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CDN News

July 2007

From the office

Dear members and subscribers

Expanding Cultures: Arts and Local Government conference,

It's all hands on deck here at CDN preparing for the final stages of our **'Expanding Cultures: Arts and Local Government conference'**, to be held at Chapel Off Chapel in Prahran between July 24 and 27. An interesting program of visits and informal meetings with host councils on July 24 and 25 will be followed by two days of presentations, discussions, networking opportunities, workshops and films.

Registrations are coming in thick and fast from delegates all over Australia and New Zealand, along with speakers from UK, Europe and New Zealand visiting Melbourne over that week.

Conference dinner

An great night is planned at the conference dinner on the evening of Thursday July 26, with an excellent three course meal, entertainment from National Institute of Circus Arts graduates and pianist Akash, and plenty of opportunities to meet old and new colleagues from around Australia and overseas, as well as conference speakers and special guests. Highlight of the evening will be presentations by the five finalists of our 'Pitching for Communities Competition', who will present their ideas for arts in community projects.

Even if you can't attend the conference, you are welcome to join us for dinner at the Prahran Town Hall. Booking info on the conference website (*see below*)

Artshub membership give away to conference delegate

Register now to be in the running for free a Artshub membership -

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CDN activities

Forum: 'Rising Above It All: Vertical Communities and Cultures' Thursday June 21, Arts Centre

This successful forum was recently presented by the Cultural Development Network with the City of Melbourne, and featured 'Crowd Theory' - Southbank project, an activity of City of Melbourne's Community Cultural Development Team and Footscray Community Arts Centre. The photographic project 'Crowd Theory - Southbank' was used as a catalyst for discussion about the experience of communities in new high rise developments.

Some questions considered included:

Does vertical living addresses the budget and the amenity first and the culture and the community second? Compared to sub-urban living is the community and culture different? How do we know? How important is the spatial cohesion and the environment to the culture, community and well-being of the residents?

Key players in vertical living, developers, architects, body corporate, residents, service providers and urban planners, discussed how vertical living can rise above



the ground-dwelling residential experience.

The forum was hosted by freelance journalist and artist Sian Prior and involved lively discussion between the panellists who included

- artist, Simon Terrill, producer of 'Crowd Theory', Jerril Rechter - CEO, Footscray Community Arts Centre;
- residents and staff, Joe Bagnaro, President of Southbank Residents Group, Judith Dunster and Dorothy LeClaire, from MICM body corporate managers, built environment experts, Ed Horton - Stable Properties, Developer, Sydney, and Rob Moore from City Design, City of Melbourne.

An audience of eighty, including local residents, planners from a variety of disciplines including urban, cultural, community, architects and artists contributed to a lively discussion and exchange.

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Local cultural development networks:

The '**South West Cultural Development Network**' from western Victoria met for the second time on June 12 over lunch at the Victoria Hotel in Port Fairy. Representatives from local government and cultural facilities from Portland, Warrnambool, Port Fairy, Hamilton, met for the second time, with topics discussed included general information sharing and development of terms of reference for the group, and development of an e-bulletin for members.

Next meeting: Thursday 23 August, 11.00am - 12.30pm, Port Fairy - Victoria Hotel.

Enquiries: Jo Grant, RADO, on (03) 5568-0555 jgrant@rav.net.au

Aim West: arts and cultural development network of western suburbs of Melbourne

met today Wednesday July 4, chaired by Dean Michael, Arts & Culture Coordinator, City of Brimbank. **Enquiries: Dean Michael on 9363 3877 or**

deanm@brimbank.vic.gov.au

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Seeking your response to the Discussion Paper for the 'Stronger Community Organisations Project'.

This Project has been set up by the Minister for Victorian Communities to seek community views on trends and challenges facing community organisations and ways to improve the capacity of community organisations. CDN will be responding to the Discussion Paper, but we would like to do this from an informed position, so we are requesting your assistance. The timeline is tight, but we'd appreciate it if you could raise this project for consideration in arts or community organisations you are involved with, or respond on their behalf.

