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June 2007

From the office

Cultural Development Network Annual General Meeting

At our Annual General Meeting on May 22, the Board of the Cultural Development Network farewelled two long standing members, Kaz Paton from the City of Greater Geelong and Anne Kershaw from the City of Hume. Although Kaz leaves the Board, CDN's connection with her and Greater Geelong will continue through their participation in our Generations project. Anne has been seconded to a position co-hosted between Arts Victoria and the Department of Victorian Communities to work on revitalisation of the community museum sector. In this position, Anne will build on the work done by former CDN Director Judy Spokes who held that position until late 2006. Congratulations to Anne on this appointment! Thank you Anne and Kaz for your excellent contribution to the governance of CDN for much of its short life.

The Board welcomes new member Helen Baker, Co-ordinator of Arts and Cultural at the City of Yarra. Helen has been working closely with CDN as Co-Chair of 'Expanding Cultures' conference committee, and we are pleased to strengthen CDN's relationship with the City of Yarra through this appointment.

Minutes from the AGM are available from our website.

Annual Report

We were pleased to present our Annual Report for 2006 to the AGM. This document records our activities for the calendar year 2006, which when collated in this way, seem to be of a pleasing number and diversity. Hard copies of the Annual Report are on their way to CDN members and arts and culture staff of councils throughout the state. The report is available for



download from our website. You can also request a copy by emailing **Kim Dunphy**.

New membership system

We continue to keep improving and streamlining our systems here at CDN and this week heralds a long awaited development of a fully automated Membership and Subscriber system.

New members and subscribers can join us electronically [online](#).

John Smithies

Director, Cultural Development Network

CDN activities: coming up

Expanding Cultures Arts & Local Government Conference

July 26-27, Chapel off Chapel, Prahran

Pre-conference program July 24 and 25

Draft program on conference website

The latest version of the program for our 'Expanding Cultures': Arts and Local Government conference is available from the **conference website**.

We are pleased with the range and diversity of speakers and topics to be covered and encourage you to register to meet colleagues from across Australia and the world for an interesting professional development experience.

Last Call for Pitches! arts in community projects

Get your idea in front of people with resources!

Expanding Cultures conference is running a pitching opportunity for artists, arts workers and community groups. Sell your interesting idea for a community-based arts project to influential arts managers, funding bodies and producers.. Five minutes in front of the *Pitching for Communities* panel could earn you a blank funding application, a partner, or some development cash.

The ***Pitching for Communities!*** event will be held on Thursday 26 July 2007 just prior to the *Expanding Cultures* conference dinner. Or if you are up to it, and really want an audience –

pitch at the dinner!

For more information about 'Pitching for Communities' or the 'Expanding Cultures' conference visit the website or contact Kim Dunphy Tel: 9658 9976

Closing date Friday June 7

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Forum: 'Rising Above It All: Vertical Communities and Cultures'

Thursday June 21, 2:30-5 pm,

ANZ Pavilion, Arts Centre 100 St Kilda Rd

A forum presented by the Cultural Development Network with the City of Melbourne.

The photographic project 'Crowd Theory - Southbank' brought people onto their balcony and into the street for a group photo, while also focussing attention on communities of people who choose to live above, below and side-by-side their neighbours. This arts event will open the way to a discussion about the experience of communities in new high rise developments.

The arguments for vertical living are associated with economy of scale and the local inner-city amenity that high density living can offer. Does this mean that 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?

In response to the recent 'Crowd Theory- Southbank' photographic project run by the City of Melbourne and the Footscray Community Arts Centre, the Cultural Development Network are running a forum to bring together the key players in vertical living - developers, architects, body corporate, residents, service providers and urban planners - to discuss how vertical living can rise above the ground-dwelling residential experience.

Speakers:

Forum Host: Sian Prior, freelance journalist and artist

The Photographer - The artist's experience and its impact

Simon Terrill - Artist

Jerril Rechter - CEO, Footscray Community Arts Centre, Producer 'Crowd Theory'

The Photographed - Communities and residents

Joe Bagnaro - President of Southbank Residents Group

Judith Dunster - Local resident

Dorothy LeClaire - MICM body corporate managers

The Photographed - The built environment

Ed Horton - Stable Properties, Developer, Sydney

Rob Adams - Urban Planner, Director, City Design, City of Melbourne

*This event is free, but RSVP for catering purposes to: **Kim Dunphy** or call 03 9658*

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South West Cultural Development Network meeting

Tuesday June 12, 12.30 -2 for lunch at the Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy.

