



# FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

## Newsletter - June, 2018 Convenor: Marie Donald

### Message from the Convenor

Recently we were saddened to hear of the deaths of the fathers of two of our HG Inc. committee members, Fiona and Prue. Our thoughts are with them at this time.

Prue's father, Kerras Burke, was also an HG Friends member and you will remember "Horse and Morse" the facinating Exhibition he staged at our Gallery, in 2016, of WW1 photos taken by his father, Eric Keast Burke, who was a professional war photographer.

### Friends' Coffee Mornings

#### 1st Monday of each month 10:30 am to 11:30 am

#### Report Mon May 7: Marcia and Jack Collins took us on their exotic trip to the Antarctic and Galapagos, off the west coast of Ecuador.



Jack and Marcia gave us a comprehensive account of their month's trip to the frozen continent. They explained about the restrictions necessary to keep Antarctica from damaging pollution for the protection of the environment. We saw lots of wildlife, glaciers of ice and remote scenery.

At left: The travellers rugged up to embrace the cold

### Next Coffee Morning - Monday June 4 - "Our History"

**Speakers: Marie Donald, Sylvia Mason, Doug Lawrence and Marjorie Walker.**

Our Convenor, **Marie**, will lead an informative session on the history of 14 The Highway as she and **Sylvia** were volunteers from the commencement of what was the Waverley City Gallery in 1980. The then Council built the Gallery at Wheelers Hill to be called the Waverley City Gallery so when 14 The Highway was to continue as a Community Gallery a new name was needed hence "The Highway Gallery" started in January 1990 with the well known HG logo.

**Doug** was the Chairman of the Waverley Arts Council in the late 80's and chaired the group of people who got The Highway Gallery started. On retiring from work Doug became the Director for 15 years until 2016.

Back in 1986, **Marj**, who had returned to Australia after a 20 year Arts Education career in Africa and PNG, was invited onto the WCG Committee. The task she was given was to start a Waverley City Gallery Friends Group, made up of existing volunteers so the first Coffee Morning was the 3rd Thursday in August 1986. This group later continued on as the present **Friends of The Highway Gallery** at the beginning of 1990.

There will be opportunity for discussion on how we go from here in view of the plans of the Monash Council to sell 14 The Highway sooner than what we were previously aware of.



## Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions

### "Spirit Country - Youth Art for Reconciliation"

**May 16 to June 3**

This Monash Reconciliation Group exhibition when children from schools in Monash were given the chance to research and illustrate the theme **"Don't Keep History A Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow"** has been very well received by the community. School children have produced creative ideas illustrating what they have learned through researching stories, art techniques and over 200 years of history relating to the impact on our first peoples who are known as the world's oldest civilization. Be sure not to miss this one. **Afternoon Tea on Sun June 3 at 3pm.** Herald /Sun/Leader article enclosed.

### Chinese Photography Association of Victoria Australia

**June 6 to 17**

The CPAVA is made up of mainly Chinese persons - but others, with an interest in creative Photography as an Art Form, are welcome to join them. **See enclosed flyer for more details.**

### "From Up Ship Creek down to Distillery Creek"

#### Paintings from Tracks less travelled.

**June 20 to July 1**

Greg Footit is again displaying his work in our Gallery with an intriguing title. It will show us what he saw on his trip to the Gulf of Carpentaria.



In June 2017 the artist drove from Rowville, Victoria up to the Gulf of Carpentaria then back to the Alice. This exhibition is dedicated to that country between destinations and the rewards it showers upon you when you linger awhile to listen, to see, and to try and understand.

**Opening Event, Wednesday, June 20 from 7pm. All Welcome**

Gallery opening hours extended for this Exhibition

11am to 4pm Wednesday – Saturday, 12 – 4pm Sundays.

### "Marra Marra" meaning 'make create do' in Wiradjuri language

**July 4 to 22**

The Aboriginal Community in Echuca have been preparing an Exhibition to be on show for NAIDOC Week in the City of Monash. See current Pals booklet put out by the Monash Council.

For most of the artists it is their first time to exhibit in Melbourne, or in fact outside of Echuca.

**Judith Young**, of Monash Reconciliation Group, has been working with relatives in Echuca. The group is made up of women, their daughters and grand daughters in keeping with this year's NAIDOC Week theme as it fits with the value of women in the family.



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### "Figurative Sculpture" by artist Suzanne Kaldor

**July 25 to August 5**

**Variety of media - bronze, ceramic and ciment fondue. More details next month.**

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