There are detailed questions requiring answers on Pages 9 and 10 of the Discussion Paper available from the website www.dvc.vic.gov.au

You may prefer to respond to these simpler questions:

- What are the three things that enable arts and community groups to meet aims and objectives (this is not funding, but what culture or organisational practices)
- What are the three things that 'get in the way' of meeting aims and objectives (this can include funding!)

We look forward to receiving your feedback by close of business Friday July 13

john.smithies@culturaldevelopment.net.au or 9658 8850. TOP ▲

Events in Victoria

BRA-titude community arts project

Part of the Winter Alcoa Celebrate ALL Abilities Festival, July 22 - August 2

Join with other people in creating a stunningly decorated bra to be exhibited at the 'BRA-titude' exhibition - Gordon Gallery. Get your own group together or come along to a workshop on July 5, 12 or 13.

**Enquiries - RuralAccess, City of Greater Geelong 5227 0120,
dthomson@geelongcity.vic.gov.au**

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Fun4Kids Childrens Festival in Warrnambool

Sunday July 1 - to Sunday July 8

A not-for-profit event that presents children with the unique opportunity to witness a broad spectrum of performance and an imaginative world of interactive arts, hands-on workshops and exceptional live entertainment. For children 2 – 12 years. www.fun4kids.com.au

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The Torch Project, Re-Igniting Community presents "3219 – in the Whitt", Sat July 7, 5 – 8pm, Bellarine Living & Learning Centre, Geelong

The year 2010 - Whittington is flourishing. Gone are the boarded up old shop-fronts, replaced by a bustling community precinct. But there are still problems. With strong community spirit and the local radio station as its guiding voice, Whittington is cooking up its own solutions. www.thetorch.asn.au

Enquiries - Kelly Thorburn 9445-2480, torchinfo@bsl.org.au,

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Alfred Deakin Innovation Lecture:

'Nature? Nurture? What makes us human?'

Tuesday 10 July 10, 6 - 7.30pm, Melbourne Town Hall

The dichotomy between nature and nurture has fascinated people since an Elizabethan schoolmaster first coined the phrase.

Speakers: Matt Ridley - Science Author, Prof Rob Williamson - Professor of Medical Genetics, Rhonda Galbally AO - CEO, Our Community

Free Entry - No Bookings - General Admission

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'Get Yourself in the Picture' A Celebration of Mount Alexander Shire Volunteers

Mt Alexander Hospital, Cornish Street, Castlemaine, Monday 9th July, 5pm

Launch of an exciting community project featuring a selection of photographs of the vast collection of volunteers. Exhibition on display until the end of July, 9-5 pm every day

RSVP: Tara Gilbee, T: 5471 1793 E: t.gilbee@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

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Children's Scarf Dance workshop with Marina Bistrin

Thursday July 12, 11am – 12pm Eltham Library

Aimed at 5 to 10 year children, as part of the "Around the World Festival". Free - scarves provided - we'll look at different traditional ways to use scarves and hankies in dance and also encourage the children to make up their own moves.

Bookings - Amanda Warneke 9439 9266

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Launch - Honey & Salt, poetry by Angela Costi

Friday July 13, 8pm Dantes 150-6 Gertrude St, Fitzroy with VARDOS

Sat July 14, 2.30pm Australian Poetry Centre, 417 Inkerman St, East St Kilda

Sun July 15, 2.30 Albion Hotel, Duke St, Castlemaine

This launch is part of the Five Islands Press, New Poets Series 12, a selection of six poets from across Australia publish, anthologise and tour their poetry.

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'Playing with Words Festival', Baw Baw Shire

Fri 13 – Tues 24 July, Various events around Drouin

Program includes full day of workshops and forums at The Old Drouin Butter Factory,

Sat 21 July with Hazel Edwards, Gary Disher, Debra Lawrance,
Enquiries - Karen Whitaker-Taylor ph 56 242407 www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

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'Desire': A Theatre Project for Women: by Northcote Uniting Church, with Thornbury Women's Neighbourhood House and Takin' Up Space Project 10.00 – 4 pm, 21-22 July

Through theatre games and exercises we will explore how women parenting children negotiate their desires in the face of assumptions, and myths, around what it means to be a 'good' mother. FREE!