Arts and culture workers from councils across the south-west of Victoria meet again to share issues and concerns.

Enquiries: Regional Arts Development Officer Jo Grant ph. 03 5568 0555 or

03 5522 2319 or email - jgrant@rav.net.au

Events in Victoria

Heart & Soul: a concert to commemorate Jacqui McCoy Geia

Fri June 1, 7.30pm Corner Hotel, Richmond

To commemorate Jacqui's inspirational work in the Australian creative arts industry. Artists include Joe Geia, Shane & Marcia Howard, Archie Roach, Kutcha Edwards, Dave Arden, Liz Cavanagh, Richard Frankland, Bart Willoughby, Peter Rotumah & more! MC's Kerri Simpson & Rod Quantock.

Tickets \$22 presale Book: 9427 9198

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The Mary G Show: Tribute to Lisa Bellear, poet, photographer and activist

Saturday June 2, 7:30pm,

Aboriginal Advancement League, 2 Watt Street, Thornbury

Mary G, Indigenous TV star and Queen of the Kimberley, returns to Melbourne for one night only to deliver a special tribute to the late Lisa Bellear.

Cost: free Enquiries: 9480 6377

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Birthday Celebrations: CERES Environment Park turns 25

June 5, 4-6 pm, CERES Centre

Corner Roberts and Stewart ST, East Brunswick

Enquiries: cathy@ceres.org or 9388 1707

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Minor Performance by Ignition Theatre Training students

June 19, 1:30pm & 6:30pm

Studio One, Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote

Ignition Theatre Training is a unique vocational course designed for people with disabilities.

Stay after the show for a chat and to find out more about Ignition!

Enquiries: Anna or Kerryn 92698391

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Connections Zulu Choir

Saturday June 16, 8pm, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta

Presented by Wangaratta Rural City Council in conjunction with the Oaktree Foundation. Tickets

at the door or at the Wangaratta Gallery. \$15 full \$10 conc, \$40 family. Supported by

Wangaratta Arts Council & the Appin Park Rotary Club.

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'Folk: A World Within A World '

presented by Geelong Performing Arts Centre

June 24, July 29, September 9, 3-5 pm

A series of eclectic and energetic performances showcasing Geelong's multicultural communities. *Ph 5225 1200 www.gpac.org.au*

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Win Tickets To See Award Winning German Film 'Four Minutes'. Thanks To Madman

Cinema Jenny is young. Her life is over. She killed someone. And she would do it again. When an 80-year-old piano teacher discovers the girl's secret, she decides to retransform her pupil

into the musical wunderkind she once was. *The first ten people to email sarahw@madman.com.au*

with Four Minutes in the title and their postal address will win a ticket for

June 28. Only winners will be notified.

Jobs

Festival & Cultural Events Coordinator, Darebin City Council

Closing date June 8, www.darebin.vic.gov.au

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Courthouse Youth Arts Centre Review:

Expression of Interest sought by the City of Greater Geelong

Closing date June 8

Enquiries: 5227 0878 or jjerinic@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

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Manager, Courthouse Youth Arts Centre, Geelong

Closing date June 23

courthouse.org.au

Enquiries: Ben Laden on (03) 5227 0952 or email gm@courthouse.org.au

Professional development

Forum - Understanding Islam, the Muslim Community & Impact on Services Thurs

**June 7 and Thurs August 16, 10am – 12pm Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre,
Preston**

This forum will provide an understanding of the Muslim community and barriers that prevent service access. Speakers: Mrs Manar Chelebi - Aust. Council for Islamic Education in Schools, Mr Yasser Soliman - Islamic Family & Child Care Agency. Cost \$44.00 Bookings essential, on line www.prioletticonsultants.com.au

Enquiries: 0438 846 584 priocons@ihug.com.au

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'Invitation to the party: Building Bridges to the Arts, Culture and Community'

featuring audience development expert, Donna Walker-Kuhne

Arts In A Multicultural Australia Audience Development events

Tuesday June 12, Forum: 9:30 – 11:30 am, Workshop 2 – 5 pm,

ANZ Pavilion, The Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne

Bookings: Kape Communications, (03) 9470 1099, or mail@kape.com.au.

