



FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter - March 2016 Convenor: Marie Donald

🌸 *Message from the Convenor*

I wish to thank you all for celebrating, with me, the 60th Anniversary of my wedding with Ian Donald. The appropriate card signed by our members is treasured by me as a keepsake. The white orchid, quite bridal, happily sits in my house as a further reminder of a day with the Friends.

As a group we wish Joan Barlow congratulations on the occasion of her 96th Birthday last week. Joan has been a supporter of The Highway Gallery and member of the Friends for many years. The Coffee Mornings are always a special time for her.

Janet Flinn, one of the members of the HG Friends, has a solo Exhibition on at present in Healesville. Details later in this NLR.

If you have been to the Gallery this year you will notice the excellent job Maryse and Joop, from Monash Halls Management, have done. As well as taking the bookings and all the work that goes with that, they have made many improvements.

🌸 *Friends' Coffee Mornings- 1st Monday of each month at 10:30 am* **Report of Monday Feb 1 - Power Point of the First 25 years**

We enjoyed seeing the series of pictures taken of Events and Exhibitions over the last 25 years. Many in attendance featured in the show. The art work on show reminded us of very happy times at 14 The Highway.

Marie Donald, the Convenor of the HG Friends and Life Member, was presented with flowers and a card, signed by all, to celebrate hers and Ian's Diamond Wedding.

Monday March 7, 2016 - Ms Jo Powell, Secretary MIA

We are pleased to welcome Jo Powell to our Coffee Morning. She will talk to us about some of the work and the activities of MIA. The pictures below reflect the Opening event Friday Feb 26.

At the Coffee Morning we will also learn of the Council's plans to develop an Arts Hub in Mt Waverley



The 5 Exhibiting Artists.

Kusuma, Atty, Syahisti, Riawan, Elina

Entertainment was provided by Vocalists and Instrumentalists at the Opening and delectable refreshments were served.



🌸 ***Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions to note:***

"Embracing Difference" **Feb 25 to Mar 23**
Art work of 5 Melbourne based Indonesian Artists

"Material Girls" **Apr 16 to May 8**
A celebration of material textiles from around the world - see notes below

CPCVA **May 18 to 29**
Chinese Photography Club of Victoria, Australia



An Exhibition of interest

"Birds of the Yarra Ranges" **Feb 12 to April 5**

A solo Exhibition by Janet Flinn is on at present at the **Memo Gallery**. Janet is one of the inaugural members of The Highway Gallery Friends which commenced in August 1986.

The **Memo** is at the Memorial Hall, 235 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville. **Closed April 25 -27**

The Highway Gallery, 14 The Highway, Mount Waverley 3149 9807 7261

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

NB Additional Opening Hours for the Indonesian Exhibition - now in progress.

Tuesday to Sunday 12 noon to 6 pm (Closed Monday)

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"Material Girls" April 15 to May 8, 2016

The Friends of The Highway Gallery are invited to participate in "Material Girls", a Celebration of Beautiful Textiles from around the World, an exhibition to be held at The Highway Gallery from Saturday April 16 – Sunday 8 May. Enclosed is the booking form for exhibits.

"Material Girls" will showcase beautiful fabrics (with an emphasis on the indigenous of the various countries), clothes (including saris, kimonos, etc), hats, shoes, accessories, quilts, craft, photographs, and stories of each item. Work to be delivered to The Highway Gallery on Wednesday 13 May between 10am and 2pm. (or at a time arranged)

There is no charge to exhibit but for items for sale the normal 25% commission will apply.

Please email Marj if you have something in mind. <timing_nza@yahoo.com.au.>

We urgently need to borrow mannequins, dressmakers' dummies, hat stands, etc. to showcase the fashion. If you have or can borrow these items, please let me know.

Community groups involved in "Material Girls" will include The Friends of The Highway Gallery, Waverley Patchworkers, Monash Reconciliation, Waverley Spinners and Weavers and others.

The exhibition will be officially opened on Saturday 16 April at a special Cocktail Hour at 5pm by the Mayor, Cr Stephanie Perri.

There will be a Fashion Parade on Wednesday 20 April at 7pm.

Pre-paid tickets for the Fashion Parade will be available for \$20 per person. Numbers are strictly limited and must be pre-booked by calling

Lina on 0416 120 739 or email <mrg2009@live.com.au>