



Camberwell Art Show supports communities

The annual Camberwell Art Show not only supports Australian artists but also raises funds to support worthy causes at local, national and international levels. Now in its 52nd year, the show has provided more than \$2.3 million to humanitarian and charitable projects.

This year's Camberwell Art Show runs from July 7-16 at Melbourne's Swinburne University Advanced

Technologies Centre in Burwood Road, Hawthorn, and organisers believe it will surpass the \$100,000 raised in 2016 for community projects.

As the show is the major annual event of the Rotary Club of Camberwell, all assistance is voluntary, which means funds raised through admission and commissions from painting sales are allocated to charitable causes.

Leading Melbourne law firm Parke Lawyers is the show's gold sponsor and managing director Jim Parke says Parke Lawyers commends what the Rotary Club of Camberwell has achieved. "We are pleased to be the gold sponsor of an event run by a committed group of volunteers.

"The ongoing success of the art show can be attributed to Rotarians and a legion of friends who volunteer their time. This ensures that all funds raised channel back into communities, making them stronger and better places to live."

Camberwell Art Show organising committee chair Mark Hased says funds last year supported projects such as: polio eradication; Foodbank Victoria; Victorian bushfire relief; Boroondara Cares drought relief program and homeless initiative; Royal Children's Hospital; Prostate Cancer Foundation; Camp Getaway; desks and computer equipment to Africa and Asia; BASS aged care facility; youth suicide research project; Friday Night School; National Youth Science Forum; Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and Swinburne Young Mums Program.

Mark Hased says an example of the of the overseas projects supported by the art show was an extension and construction of a new covered playground at the Khnar Primary School in Chreav Provence, Siam Reap, Cambodia.



Children at a boarding house in Kon Tum, Vietnam



He says another is the provision of FM hearing aids at the Hearing and Beyond School in Hoi An, Vietnam. “Mai McCann runs the school on a very effective shoestring supported by funds she raises from her work as a Remote Area Nurse in Australia and assisted by the Rotary Club of Camberwell.

“This school has impressive outcomes for the deaf children whose lives and earning ability are considerably enhanced by their new ability to easily communicate with non-hearing impaired community members,” he adds.

Other Vietnamese projects to benefit from the art show have been the Vinh Son 3 orphanage and two boarding houses in Kon Tum villages where children from poor families stay during the school year so that they can attend local government schools.

Organisers are expecting more than 7,000 visitors to this year’s show and there will be around 1,500 paintings selected to hang

As well as Parke Lawyers, other major sponsors are the Herald Sun, Bendigo Bank, Bayford Motors Group, Deans Art and Boroondara Arts Centre. Also supporting the show are Melbourne Smile Centre, Premier HiFi, Studio Craft, Without Pier Gallery, Le Pine Funerals, Duncan Thompson Extensions, Toscano’s and Surrey Travel.

More information about the Camberwell Art Show is available at <http://camberwellrotaryartshow.org.au/>

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