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## ***A NEW COMMITTEE FOR OUR TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY***

**Following the retirement of many of our long serving and hard working committee members, the recent Annual General Meeting elected a splendid team of new faces, who will be soon planning our programme for next year, which is our 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday as a Society.**

Here are the details:

**Max Coleman notified us a year ago, that he wished to retire and during the year has assisted us in effecting a smooth transition in our finances, our website and membership data base. At the Annual meeting, Max was presented with a certificate of Life Membership in the Society. We are all very grateful for the busy six years in which Max has done so much for our Society.**

**For various personal, health and family reasons, many of our good committee friends have had to decline standing for nomination to the committee: Erika Beck, Jan Hook, Margot Freimann , Kerry Pryke, Jeanette Korduba and Glenda Paterson. We will also had to say farewell to the hardworking Stephen Brown who, in his short term in office, effected significant updating changes in our financial structures.**

However, we are delighted that, in response to our appeal some months ago, we can now say that we have a first rate team assembled to deal with our every day management and to plan our programme for the new year. There is a vacancy in the office of Hon Treasurer which will be filled by the Committee early in the new year.

The new committee, (see names and phone numbers on front page) will be planning some events to mark the fact that twenty years ago, our incorporated association came into being. The exact date of the certificate of incorporation is 21 June 1995, after about a year before of public meetings leading to the formation of the initial committee of our association.

Our highlight Exhibition for 2015 will be at the Mosman Art Gallery in November. We are also planning for our Sixth 9x5 Exhibition around the Autumn months. We will not be able to have an exhibition at the Hutley Hall next year for reasons related to renovations being carried out at the North Sydney Council.

We are planning for a series of demonstrations, some of which might take place on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon instead of the traditional Tuesday night. Watch this space in the new year. The first demonstration will be on Tuesday 17 February. More details later.

As we go into our new special year 2015, the new committee welcomes suggestions about our programme. Don't hesitate to contact any of our committee. It is your Society. The committee acts on your behalf. You, the members have the final say.

Thank you to the Committee for its generous and very unexpected award to me of Life Membership of the Society. It has been and will continue to be, at least until the end of this coming year, a delightful privilege to have served as President over these past times.

A happy and peaceful Christmas to you and yours

In the name of Art,

Gerald Christmas