



FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter - August, 2017 Convenor: Marie Donald

Message from the Convenor

We are now into the fourth decade as the Friends of The Highway Gallery being the main support group of the Gallery. The group commenced in 1986 when the venue was the Waverley Councils City Gallery.

Sadly I wish to inform you of the recent passing of Irene Marriott, one of our inaugural members. At her death Irene was close to her 104th Birthday. She was an integral part of our Friends Group as well as many community organizations in firstly the Shire of Mulgrave which became the City of Waverley now the City of Monash. Our condolences to Irene's Family.

Photo made available by the Waverley Historical Society



Friends' Coffee Mornings

1st Monday of each month 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Report of Monday July 3 - Speaker - Candice Wong

Candice Wong spoke about her **Exhibition, Vibrant Art**, and the artwork of her students from Kindergarten age through to Secondary School. The DVD of the **Spur Afrika** was also shown. This project supports literacy and social development for children and young adults in Kenya which the Exhibition proceeds were designed to support.

Special short meeting relating to HG Inc The Friends present were given the chance to vote for the Gallery to be Incorporated as The Highway Gallery Inc. Team HG has a lot of work to do in that area.

Monday August 7 - Speaker, Dr Andrew Watts

Andrew will speak, at the August Coffee Morning, about his Exhibition, **Still Life Vessels**, coming up next and he will show us some pieces to be exhibited. Andrew has recently moved to Melbourne from Canberra. The first actions he took when finding The Highway Gallery was to book an Exhibition and join the Friends.

We will also have some explanation of the exhibits in **Basket Case**. We have been privileged to have a display of work from the **Basketmakers of Victoria Inc**, a group which commenced about the same time as the HG Friends - 3 decades ago. The rest of the exhibits are from Friend's collections commencing with Australian Indigenous items to collections from many countries in Africa, the Pacific, Asia and more.

Fiona, the Secretary of Team HG, will update us on matters relating to Incorporation and a Business Plan for the Gallery. Team HG appreciate the support of the Friends and many in the community who regularly come to enjoy the exhibitions. We have had a great run of interesting exhibitions this year and an encouraging variety of booking enquiries for 2018.



Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions and Events



Basket case is on for the next 2 weeks including our Coffee Morning Aug 7

We have had an amazing response from visitors. It seems baskets are not only useful but have value in the artistic sense.

Please call in, bring a friend and enjoy a cuppa. If you have a time to do Roster duty please put your name on the Roster. It will be very much appreciated.

This is another HG Friends sponsored Exhibition and is a must see as it shows the venue at its best.

Still Life Vessels - Paintings by Andrew Watts - (flyer enclosed) Aug 16 - 27
All welcome to the **Opening Evening Launch, Thursday August 17, 6pm - 8pm**

Andrew is a member of our Friends group. He will mostly be on duty throughout the 2 weeks but any assistance on the Roster helps with security and company.

Essence and Inflorescence

Aug 31 to Sept 10

A combination of Mother and Daughter art work of Margaret and Kathy Landvogt

The Landvogt family played a big part in the establishment of our Gallery, with John Landvogt being an important part of the Committee of Management. (Flyer and invite to Opening enclosed)

Margaret Landvogt will be the guest speaker at our September Coffee Morning. Her Exhibition will feature Australian wild flowers, very appropriate for September when many Wild Flower Shows are on.

Many of you will remember the Landvogt family and their strong involvement in the arts in the City of Waverley later to become the City of Monash. Margaret still works with her favourite medium, pastel, and her previous most recent Exhibition at The Highway Gallery was in 2010 just prior to the Waverley Arts Society taking on the management of the Gallery.

Mount Street Neighbourhood House

Sept 13 to Oct 2

Mount Street NH - Sale of work of MSNH

Oct 4 to 8

The Annual Exhibition displaying the course work done at Mount Street NH will be on show at the Gallery from Sept 13 until Mon Oct 2. Jill Feinberg, the House Co-Ordinator, will speak at our October Coffee Morning. The Exhibition will then be replaced by Mount Street NH participants' work for sale commencing on Wednesday Oct 4 until Sunday October 8.

Chinese Brush Painting: Details next month

Oct 11 to 22

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Opening times - Wednesday to Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm or by arrangement