Message from the Convenor

John Robert Landvogt (Jack) 1.10.1927 -- 15.7.2014

Those of you who have had involvement in the arts life in Waverley (now Monash) will be saddened to learn of the passing of Jack Landvogt. Jack had been a Committee member of the Waverley City Gallery (now The Highway Gallery), he was on the Advisory Committee, in 1989, when the Exhibitions Gallery (now the MGA) was built, he was a member of the Art Acquisitions Committee to name a few of his community interests.

Bev and Barry Singleton, Noel Denton, Marj Walker and I attended the Funeral. Many examples of Jack's Art, Photography and Sculpture graced the walls of the Funeral Parlour.

Representatives of 3 generations of his family delivered Eulogies in a respectful, but at times, humorous note giving an insight into the character of the man. They alluded to his intellect encompassing many interests and his brilliant teaching career as he worked in many High Schools (now Secondary Colleges) in Victoria.

In later years Jack researched the family history of his German Great Grandfather who came to Ballarat in the 1800's. With wife Margaret, also an Art Teacher and renowned visual artist, they together, over many decades, provided a practical and spiritual centre for the associated arts at their home in Waverley Road, Mount Waverley. They had an ongoing involvement and support to our Gallery as exhibitors and members of The Highway Gallery Friends until last year when they moved to be nearer to where their extended family now live.

Friends' Coffee Mornings - First Monday of each month at 10:30 am

Report of Monday July 7 - Laura Festival, Cape York

Our last Coffee Morning was during NAIDOC Week when the CREATIVE DREAMING Exhibition was in the Gallery. More story and pictures of 'NAIDOC in Monash' and activities at the Gallery later in this Newsletter.

At the Coffee Morning we had a showing of the extracts from the Biennial 20th Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival which was held on 21st - 23rd of June 2013. This popular Festival is an exciting gathering on Cape York Peninsula, highlighting the many diverse communities, language, song, dance and stories of the local indigenous people. Laura has only a few hundred people but thousands of people make their way there every 2 years for the 3 day festival.

We witnessed the passing on of Culture across the generations, along with showcasing the strength, pride and uniqueness of Aboriginal people.

Special thanks to Ian Bock for providing his equipment for showing the Laura Festival Dancing.
Next Coffee Morning:
Monday, August 4    Sogeri School 70 years old - Marj in PNG

Seventy years ago, the Australian Government built a school on the site that had been the Convalescent Depot for injured soldiers of the Kokoda Trail battles. The school has had an important role in educating Papua New Guineans over seven decades. For 14 years in the 70’s and 80’s Marj Walker was Head of the Expressive Arts Dept in Sogeri. The subject area covered Music, Drama, Visual Arts, Oral History and Traditional Studies. The school was the first School of Excellence set up in 1969 preparing students of Grade 11 and 12 ready for University entrance. There are now 7 of these, mostly boarding schools, in various parts of the country. The top students from Grade 10 in Provincial High Schools are selected to attend.

The Seventieth Anniversary Celebrations saw several new buildings Opened, one of these being a new Sogeri Museum. The school’s comprehensive collection of traditional items moved to a new building. Marj was invited to go to PNG in April to advise on the Museum move and in early June she was briefly back up at Sogeri for the 2 days of Official Celebrations and Traditional Dancing by the present students performing their tribal dances.

We will see an illustrated account of the Celebrations at the Coffee Morning next Monday.

Current and forthcoming exhibitions

Cross Connections
August 17 to 31
Exhibition showcasing the combined talents of 2 artists who have collaborated in life and in art. Drawing and Photography is used to explore the interconnection between image and light.

Hughesdale Art Group
September 2 to 10

Mount Street Neighbourhood House
September 12 to October 2
Annual Art Show

Waverley Arts Society Annual Exhibition and Sale
October
More details in your next Newsletter

Gallery Opening Hours - Wed to Sun 12:00 noon to 4 pm or by arrangement 9807 7261

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NAIDOC in Monash
CREATIVE DREAMING at The Highway Gallery

The Monash Reconciliation Group staged a diverse Exhibition from July 5 to 27 showing the work of 5 Victorian based Aboriginal Artists.

Left to right
Lyn-Al Young  Fashion
Judith Young  Paintings
Safina Stewart  Paintings
Marlene Scerri  Textiles
Kelly Koumalatsos  Cartoons and Possum Skin Cloak

Doug Lawrence, known to many for his many years at The Highway Gallery, was the Guest to Officially Open the CREATIVE DREAMING Exhibition. It was a great afternoon to meet the Artists with Music by Isaac Young and friends.

On two Saturdays Workshops were held for children, with parents and friends attending.

Boomerang Painting Workshops were held as part of the City of Monash Bus Tours on July 8 and 10.

Wed July 23 a Fashion Evening was held at the Gallery for a full house

Marlene Scerri in the Possum Skin Cloak left and the young models at the Curtain Call.

A good number of our Friends of HG attended.