



**Artists for Orphans**  
*We can't help everyone, but we can make a difference*

Hello Friends,

This is the first newsletter for *Artists for Orphans*. I think my big news is the fact that we now have three wonderful patrons; Australian icons all of them:

**NORMIE ROWE  
MARCIE JONES AND  
DENISE DRYSDALE**

A huge thank you to all three!!!!



Normie Rowe & Roni Wildeboer



Denise Drysdale & Marcie Jones

Normie Rowe, backed by Roger Montgomery and Gavan Anderson, gave a brilliant performance for Artists for Orphans on July 16<sup>th</sup> at The Albion Hotel in Kyneton and raised \$3,343.00 for our orphans in Vietnam. Can't thank them enough. Same goes for Marisa and Tony from the Albion who provided the most beautiful platters of hot and cold food at no cost to us. Gavan Anderson, Greg Jones, Terry Moore and Phil Tunzi from Kyneton Copy Centre also contributed their special skills to the success of the night.

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**PLEASE DIARISE OUR NEXT EVENT:**  
**October 8, 2011 at Stockroom, Piper Street, Kyneton.**

**'One Enchanted Evening'**

An Evening of Art and Music starting at 7:00pm

We will have special performances by:

**Mary Doumany**, a wonderful composer, singer and harpist and



Mary Doumany

**Marcie Jones**, who everybody knows and loves. For more information on these fabulous gals, just Google them.

We will also be holding a very important art auction. Contributions of art have been received from artists as far afield as Sydney, Cairns, Bellingen and the Northern Territory. Many talented people have donated pieces including **Reg Mombassa, Peter O'Doherty, Solveig Larsen, Jim Keays and Shelly Burnham** just to name a few. We are still accepting artwork and would particularly love a Vietnamese piece.

I need volunteers to help out on the night with transporting and setting up chairs, hanging paintings, preparing and serving food etc. Please contact me if you would like to chip in on the night:

call or email me: Roni: 0424 938931, [roni@wildeboer.id.au](mailto:roni@wildeboer.id.au) (Thanks girls, you know who you are LOL).

Thank you to Ffyona from **Pass the Parcel** who is supplying a "surprise" on the night and **Ken and Sue from Frame Smiths**, High St, Kyneton. They have been framing paintings for us and only charging for materials. Don't know what I'd do without them. :o)

I also have a new volunteer who will be invaluable. **Ros Bradbury** has a Masters Degree in Special Education and has years of experience dealing with handicapped kids. Ros and I will make our way over to Vietnam in November this year (at our own cost) and visit and volunteer at several orphanages and we are very excited!

A very special Thank you to Dianna O'Neill of **Dianna O'Neill Publicity**, Sydney who is now fondly known as "Head Office" because of all the support she has given us.

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I may have some news in the near future regarding a major piece of indigenous art being donated. (shhh)

Hopefully our website will be up and running very soon and bids will be able to be made online prior to the auction.

In the meantime, our Facebook page is:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Artists-for-Orphans-Kyneton-Vic/216174248416437?sk=wall>

Please visit us soon.

Thank you everybody for supporting these wee orphans ravaged by Agent Orange in Vietnam.

Presently our funds go to Vietnam Volunteer Network, headed up by the wonderful Kim Nguyen Browne. Kim sends volunteers to the orphanages and we are helping by raising funds for physiotherapy equipment, air-conditioning, medication or whatever is needed most.

There will not be many of these newsletters, however if you'd prefer to be removed from the list, please just let me know.

***"We can't help everyone but we can make a difference."***

Roni Wildeboer

**The photos of these gorgeous kids below are courtesy of Vietnam Volunteer Network.**

