



FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter - August, 2016 Convenor: Marie Donald

Message from the Convenor

Greetings to all past and present members of our **Friends Group**, who met for the inaugural Coffee Morning on **Thursday August 21, at 10 am 1986** when the Gallery was still the Waverley City Gallery. The Waverley City Council set up 14 The Highway, in 1980, to show the City Art Collection. In 1990 our Gallery name changed to **The Highway Gallery** and became a Community facility when the Exhibition Gallery (now Monash Gallery of Art) opened later that year in Wheelers Hill.

Our **Coffee Mornings** have been held continually with demonstrations, talks by artists about their current exhibitions and sessions with member participation, over the 3 decades.

The May 2008 Coffee Morning was the first to be held on the first Monday of the month because the Thursday time slot became a problem when a large Probus Group commenced at the Masonic Hall, Stephenson's Rd at 10 am on Thursday which made car parking difficult. We had considered, for some time, about using a day when the Gallery was not open to the public so the decision was made for us.

As our Coffee Morning time next Monday, will be used for Friends bringing in work for our Celebration Exhibition we will meet for Afternoon Tea on Wed August 3 at 2:30 pm, the first day the Exhibition is open to the public. Marie, our Convenor, will speak about past activities of the Friends. This will be an opportunity for many of you who are normally not available to attend Coffee Mornings on Mondays.

Our 30th Anniversary Exhibition, August 3 to 14

The content of the 30th Exhibition is planned for art and craft done by members and/or work purchased at The Highway Gallery over the last 36 years by Friends. If anyone has, in their collection, art work of past WCG or HG Friends and would be happy to exhibit please contact Marj on 9803 9071 or 0147 146 394 or just bring it to the Gallery next Mon Aug 1 with the enclosed entry form showing details.

Friends' Coffee Mornings-1st Monday of each month at 10:30 am **Report of Monday July 4 -NAIDOC Week - Speaker: Anne Davies**

Anne Davies gave us an inspiring account of a visit she made to an Aboriginal Community in South East Queensland. She used a power point series of pictures to give us the atmosphere and style of the area. Being a teacher Anne spoke to us about her experiences as a volunteer at the school.

Anne's talk was very much appreciated as part of the NAIDOC Week Celebrations at the Gallery.

Monday Aug 1 - Exhibitors to deliver work for the 30th Exhibition

Monday morning, Aug 1 at our normal Coffee Morning time, those of the Friends who have work to exhibit for the special 30th Celebration Exhibition can bring work in to the Gallery. Enclosed you will find the Entry Form to fill in to accompany your exhibits. If you have more than 3 items please copy the entry form as required. Then the rest of Monday and Tues Aug 2 will be the setting up time for the display which opens to the Public Wed Aug 3.

We will have **Afternoon Tea at 2pm on Wed Aug 3** when our Convenor, **Marie Donald** will talk to us about the 30 years of HG Friends support to the Gallery.



Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions at HG

Through Our Eyes

Exhibition of students art work from Wesley College

July 20 to 31

The present art work of current Year 12 students at Wesley College has been well received by Gallery visitors and will be in the Gallery until Sunday July 31

30 Years On

August 3 to 14

Friends of The Highway Gallery are celebrating 30 years of providing support - first to the Waverley City Gallery and since 1990 to The Highway Gallery.

*Featuring work by HG Friends and work purchased
at Exhibitions held at
The Highway Gallery over 30 years*

Horse & Morse

Aug 19 to Sept 11

An Exhibition of unique WW1 Photographs featuring Mesopotamia, Persia and Kurdistan, 1918 - 1919 by the late Eric Keast Burke, an Australian Soldier and war Photographer at the Great War.

Eric Keast Burke's son Kerras and grand daughter, Prue (both HG Friends) are presenting the Exhibition. Appreciative assistance has been given from the Military Historical Society of Australia, various members of our HG Friends Group and other persons.

.Enclosures: Friends August NLR
Invitations to 30th Friends Celebration Party - Aug 14 and Horse and Morse Exh Opening Aug 19
Flyers for 30th Anniversary Exh and Horse and Morse Exh - more at the Gallery
Morning Specials at Bensons, the new Restaurant near the Gallery, 12 The Highway
Entry form for exhibits for HG Friends 30th Anniv Exhibition

This month we are using snail mail as we have so much to enclose. Please pass info to Friends and let me know if you prefer snail mail to email, Marjorie Walker HG Fr NLR editor 0417 146 394

The Highway Gallery, 14 The Highway, Mount Waverley 3149

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

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