

FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter - June, 2017

Convenor: Marie Donald

Message from the Convenor

We have been treated to a run of very excellent exhibitions and with the Gallery booked out for this year and bookings already in for next year more and more people are connecting with our Community Gallery. You will be pleased to hear that Margaret Landvogt with her daughter will be exhibiting in September. In her letter Margaret said how delighted she is to again be exhibiting in her favourite Gallery.

Message from Team HG

On Monday February 13 this year a group of 8 Friends of The Highway Gallery (Team HG) met to work for the future of the Gallery. A President, Vice President and Secretary were elected.

The Team HG have been working to streamline some procedures like liaise with artists, manage the roster, increase considering other collaborations into the future. We have had great help from staff of Monash Halls who now accept bookings, attend to maintenance and more.

The Gallery exhibition programme is now full to the end of 2017 with bookings already in for 2018.

Our intention is to improve our negotiating position with Local Council and other funding bodies by forming an Incorporated entity to manage The Highway Gallery. Since the Waverley Arts Society handed the Gallery back to Council in October 2014 the Monash Reconciliation Group Inc. (MRG) has been auspicing the ongoing existence of The Highway Gallery. Many MRG members are also members of HG Friends.

Friends' Coffee Mornings

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

Report of Monday May 1 - Speaker: Evelyn Diradji

At the May Coffee Morning Evelyn, the exhibition curator, gave us a very comprehensive talk about the "Expressions of the Sacred in Indonesian Arts". Her talk covered the main highlights related to familiar religions in Indonesia but we would have needed a much longer session to even touch on the many sacred aspects throughout the country which has such a diverse culture. Those of you who got to attend the MIA workshops were treated to a great experience of vibrant music and history of Indonesia.

Monday June 5 - Chrystabel Suares

Chrystabel initiated the **Billabong Dreaming - Youth Art for Reconciliation** exhibition which has come up so well, far beyond our expectations. Some schools have been encouraging the students to research the topic. Many of the teachers are keen to be part of next year's Reconciliation exhibition and are keen to meet to share ideas. It is good to have the teachers involved in forward planning.

Following Chrystabel, Robyna Davies, President of Team HG, will lead a discussion on possible developments regarding the future of 14 The Highway and how your support as members can further maintain the vibrant and friendly atmosphere that visitors experience.



Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions

Billabong Dreaming - MRG Exhibition *Youth Art for Reconciliation*

May 24 to June 11

Official Opening was May 27 - A cheerful occasion with artists, teachers and parents admiring the Art from Schools in Monash. Exhibition sponsored by the City of Monash.



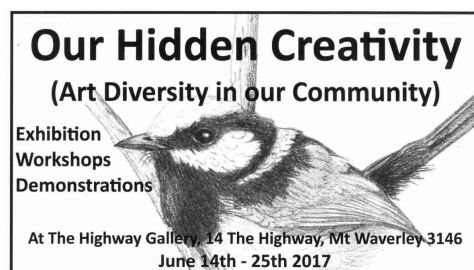
At Left: Year 6 student presents bouquet to Guest Speaker, Alice Young, Koorie Engagement Support Officer with the Department of Education..

At right: A school Art Captain proudly showing her work on display to her mother.



Our Hidden Creativity *Arts Diversity in the Community*

June 14 to 25



Featuring Artists and Art Groups from the City of Monash
Enquiries: monashartistsgroup@gmail.com
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Exhibition, Workshops and Demonstrations
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Intending Exhibitors please contact Tracy

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Vibrant Art - *Fundraising for Spur Africa*

June 28 to July 9

Art work by Candice Wong and students

OPENING Event, Saturday July 1, from 5pm - all welcome

Art workshop and Face-Painting (suited for 4 -12 years old) July 2, 2017 1pm - 3pm

Confluence - *Paintings by Pratibha Madan*

July 12 to 23

The amalgamation of two vibrant cultures showcasing the journey of Indian Artist Pratibha Madan

Exhibition Opening Saturday July 15 at 2pm -all welcome

Pratibha is a member of the Friends of The Highway Gallery Enquiries 0490 413 200

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