



FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter - October 2018 Convenor: Marie Donald

 **Message from the Convenor** - *Please take note of times and dates.*

We have closed off **The Highway Gallery** as a **Community Arts Facility** in Monash with 2 great **Celebration** events over the last couple of weeks. Celebrating 3 decades of work by volunteers promoting Community Arts at little cost to the Council. It has been made clear, from before the Architects drawings were done (like 4 years ago) for refurbishing The Community Centre that the Council would need to program in a Directors salary as The Highway Gallery community had voted not to move across to direct the running of the new Art Space.

At this stage the Friends will continue to meet, as has previously been explained and your newsletters will continue at least until the end of the year. Where to from there ???

The Celebration Market Day, Sat September 15, gave a last



opportunity to our Gift Shop artisans to hold a stall and for members of the public to make a last visit. Music was provided by Avila and Huntingtower. In spite of the wind and rain, feedback was of a cheerful and enjoyable event.



The final occasion held at 14 The Highway, Mount Waverley - the **Twilight Celebration** last **Friday, September 21** 6pm to 8pm. A little more formal than the Market Day but this was another magic occasion. Thanks to many of you for being involved. It gave us the opportunity to acknowledge support of the many businesses, organizations, artists and HG management going back several decades.



 **Friends' Coffee Mornings:**

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

Report Monday Sept 3 - Speaker: Jill Feinberg, Mt Street Neighbourhood House



As the Mount Street Neighbourhood House Exhibition, the last at The Highway Gallery, was still on the Gallery walls, the long time **MSNH** convenor, **Jill Feinberg**, talked to us about the courses the House offers with reference to the many interesting techniques and media used in the past and present and could be seen in some of the work exhibited. It was a great last Coffee Morning at 14 The Highway. From now we move on to a new stage.

HG Friends October Coffee Morning

Monday October 1st We will meet at the New Horizons Books and Coffee Shop at the Monash Church of Christ, 44 Montclair Ave, Glen Waverley. Artist, Noreen Dunlop will have her art work on show and will be available to discuss her work with you. Noreen is a volunteer at the this facility on a Wednesday.

Monday November 5 is Melbourne Cup Weekend so Friends Coffee Morning may not be held as NHB Coffee Shop is closed the Monday and Tuesday of Cup weekend. More details next month. **Options** - We could use the last Mon of Oct for Nov Coffee Morning or an excursion to the city November 5 to NGV or Museum or similar as they would probably still be open the Monday of Cup weekend for the many visitors to Melbourne for the Racing season. Further notice in the November Newsletter.

Monday December 3 our **Christmas Lunch** is booked at the New Horizons Books and Coffee Shop. It is being catered for at a cost of \$10pp. Booking Form enclosed to make your booking and use envelope enclosed.

The Gallery Christmas Tree will be at our Christmas Lunch and again you are asked to bring a gift to put under the tree (preferably wrapped in cellophane) for children having holidays at Cottage By the Sea in Queenscliff. At the Cottage a small welcome gift is on the bed for each child on arrival. Your gift can be for boy or girl. A book, toiletries like soap etc would be suitable. The Cottage has been providing holidays for children for 123 years, even during the Wars.

Cottage by the Sea is a non-profit, non-government, registered children's charity in Queenscliff, Victoria, supporting disadvantaged young people by giving them a holiday at the seaside.

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at New Horizons Books and Coffee Shop, 44 Montclair Ave, Glen Waverley

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If you are planning to attend the Christmas Lunch it is recommended you book early.

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