



SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA

FUNDS IN COURT NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2017

Funds in Court beneficiaries update



Message from the General Manager

On Friday 25 November 2016 Funds in Court (FIC) had a brilliant night hosting Embrace 2016.

The number of people in attendance exceeded 200 and the number of beneficiary contributions continues to grow with each event.

We all know that a key goal of FIC is to enhance the lives of our beneficiaries. This is not confined to managing day to day requests. It is also about celebrating the people, their capabilities and their accomplishments.

At Embrace we take the opportunity to put the spotlight on our beneficiaries, to applaud and celebrate their talents and achievements and give them a platform on which these triumphs can be showcased. There were numerous works of art on display and 10 beneficiaries performed in the concert.

We are pleased to have had so much positive feedback from our participating beneficiaries and their families:

- (Beneficiary) - *This is the highlight of my life...*
- (Mother of beneficiary) - *Well done for such a wonderful evening all your hard work paid off. Thank you for giving my daughter a voice, she had a great night and is still smiling.*

- (Mother of beneficiary) -*We all had a lovely time on Friday night at the Embrace exhibition. It was so inspiring for my daughter to hear the journeys & see the achievements of the other participants who displayed their artwork at the exhibition and she was very humbled by the comments and advice she received on her own art work.*
- (Mother of beneficiary) – *Thank you for inviting us to Embrace. We enjoyed the evening very much. My son loved his goodie bag and has already put the coffee mug to use. All the staff at FIC worked so hard to make the night a happy experience. I watched the staff walk around and serve drinks and food all through the celebration and they made the beneficiaries and their families feel so loved and valued. FIC staff really do put their beneficiaries first, this is your motto, but you people do actually practice it.*

This is a great comfort to us as parents. Thank you to everyone at FIC for a truly great evening.

I would like to thank all who organised, assisted and attended to ensure that the night ran smoothly - making it a wonderful occasion. The success of Embrace is largely a team effort.

The team's passion and zest will see this event continue to get bigger and bigger.

All participants were awarded with "Certificates of Participation".

We already look forward to Embrace 2018!

Gary Georgios
General Manager (FIC)

Photographs from Embrace

Official Opening of the Event



**The Honourable Associate
Justice John Eftim
opened Embrace**



**Gary Georgios, General
Manager (FIC) was
the MC for the event.**

Participants

The following beneficiaries participated in Embrace:

**Raphael Green
Chris Hansen
Yeksan Altun
Claire Wilson
Colette Keystone
Danni Sic
Donna Brain
Felicity Brown
Henry Chea
Glenn Thomas
James Remedios
Jim Vemis**

**Lee Dight
Ruth Burrill
Stanley Newbury
Trevor Wolfe
Rebecca Viney
Kate Dixon
Marea Breisch
Maddison Fogarty
Raelee Kennedy
Shelley Matthews
David Jelleff**

**Stephanie Fernandez
Baden Williams
Jessica Clay
Rebekka Nies
Lyndal Slade
Robert Brandwyk
Salote Talanoa
Nirosha Gatamanne
Aminta Iscaro
Sally Ann Mather
Aaron Gaunt**

David Castle and **Stephen Easter** also participated in Embrace as friends of Funds in Court.

Concert Performers



Chris Hansen singing “Maria” and other songs



Felicity Brown singing “Hero”



Salote Talanoa singing “In your grace”



James Remedios singing “Bridge over troubled water” and “I’ll stand by you”



Ruth Burrill singing “Time warp”



Maddison Fogarty’s story



Trevor Wolfe read two poems he wrote: “Like me the way I am” and “My beautiful love”



Danni Sic singing “Don’t you worry, baby”