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Workshop - Cultural Tourism in the North East Victoria

Wednesday June 13, 10:30am - 4pm , Brown Brothers Winery, Milawa

This workshop, presented by Rural City of Wangaratta and CTIG, will explore support and opportunities available for development of cultural tourism in the North East Victoria. Speakers from Tourism Victoria, CTIG, Wangaratta Festival of Jazz, Rural City of Wangaratta and Public Galleries Association of Victoria

Enquiries: Jenny Ryssenbeek, ph. 03 5772 2338 ctig@victoriaculture.org

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Introduction to Contact Improvisation

Sundays 3 – 5pm, June 17 – July 22 (6 weeks) Cecil Street Studio, Fitzroy

Cost: \$100 (payment before Friday June 8); \$120 (after June 8)

This series explores the basics of contact improvisation through discussion, practice and play and looks at CI principles and attitudes that enable us to embrace this dance-form at any level of skill, fitness and ability.

Enquiries Ann-maree 0416 362 688; email: ree@hyperlink.net.au

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Seminar - Social Tonic: The Development of Arts in Community Health

Thursday June 28, 2.00 - 3.30pm, VicHealth Seminar Rooms , Carlton

Mike White, Director of Arts in Health, Centre for Arts and Humanities in Health and Medicine, University of Durham, will explain the growth of arts in health practice in the UK and its use to assist public health and local regeneration strategies in areas of high health inequalities. Free admission

Bookings: Cassie Nicholls ph.9667 1317 cnicholls@vichealth.vic.gov.au

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Indigenous Awareness Forum Wed July 11, 10am - 12pm, Darebin Arts &

Entertainment Centre, Preston The forum offers an opportunity to gain insight into

Indigenous culture and aims to facilitate understanding about Indigenous Australians. Speaker:

Community and Cultural Educator Ron Murray, descendant of the Swan Hill Wamba Wamba

tribe. Cost \$44.00 Bookings essential, Book on line www.prioletticonsultants.com.au

Enquiries: 0438 846 584 priocons@ihug.com.au

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Upcoming Forums at the Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre. Chin Community

(formerly Burma) Forum, Monday September 10 Sudanese Community Forum, Wednesday

October 3 **Enquiries: 0438 846 584 priocons@ihug.com.au**

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'Theatre For Living' training presented by Cultural Action Theatre,

mid-September 2007, The Centre, North-West Melbourne,

Five day workshop led by David Diamond of Headlines Theatre, Vancouver for artists, activists,

educators and others interested in the use of theatre to explore community dialogue. Also

three day workshop on Rainbow of Desire Techniques and Cops in Your Head. **Enquiries:**

socat@vicnet.net.au

Conferences

Creativity And Cognition Conference

June 13-15, 2007, Washington - USA

Creativity & Cognition 2007 is focused on theme of cultivating and sustaining creativity:

understanding how to design and evaluate computational support tools, digital media, and socio-

technical environments that not only empower our creative processes and abilities, but that

also encourage and nurture creative mindsets and lifestyles.

More info

Opportunities

Invitation to join Youth Arts Committee/mentoring program

City of Boroondara invites applications from people aged 15-25 years to join its youth arts

committee/mentoring program Art Nerds. The group meets on Monday nights and learns

through hands on experience, curating exhibitions and arts events as well as visiting

professionals.

Closing Date: Thursday, June 7

Enquiries: Kate - 9882 2621 or email artnerds@boroondara.vic.gov.au

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The Melbourne Awards 2007

Lord Mayor John So encourages applications to the Melbourne Awards to recognise individuals

and organisations that have made outstanding contributions to our community.

Closing date: Friday June 8

Enquiries: 9658 9658 www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

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Conversations Billboard Project – Expressions of Interest

Closing Date: Friday June 29

Hobsons Bay City Council is calling for expressions of interest from national artists to have their work displayed on a billboard in Kororoit Creek Road, Altona.

www.hobsons.vic.gov.au

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Forgotten People of Darfur: creative team needed for art installation

On October 17, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Darfur Australia Network (DAN) will remember the forgotten people of Darfur. DAN is looking for a people to help design and make an art installation that will incorporate 3 million knotted squares of material, representing the people displaced by the crisis.

