



# FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter

June 2014

Convenor: Marie Donald

## 🌸 *Message from the Convenor*

We have lots to report on this time, two Coffee Mornings (April and May) and the wonderful heart warming Mama Mia! exhibition. A charming opening for this present exhibition was held with Anna Burke MP as the guest speaker. Anna is a long time Friend of our Gallery. Also as a mother she was accompanied by her children. Congratulations to Marcia Collins, Curator and Rhonda and her Committee for a fantastic Community project.

*Pictured are Rhonda, Marcia and Anna at the Opening*



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

### **Reports - Mon, Apr 7 Kimberley Hughes**

Kimberley Hughes gave us an enlightened talk about the organisation and 'behind the scenes' management of our National Gallery of Victoria. She spoke, in detail, about the structure of arts organisations and the importance of Volunteers and Philanthropists in the arts industry.

It was nice to catch up with Kimberley again as we got to know her when she did part time work at the HG, several years ago, whilst studying for her Masters in Art and Cultural Administration.

*Kimberley chatting with Joanne Coleman.*



### **Monday, May 5 - Shakespeare's 450<sup>th</sup> Birthday & viewing Mama Mia!**

Shakespeare memorabilia to celebrate 450 years. Marie, together with several members, led an interesting discussion. Val Cotton showing her complete works by the 'Bard of Avon' and presented her research on him and Chrystabel Soares told of her educational experiences as a school girl in India sparking a life long love of the classics. She also told of her recent visit to The Globe Theatre in London to see Hamlet. Donna Vanclay's daughter is now a volunteer at The Globe and Marie Donald's anecdotes and costume her husband, Ian, had used added to the 450th birth year of William Shakespeare.

*Picture of Marie leading the discussion about Shakespeare*



Finally, not many people are aware that there is also an annual Shakespeare Festival and a 'Shakespeare through the Ages' Arts Trail in Stratford on 'our' Avon River in Gippsland, Victoria. This year's Festival was from April 23 to May 10 with contributions by the local community, the best artists in the region and professional companies from Melbourne and Sydney. See <http://www.stratfordshakespeare.com.au/>



### 🌸 *Next Coffee Morning:*

#### **Monday June 2 - Timothy Tsui - How work and pleasure relate**

Timothy Tsui is both an active member of the Waverley Arts Society and the HG Committee, as well he is a member of our Friends group. Now a retired Medical Scientist, he loves to paint and enjoys art. Timothy will speak to us about how he has related his work, as a pathologist, with the pleasure of painting. We look forward to meeting Timothy at the June Coffee Morning so please make a note now to be sure to be present.

### 🌸 *Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions*

#### **Mama Mia!**

**Still on until May 30**



#### **Flinders Ranges and Beyond**

Paintings by Graeme Myrteza      Opening at 2 pm June 1

**June 1 to 29**

(See enclosed)

#### **Creative Dreaming**

**July 5 to 27**

Curated by the Monash Reconciliation Group and supported by the City of Monash this exhibition will celebrate **NAIDOC Week 2014**. Five Aboriginal women artists will display a diverse range of art work from cartoons to fashion and painting. All five artists have previously exhibited at The Highway Gallery some dating back several decades. This will be a celebration of the culture of our Indigenous people. **The Opening will be on Saturday July 5**. Over the month of July there will be workshops, children's activities and a Fashion Parade at the Gallery. More details in your July Newsletter.

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