

GALLERY SUNSHINE EVERYWHERE

2016 REPORT

Another busy year: our ninth!

EXHIBITIONS:

We had several exhibitions: 16 in all and as the list below indicates worked with several organizations and schools and kindergartens:

28 Feb.-20 March:	YEN (an exhibition of the work of a Year 10 student)
20 March-24 April:	Neighbour Day (commissioned by Brimbank Council)
24 April-22 May:	Inspiring Kids to Create Primary Art Group (curated by Carmen Borg)
22 May-19 June:	Sydenham/Hillside Primary School
19 June-17 July:	Dorothy Carlton and Fairbairn Road Kindergartens
17 July-7 August:	Words and Pictures: INDIA (refer to Books section below)
7-21 August:	Fairbairn Road Kindergarten
21 August-19 September:	Our Lady's Primary School
25 August:	Words and Pictures: China/musical performance by Chinese family/music group
19-30 September:	AMES Lino Prints
30 Sept-Oct 16:	Rosamond School
8-15 Oct:	Mental Health Week (Sunshine Heights PS/MIND Australia)
16-30 Oct:	Words and Pictures: Tamil Community (refer to books section below)/performance by Footscray City College students
30 Oct-Nov 13:	Furlong Park School for Deaf Children
13-27 Nov:	Young Teachers' Art Exhibition (curated by Charlotte Clemens)
27 Nov- :	Diversity and Disability Art Exhibition (curated by Tania Arman)

BOOKS:

We started the year with a book launch at the 100 story building of the Words and Pictures book developed with Eritrean Australian Humanitarian Aid featuring drawings by Eritrean refugee children in Sudan and stories by children from Flemington Primary School.

Following this, during the year, we produced several other books featuring in turn

- (1) Drawings by children from Catherine Public School in Visakhapatnam, India and stories by children from St Albans Primary School and Carranballac P-9 College (designed by Marcelle Cacciattolo and Education students at Victoria University)
- (2) drawings by children from various kindergartens and schools in Shenzhen Guangdong region in China and stories by children from Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School in Harrison, ACT (designed by Debbie Qadri), and
- (3) in a project funded by Brimbank Council, drawings and stories by Eelam Tamil Association Tamil School in Braybrook, Elangaithuraimugathuvaram Hindu College in Eachchilampattu, Verugal, Sri Lanka and Sunshine College (designed by Liz Dalglish).

For full details of the books, visit: <http://wordsandpicturesprojects.blogspot.com.au>

RESEARCH AND WRITING:

During the year, Dr Jayson Cooper (Victoria University), Dr Mahmoud Eid (Fayoum University, Egypt) and I have undertaken some Gallery Sunshine Everywhere research and have prepared several publications:

THANKS:

Huge thanks to:

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And it goes without saying that we value the wonderful support of all the kindergartens, schools and other organizations and everyone who is linked with Gallery Sunshine Everywhere in whatever way.

LOOKING AHEAD:**Neighbour Day:**

We are collaborating again in 2017 with Brimbank Council around a Neighbour Day exhibition and will be continuing the related Neighbour Day research.

Funding:

We received a small grant from Brimbank Council for a 2017 project focussing on the Hopes and Dreams of the under sevens and over seventies (based on the assertion that these two groups make the most sense!)

As well we will be continuing the Words and Pictures project, initially with a grant from the Australian Commission for UNESCO to work with schools in the Solomon Islands and locally in Melbourne's western suburbs.

GOOD NEWS!

Gallery Sunshine Everywhere turns 10 in 2017! Keep watching for the lots of birthday related activities.....and please send us through any ideas to make this a really special year....

We received information just prior to Christmas that Gallery Sunshine Everywhere is now on the Register of Cultural Organizations (ROCO) and is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient.

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Director,

Gallery Sunshine Everywhere