**Sally Ann Mather singing
"In the midnight hour"**



**Rebekka Nies shared a story
about her accident and
the consequences.**



**Aaron Gaunt singing
"Pretty Woman"**

**Some of the performers have
already secured their place for the
concert in 2018.**

Marea Breisch



Kate Dixon



Sally Ann Mather



Stephanie Fernandez



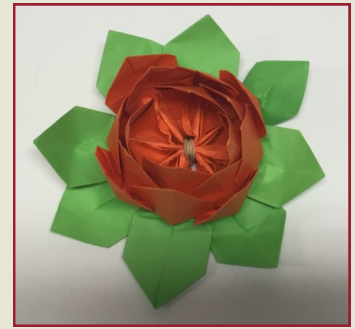
Donavelle Brain



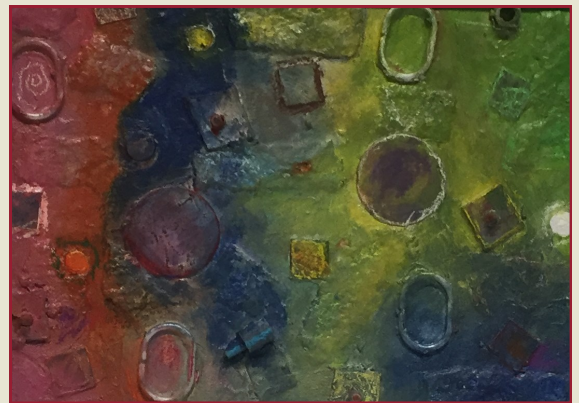
Shelley Matthews



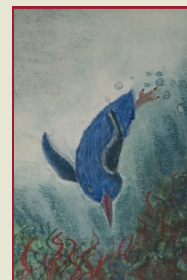
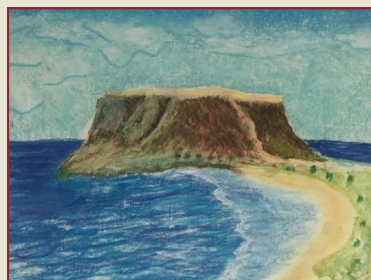
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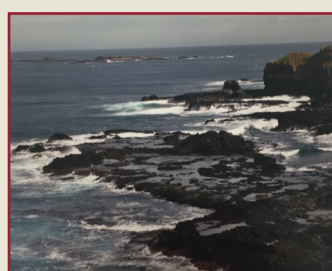
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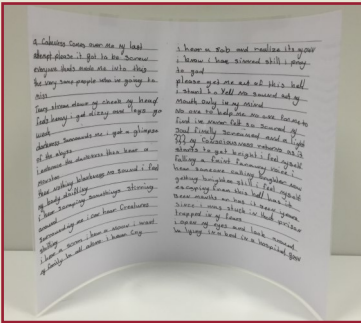
Rebecca Viney



Glenn Thomas



Jessica Clay



Claire Wilson



Lee Dight



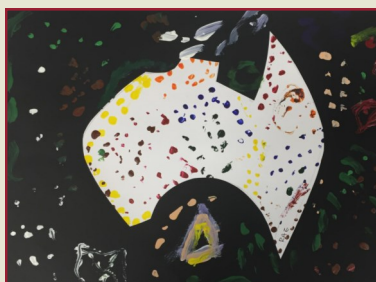
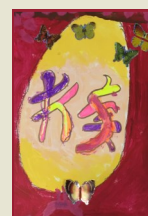
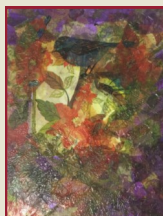
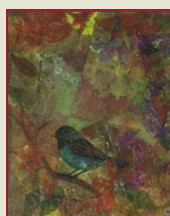
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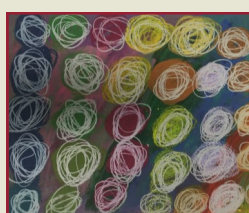
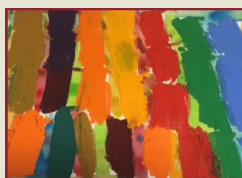
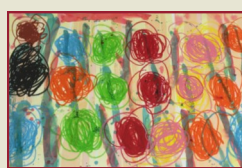
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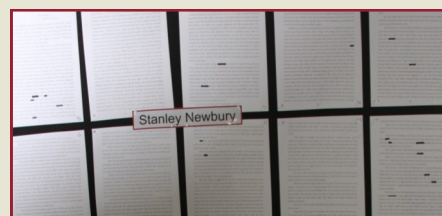
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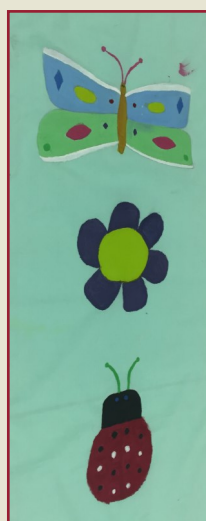
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Baden Williams



