



FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter - March, 2017

Convenor: Marie Donald

Message from the Convenor

We are now due for our 2nd Coffee Morning for the Year which will be at the newly painted Gallery. We appreciated the use of the Waverley Historical Society Rooms, above the Mount Waverley Library for the February Coffee Morning as the painters were set up at the Gallery.

To all the Friends members who both came to the Funeral for Ian and supported the Donalds in many ways, I thank you so much. Our first meeting in the upstairs room of the Mount Waverley Library was extremely gratifying as we all managed to participate in Remembrance of Ian. It showed us that you are our true Friends.

Message from the Newsletter Editor

We now have a very active **Team HG**, made up of some of you, who are making a difference as to how the Gallery is running.

As well as Monash Halls, who have done a great job over the past year, we have a drive for publicity, soliciting exhibitors, in order to become a vibrant Community Facility.

Any of you who are not part of Team HG, as yet, do join us as your skills in all sorts of ways can make a difference. It may be delivering flyers in your neighbourhood, ideas for the Gift Shop etc.

Friends' Coffee Mornings - 1st Mon of each month at 10:30 am

Report of Monday February 6 - Remembering Ian Boyd Donald

Colin and Belinda Donald joined Marie in a presentation of the life of their Father and Husband with a PowerPoint presentation and taped music played by Ian. Others commented on the significance of Ian's participation of The Highway Gallery Management, the Early Music events and a colleague from the Engineering Faculty at Monash University spoke.

At a last minute arrangement our February Coffee Morning was held in the Waverley Historical Society Rooms above the Mount Waverley Library due to the Gallery being painted.

Monday March 6 - Speaker: Greg Footit introducing his artwork



Greg is an artist living in the City of Monash and has had a lot of experience exhibiting his work. Most of the works in Greg's Exhibition will be in the Gallery in time for the March Coffee Morning when he will be our Guest Speaker.

Picture at left "Last Light at God only Knows Where"
Medium: Acrylic on rag paper

🌸 Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions

Under a Southern Sky

March 8 to 19

Official Opening - Wednesday March 8 at 7 pm

Details on enclosed flyer.

Living Colour

March 22 to April 2

A Peg Widdows Retrospective - paintings done over many decades

Peg Widdows was born in 1920, she was a talented artist, who went on to RMIT to study with the likes of Fred Williams and Murray Griffin. She won awards and was a vibrant member of the Victorian Artists Society during the 1950's. She travelled widely and lived in Europe for 10 years where she extended her skills and emotional response to the environment. In Melbourne she was a freelance Fashion Artist and Book Illustrator, whilst raising a family and creating large scale, bold landscapes in her Studio. A prodigious Artist who uses beautiful hues of colour and strong modelling of the paint to convey evocative atmospheric landscapes. She had a one man show at Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery in 1988, and has had several Exhibitions around Victoria. Many awards from the Rotary Club competitions, and work is held in many Private Collections.



*The Highway Gallery Team are delighted to show Peg's work. If her health permits she will attend the Gallery to see **Living Colour***

"Trees at the Grampians"

Storybook Yarn Art

April 5 to 23

More details in your April Newsletter



A selection of the Longbeach Storybook Yarn Art Trail is coming to The Highway Gallery during Term 1 school vacation this year.

A great outing for all, especially children and grandchildren, with a programme of demonstrations and workshops

At left: Illustrating Lester Laminack's 'Three Hens and a Peacock' with yarn using knitting, crotcheting and other yarn techniques.

Indonesian Art and Artifacts - MIA

April 26 to May 21

The Highway Gallery, 14 The Highway, Mount Waverley 3149
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 Opening times - Wednesday to Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm or by arrangement

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