Registration: 93888 014 xris@alphalink.com.au or justine@twnh.vic.edu.au

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**Gentle Egyptian Bellydance with Marina Bistrin
Thursdays, July 26 – Sept 20, 7.30 to 8.30, Heidelberg Heights.**

This class is aimed at older women, but is suitable for all beginner bellydancers

Enquiries – Marina 0438 580 889ah 9440 5882

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Professional development

**Workshop: 'Spreading our wings:
exploring the capacity for Community Cultural Development practice
Friday 20th July 9.30-3.30pm,**

Bentons Square Community Centre, 145 Bentons Rd Mornington

The Mornington Peninsula Shire is bringing together community artists, community and cultural development workers, program managers, community groups

and agencies to explore ideas for a more creative community. A follow-up session on Saturday 18th August will take these ideas a step further and may include sessions for artworkers on copyright and contracts, training opportunities, funding etc

RSVP: Erin Nixon on 5950 1685 by Monday 16th July

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**Victorian College Of The Arts
Community Cultural Development Courses 2007**

CCD Masters Program are enrolling students for July entry. We invite new students to visit hwww.vca.unimelb.edu.au/ccd/ where you can view the diversity of students, curriculum and student work ie: digital storytelling, webfilms.

Enquiries- Sue Clarke 9685 9067 (Tues to Thurs) or cduff@unimelb.edu.au

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Multicultural Arts Professional Development

Presented by the Australia Council with Kape Communications and RMIT

A leadership program for arts workers interested in utilising cultural diversity for audience development, marketing and communications; collaboration and project development and cultural relations. **A seven day intensive in August followed by on-line delivery and consultations and for up to eight months.**

Applications close 12th of July 2007

Enquiries: Fotis, Kape Communications 9470 1099 mail@kape.com.au

www.kape.com.au

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Conferences

Forum - 'Who you callin' urban?'

Friday 6 July, 9am – 5.30pm, National Museum of Australia, Canberra

Associated with the exhibition *70% Urban*, this forum asks: Is urban an appropriate term of reference for Indigenous people living in urban environs? What are the impacts on Indigenous culture from living in urban environs? How has the relationship to country been addressed by Indigenous people in urbanised areas?

More information: www.nma.gov.au/events/naidoc_week_2007

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**Future Melbourne Forum 5: 'Building A City That Works For The Future'
Wednesday July 11, 6.00-7.30pm**

Carrillo Gantner Theatre, University of Melbourne

Can our built environment support the future conditions we face? How do we plan for the future we want? Speakers: Elizabeth Proust, Professor Tom Kvan, Carolyn Parker and Lyndsay Neilson.

Information and registration: www.futuremelbourne.com.au/calendar/46

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'Cultural Institutions Without Walls: Arts-Community Interaction'

October 20 - 27, Salzburg - Austria

The purpose of this session is to identify particularly imaginative and effective new models of arts and community interaction and identify ways in which these models might be replicated elsewhere or adapted to other contexts.

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Opportunities

Expression of interest: Public art for Hargreaves Mall, Bendigo

The City of Greater Bendigo invites proposals for artworks for the glass surface of two large semi transparent projection screens as part of the redevelopment of Hargreaves Mall.

Closing date: July 16

Enquiries – Maree McLachlan- 5434 6464 m.mclachlan@bendigo.vic.gov.au

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Expressions of interest - Gasworks Arts Park Public Art Project

Proposals are sought from artists living within Victoria to create an artwork that imaginatively responds to and creates a dialogue with the environment of Gasworks Arts Park. Fee of \$20 000

Submissions close August 8 www.gasworks.org.au/foundation.

Enquiries - Simon Abrahams 8606 4204 sabrahams@gasworks.org.au

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World Mental Health Day: Multicultural Art Competition.

Celebrating World Mental Health Day on the October 10, students are encouraged to participate in our National Multicultural Art Competition. The competition is open to individuals from 8 years & up, who have migrated to Australia within the last 5 years.