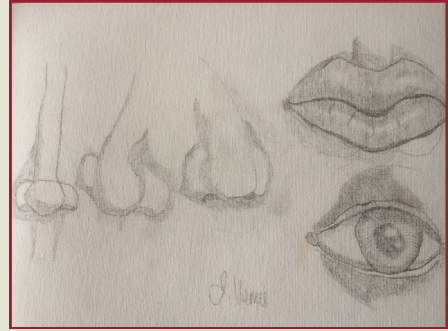
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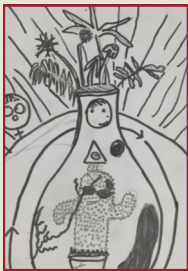
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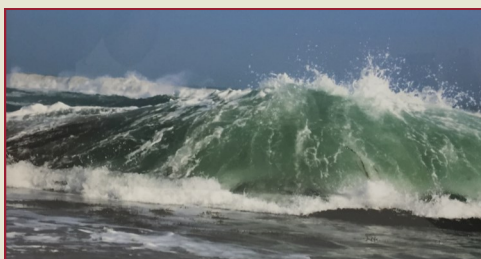
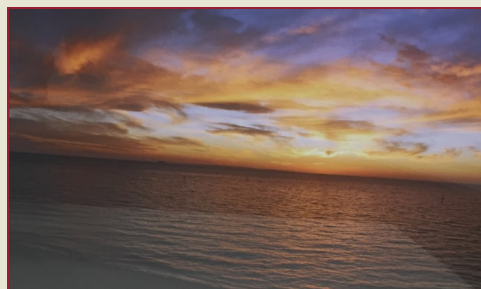
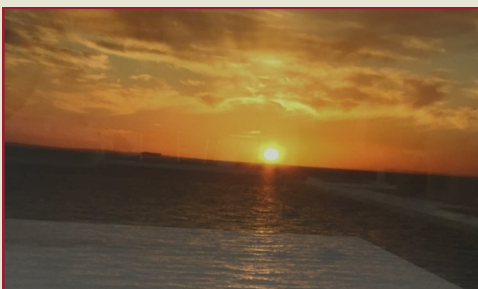
Jim Vemis



Raphael Green



Colette Keystone



Trevor Wolfe

LIKE ME THE WAY I AM

We cry each day in the corner, where no-one can see,
 For who likes me the way I am,
 No-one likes me for what I've become,
 I let out a cry from the bottom of my soul,
 Forgive me lord I want to go home,
 I'm waiting to die,
 for who likes me the way I am.

Who likes me for what I've become,
 I may be disabled but I still have feelings,
 I look in the mirror each day and
 see someone new,
 I can't change anymore I want to be myself,
 For who likes me the way I am.

We try and not say the things
 the things you hate,
 For I can't change anymore to
 be my old self,
 I silent cry from somewhere,
 a voice in the distance,
 I like you for the way you are,
 So come on and like me the way I am.

MY BEAUTIFUL LOVE

Sometimes I see a tear in your eyes,
 I only wish to see the love in there,
 For you are my peace of mind,
 In this crazy world.
 You are my pearl in my heart.
 Everything I have hunted for in my life,
 You are always beautiful in my eyes.
 The seasons will change,
 We will have our share of tears,
 But you will be always beautiful.
 You are always beautiful in my eyes,
 For the passing years will show,
 That you grow more beautiful
 in my eyes,
 There are lines upon my face,
 From a lifetime of smiles with you.
 When our final embrace shall come,
 We wonder were the time has flown,
 Because true love never dies,
 For you are beautiful in my eyes,
 Yes you shall see that I
 n the passing years,
 You have grown more beautiful
 in my eyes.

Yeksan Altun

MY LIFE

Hi, my name is Yeksan
 My smile was warm like the sun
 I wanted to have fun
 I was the only son
 Can I ever run

I had turned eighteen
 I was a adult teen
 I was stuck in between
 I am still keen

My motto was always to be successful
 I had the potential
 I am still fighting to be healthful
 My family, loved ones are always prayerful

I was in a shock
 I was going crazy, I wanted to walk
 At the same time wanted to talk
 I started to moonwalk

Was it going to happen?
 I was frighten
 Life was like being in a dungeon
 I needed to toughen

I was getting better
 Started to write a letter
 Wanted to keep my manner
 Life opened a new chapter...

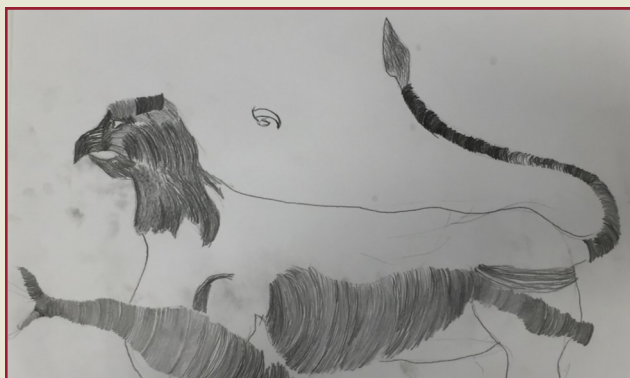
I WASN'T A STORYTELLER...

Friends of Funds in Court

Stephen Easter



David Castle



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