

Olive Pesto

NEXT MEET-UP SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER

10 am -12 pm in the Brunswick Uniting Church Youth Hall, enter from Merri Street (rear of 212-214 Sydney Road, Brunswick)

We Make, Learn, Laugh and Share

Greetings! Let's hope Koori "True Spring" has come, along with Tadpole Season (October) by the time of our next Meet-Up on Saturday 6 October 10 am -12 pm.

◆ At our last Meet-Up, all agreed that
Making Craft Items for The Christmas Bowl Stalls

would be a good idea. Olive Pesto will provide materials (fabrics and yarn), patterns, instructions and 'implements' (whether needles, scissors or sewing machine). *Glenice, Natalie and Leanne* - from the Brunswick Uniting Church FUNdraising team – will assist with organisation.

It will be a lovely stress-free way for us to do something to assist worthwhile projects. Read about the Christmas Bowl here <https://www.actforpeace.org.au/Christmas-Bowl>

Our Christmas Bowl stalls are held in the first weeks of December, in the Church Hall after Sunday services and sometimes on Sydney Road. We usually commence at around 10.45 am. The stalls offer a variety of products for sale, including baked goods, craft items, preserves, stationery, art work, handcrafted gifts. All the goods are donated with the proceeds going to the Christmas Bowl appeal. ALL WELCOME to the stalls.

- ◆ PLUS in October—there will be all the regular Olive Pesto features (see side panel)
- ◆ Oh, and for October, Philippa will bring her Paul Kelly CDs to play as we "make, learn, laugh and share". Such wonderful music.

Art for the Heart

The Collage Workshops produced three beautiful works that have now been submitted. The works are literally and figuratively multi-layered; dense in image and unspoken emotion. One work named 'In the Light and Shade' features a poignant and moving poem by Leanne Salau which is central to the work. Each viewer will see something different in the works and perhaps find some meaning and insight. Ultimately, they are expressive works of the many hands involved. The titles were suggested by people at a Sunday service. Here are the final titles and the Artist Statement (written by Jane Allardice) accompanying the three pieces for exhibition in October. The works will be offered for sale with all proceeds going to Uniting Vic Tas.

Three Titles: Ways of Remembering, Tell Me Your Story, and In the Light and Shade.

Artists' Statement: Brunswick Uniting Church uses art in its many varied forms to enable people to express themselves, their feelings and their experiences in a safe and meaningful environment. We make art collaboratively or as a group working on individual pieces. The set of these three artworks was a collaborative and free form collage project where participants selected pictures to express feelings of loss, memory and hope. The themes are represented in the titles.



Art work by Mel Drury

THIS PAST MONTH

- We enjoyed a laid-back Get-Together in the sunny warmth of the Youth Hall.
- We shared Morning tea and coffee provided.
- KOGO Table was replenished
- Serious Stash Table (patterns & Yarn, bring & take, no cost)
- We knitted and Crocheted together. Shared Ideas and skills.
- We discussed possibilities for next year 2019 with Indigenous Arts Workshops and Community Projects

NOTICE BOARD

- **NEW Collage Workshop Series** – following Sunday Services at Brunswick Uniting. 11:30 am 30 Sept, 9 & 14 & 28, Oct, 4 & 11 & 18 Nov. See Ann Soo.
- Wondoflex Yarn Craft Centre in Malvern Road, Malvern has stylish accessories as well as yarns. Another Mary Scanlon "find".

NEWSLETTER

'**Art for the Heart** is an art exhibition that honours the use of creativity as a powerful source of healing and expression during the process of grief after a loss/funeral/death. It offers a space for people to tell their stories of **loss, love & hope** in new ways and to bring the community together to share the often hidden experiences of grief. The 2018 Art for the Heart exhibition will be held at The Meat Market Stables, North Melbourne,. The exhibition will be open to the public from 6th - 11th October 9 am-5 pm daily.

Art for the Heart



LISTEN HERE

Remember that joyous scene in the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" when, 9 months after the marriage of the young couple, a SEWING MACHINE arrived in the village?

Well, Olive Pesto recently experienced similar joy in a Win-Win situation with the ASWC (Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre).

Helen Burnham's annual Pop-Up-Opp-Shop, as part of Brunswick UC's recent FUNdraiser for the ASWC, was given a sewing machine, over locker and associated materials. Olive Pesto purchased it all at a reasonable price, and the ASWC fundraising was increased.

One suggested use is for groups to make *BBB Brunswick Boomerang Bags*, with some of the skilled folk of Olive Pesto teaching we others and ASWC participants in the making. Another suggestion is net and calico drawstring bags for dry produce and fresh veg & fruit. These could be marketed through the *BUC Unpackaged Food Co-op*. Over the next few months, we'd welcome further ideas on the use of these wonderful resources.



Some of our lovely knitters last month

Olive Pesto is a community activity of the Brunswick Uniting Olive Arts Group.

We meet monthly on the First Saturday of the Month to share our interests and skills in making and creating.

At times we will have instructors to invite us to try new handcrafts. We support the KOGO project to provide warm hats and scarves to people in need.

We welcome crafters new and old, experienced and beginners, skilled and learners. Contacts: lindawannan@gmail.com 0405470568 and/or annsoo11@tpg.com.au 0422 842 244

Children are very welcome and are to be supervised by parents.

Men Who Knit - check out these links

<https://www.facebook.com/WellRoundedLifebyattn/videos/655010068164097/>
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/carolyn-bucior/men-who-knit_b_3860427.html
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fFdxkF0LAY>



leaders (Ann Soo, Linda Wannan or Natalie Papworth) know the name and address of the generous giver. We will send them a thank you card, with info on both the BUC Olive Pesto Group and KOGO. And an invitation to come join the fun, of course.

GENEROUS FOLK

If you have brought items along for the KOGO table from people who have yet to participate in our Saturday Meet Ups (like the wonderful 93 y.o. who we hear is house-bound), please let any of the Olive Pesto



Items members contributed to our KOGO table