To enter, they are required to produce an art piece on the theme: 'I Identify-My Identity'. **Deadline: 5 August. www.mmha.org.au**

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Realise Your Dream

Six 21 - 28 year-old Australians studying or working in the creative industries will win a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the UK to work with their professional "heroes". We'll give them a tailor-made programme with return flights and AU\$8,000 cash to help with living costs.

Closing date: July 31

Enquiries and registrations - www.realiseyourdream.org.au

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Call for nominations for Australia Council Arts and Culture Awards

Ros Bower Award-\$50,000, for artists/arts workers working in community arts and culture; **Young Leader Award**- \$10,000, nominees must be 30 years or under;

Kirk Robson Award - \$10 000 young community artists/artswoker who works in the areas of reconciliation and social justice. **Closing date July 31**

Enquiries - Fiona Sprott 1800 226 912. www.ozco.gov.au/grants/grants_ccd

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Call for Submissions - City of Melbourne Laneway Commissions 2008

Closing date: 5pm Monday August 27

Information session – Tues July 10

Artists are invited to submit proposals for a contemporary artwork to form part of the Laneway Commissions 2008 season.

Enquiries: 9658 9658 or www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/arts

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Dunlop Fellowships

Fellowships provide a grant of up to \$15,000 for an individually devised program in an Asian country in fields including, but not limited to, social service, local community development, public health and child, youth and family welfare and justice.

Candidates must be Australian citizens between 21-40 years of age

Closing date: Wednesday September 5

Enquiries: Jacyn Shaw at j.shaw@asialink.unimelb.edu.au

www.asialink.unimelb.edu.au

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Funding Opportunities

Arts Victoria Artists in Schools –

Regional Information Sessions -various dates throughout July

Artists in Schools creates the opportunity for practicing professional artists to work with young people in primary and secondary schools with funding of \$5,000 for a school to work with an artists for up to 20 days.

Information sessions in Bairnsdale, Hamilton, Bendigo, Swan Hill and Melbourne.

Closing date: 28 September

www.arts.vic.gov.au

Enquiries: Kathryn Macdonald, Project Officer, on 9954 5029.

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Festivals Australia Funding

Regional, community and local government organisations are invited to apply for funding through the Festivals Australia, a program that provides assistance to regional and community festivals for the presentation of quality cultural projects.

Closing date: July 16

www.dcita.gov.au

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City of Yarra Community Grants Program

Have a great idea for a project/event and looking for support? The Arts and Culture funding streams in the grant program are: Arts Development; Cultural Festivals and Events; Community Celebrations; Community Arts. For guidelines, fact sheets and application forms **www.yarracity.vic.gov.au**

Closing date: Friday August 10,

Enquiries: Ruta Kanepe, Community Grants Officer, 9205 5146.

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Regional Arts Fund Round 2

Grants of up to \$15,000 are available for projects involving professional artists in a project that has a public outcome in the community in which it is based. **www.rav.net.au**

Closing date: Monday August 13

Enquiries: Regional Arts Victoria 9644 1800 / enquiry@rav.net.au

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Mount Alexander Shire Art Grants

Information session July 19 at the Phee Broadway Theatre 5-6pm

The Mount Alexander Shire Arts Grants exist for the mutual benefit of arts practitioners and residents of Mount Alexander Shire. The Arts Grants are open to both individuals and organisations within Mount Alexander Shire.

Closing date August 24

Enquiries - Tara Gilbee 54711793 arts@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

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Resources

**On- line article: *Observations From The 'Real World'*
What it takes to be a writer-in-community, By Angela Costi**
Thylazine: The Australian Journal of Arts, Ethics & Literature
www.thylazine.org/thyla12/thyla12j.html

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Online Article - Survey Reveals Almost Two-Thirds Of Adults Use Museums, Libraries And Archives

A new survey published by the Department for Culture Media and Sport shows that over 12 months, 64 per cent of adults, almost two thirds of the population, visited a museum, a library or an archive... www.24hourmuseum.org.uk/nwh_gfx_en/ART47616.html

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Online Article – Art is Good for Your Health

An award presented to charity, Arts Care underlines the Arts Council's assertion in its current five year plan that contributing to the health and well being of the wider community is one of the ways in which the arts can contribute to a new Northern Ireland... www.artscouncil-ni.org

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