Enquiries: rebecca@darfuraustralia.org / www.darfuraustralia.org

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Human Rights Arts and Film Festival – November 2007

To create awareness of human rights in the broader community and foster a stronger human rights culture in Australia, HRAFF invites established and emerging Australian filmmakers to submit short films.

Enquiries: www.hraff.org.au

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Microsoft Donation program for artists and community organisations

Microsoft is committed to helping as many community organisations as possible have access to the tools of technology, now and in the future.

Enquiries: www.donortec.com.au or bba@bbridges.com.au.

Funding Opportunities

Quick Response Grants – Money for Communities

The City of Melbourne's Community Cultural Development Program has introduced a new Quick Response Grant Scheme of up to \$2000 to support culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in Melbourne to participate in the design and implementation of new creative projects.

Enquiries: Lisa Fletcher ph. 9658 9131 lisa.fletcher@melbourne.vic.gov.au

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Multicultural Arts Victoria presents City of Melbourne Arts Funding Info Sessions.

General: Tues June 5, Youth: Wed June 6, 6pm

Funding Closing date: Mon June 25

Find out about the 2008 Arts Grant Program by meeting program managers from City of Melbourne and the Victorian Multicultural Commission. To prepare yourself for the session please view the Arts Program Guidelines at www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

Bookings ph 9417 6777 or office@multiculturalarts.com.au

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Festivals Australia

Closing Date: 16 July for projects starting after 1 January 2008

Supporting new arts projects and regional artists-in-residence programs for festivals and community celebrations. www.dcita.gov.au

Enquiries: ph 1800 819 461 (freecall) festivals.australia@dcita.gov.au

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Foundation For Rural And Regional Renewal:

Small Grants For Small Rural Communities Program

Closing date: September 30

A new funding program offering \$300,000 a year in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities. Areas of interest: community hardship in drought affected areas, retention of

young people in rural and regional Australia, resettlement of immigrants in rural Australia ,
community Infrastructure.

Enquiries info@frrr.org.au / www.frrr.org.au

Requests

Country Victoria Cinema Survey by Heritage Matters for Heritage Victoria

Heritage Victoria is currently undertaking a survey of Victorian rural cinemas. Its aim is to prepare a list of every pre-1956 cinema, to assess the significance of surviving buildings and to note any cinema related collections. Assistance is being sought in compiling the initial list of cinemas. If you are aware of a cinema in your area, or even have access to a photograph, that would be a valuable contribution. The Cultural Development Network encourages you to assist this project through your own Council archives or through your contacts with local museums, libraries and historical societies.

Contact Justin Francis - 0419 350 776 justin@heritagematters.com.au / [www.](http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au)

[heritage.vic.gov.au](http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au)

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Masters student seeks collaboration with blind people for photographic project

Melbourne University student is looking for blind people to collaborate with on a project that examines, through photographs, the diversity of blindness in our community. The project is a series of self-portraits taken by blind people.

Enquiries Angie O'Conner on 0423 303 453

Resources

Arts Nonprofits Fuel Economy

Nonprofit arts groups, including museums, orchestras, theaters and dance companies, contributed \$166.2 billion and 5.7 million jobs to the U.S. economy in 2005, according to an advocacy group urging more funding for the arts, as reported in the Los Angeles Times.

www.calendarlive.com

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Arts And Culture In The Metropolis: Strategies For Sustainability

RAND Corporation , USA, March 2007

The William Penn Foundation and the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance asked RAND to examine the condition of Philadelphia's arts and culture sector and recommend actions to ensure its sustainability. The authors identify the sources and characteristics of this new environment and describe the ways local arts communities are responding to the challenges confronting them.

www.rand.org

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'Cities and Communities: Cultural Indicators at the Local Level':

Workshop Report

Held in Ottawa last November, the workshop brought together many individuals and organisations working in the area of cultural indicators to discuss their experiences and plans and to address shared challenges including methodological, content-related and use-context issues.

www.creativecity.ca

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Background research report: International Perspectives on Cultural Indicators:

A review and compilation of cultural indicators used in selected projects by Derek Simons and Steven R. Dang (November 2006)

www.creativecity.ca

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DVC publication 'Fairer Victoria' – 2nd update

This document, released earlier this month, is available in CD format, or can be downloaded from the DVC website at:

www.dvc.vic.gov.au

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