000 per year so printing is no longer economically viable. It will be available in digital format ONLY by the end of 2019.

It was suggested amongst the delegates that Branches could make arrangements to print a physical copy for members who do not have access to or are unable to use a computer.

Small Business Insurance Report

Currently 22 members have taken out Public Liability Insurance for individuals. The Certificate of Currency will be sent out to the eligible members when it becomes available.

Workshop Day - Stencilling

Saturday 16 March 2019, CWA Rooms Camden.

Joy Eagles is the demonstrator. Cost will be \$40 per person, maximum of 20 participants.

Lions Club Raffle

\$920 was raised. Due to short turnaround time, tickets were only sold by State Committee. If branches wish to be involved for 2019, Delegates should advise the State Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances as at 28 November 2018

Working Account	\$26,105.54
Cash Reserve Account	\$11,829.16
Term Deposit	<u>\$31,605.78</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AS AT 28.11.18	\$69,540.48

Sydney Branch Christmas Lunch 2018

Our 2018 Christmas lunch was a great success based on the positive feedback received! The over 50 members who attended the convivial event enjoyed a lovely spread of roasts, salads and desserts and of course, each others' company! Our thanks to **Denice Furhmann, Vivien McMillan** and granddaughter **Rami Kumar** for their demonstrations on the day.

The special raffle raised \$250 for [CaraCare](#), a charity that helps children overcome trauma. We also raised \$200 which has been donated to [The Deli Women and Children's Centre](#), a domestic violence support group.

We donated over 500 cakes .. a stupendous effort! Well done to everyone who baked and decorated the cupcakes and mini cakes. Thanks also to members who collected and packed the cakes on the day and others who distributed them to Hornsby and Castle Hill Meals on Wheels and various nursing homes around Sydney.

Thank you to all our members for their generosity!

Note: If you have unused boards and cases, please bring them with you to the February



Photo Gallery



Sydney Branch Workshops 2019

The Sydney Branch workshops continue to draw much interest and will take place again this year.

Workshop Details

Time: 9.30am (for a 10am start) to 1pm

Skill Level: Non-members and beginners are welcome but will need basic cake decorating skills.

Registration: Deadline for registration will be the meeting before the workshop (April, June and August meetings).

Supplies: Any dried pieces (eg centres) will be provided but participants will be required to provide their own tools, pastes and other materials. A full list of what is required will be provided when you confirm your booking.

Tea, coffee and lights snacks will be provided to all participants but you will need to bring your own lunch. If you would like to attend the workshops, complete the form below and send it in early to reserve your place.

Sydney Branch Workshops Booking Slip

I would like to attend the following workshop/s:

- ☐ **4 May 2019** - Large Gerbera
- ☐ **6 July 2019** - Royal Icing ~ Lace Work and Filigree
- ☐ **7 September 2019** - Native Flowers for Christmas



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.

Acct: *The Cake Decorators Guild of NSW Sydney Branch Inc*, **BSB:** 032170 **Acct #:** 355054

Interactive Workshops 2019 ~ We Need Your Vote!

We have had encouraging response for the interactive workshops held during some of our 2018 meetings. The choice is now yours, Sydney Branch members, as to whether you would like them to continue this year.

Complete the survey below and bring it with you to the February meeting.

Interactive Workshops 2019

- ☐ Yes, I would like more meetings with an interactive workshop
- ☐ No, I prefer to have 4 demonstrations at our meetings

If you answered yes above, select topics of interest to you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Figurines | <input type="checkbox"/> Colouring/Dusting Techniques | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers - Natives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Shower Ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Cupcakes | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspirations for Men's Cakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buttercream Basics | <input type="checkbox"/> Decorating Cookies & Biscuits | <input type="checkbox"/> Moulds & Lace Mats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate Moulds | <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Inspirations | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Colours on Cakes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ideas for Christmas | <input type="checkbox"/> Flowers - General | <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Stencils |

