



FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter - May, 2018 Convenor: Marie Donald

Message from the Convenor

Again this year we have had a run of very interesting and enjoyable exhibitions and also from our programme we have many more to come. Starting in two weeks we have the schools in Monash presenting art work, of their students, on the theme of Reconciliation to co-incide with Sorry Day. Then for NAIDOC Week we are excited to display work by emerging Aboriginal Women Artists from Echuca to fit in with this year's NAIDOC Week theme. See Page 2.

Friends' Coffee Mornings

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

Report of Monday April 9 - Oak Towers Aged Care exhibitors

We had a visit from several of the Oak Towers exhibitors on Monday to talk about their work. Sally and Vicky of the Oak Towers staff, who had worked with the residents, also spoke.

It was so nice to meet these creative people from the Oak Towers Aged Care who had so much enjoyed preparing work for the Exhibition "Hidden Treasures" over the past year.

Next Coffee Morning - Mon May 7 - at 10:30am

Speakers: Marcia and Jack Collins take us to Antarctica

We are pleased to welcome Jack and Marcia Collins who will talk about their recent "Trip-of-a-Lifetime" in February. They spent eleven days in the frozen Antarctic.

They then made their way up South America to equatorial **Galapagos**, off the west coast of Ecuador.



They will show us photographs of the wildlife and stunning landscapes of these iconic locations, from the icy beauty of the **Antarctic Peninsula** with its penguin rookeries, elephant seals and whales to the amazing birds and animals of tropical **Galapagos**.



This will be an event we should not miss as not many of us will get the chance to go there.



Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions and Events

"Near Neighbours - Close Friends"

April 19 to May 13

The MIA (Museum of Indonesian Arts) Exhibition Opening took place on Friday April 20 with the Officiating Guest being the Indonesian Consul for Victoria. The Exhibition covers a wide range of topics showing many aspects of connections between Indonesian and Australia over the centuries and will be still on when we meet for the May Friends Coffee Morning on Monday May 7.

"Spirit Country - Youth Art for Reconciliation"

May 16 to June 3

Following a very successful Reconciliation Exhibition in May last year when children from schools in Monash were given the chance to research and illustrate the theme in "**Billabong Dreaming**" the teachers, parents and students wanted to be involved again at the "Sorry Day" time of late May this year. We have entries booked in from Kindergarten to Senior High School.

The Official Opening - Saturday May 19 at 2pm and a **Closing Afternoon Tea** on Sunday June 3 at 3pm

Chinese Photography Association of Victoria Australia

June 6 to 17

This is the 3rd time, in recent years, for the members to display their exotic photography at our Gallery.

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.

"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. More details in the June NLR.

"Marra Marra" meaning 'make create do' in Wiradjuri language **July 4 to 15**

The Aboriginal Community in Echuca have been preparing an Exhibition for NAIDOC Week for the City of Monash. For most it is the artists' first time to exhibit in Melbourne, or in fact outside of Echuca.

Judith Young, our friend from the commencement of the Monash Reconciliation Group, and her daughters have been working with relatives in Echuca. The group is made up of women, their daughters and grand daughters in keeping with the theme of this year's NAIDOC Week which refers to the value of women in the family. There will be more information in your June and July NLRs.



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8-15 JULY 2018

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