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Dear members,

Over the last couple of weeks at CDN we have been busy producing our annual report and preparing for the AGM coming up on May 22nd. Now the focus turns to our *Expanding Cultures* conference, this week especially shaping up the *Pitching for Communities* competition. We would be pleased to have your help to share information about this novel event with artists in your networks. We hope that *Pitching for Communities* will help artists be more successful in attracting partners and funding for good projects. And one of the conference delegates may hear about a project they would like to mount or fund!

This month we have welcomed Elodie Hodgkins to the CDN team to work part-time as conference assistant. Elodie's diverse experience in marketing and event management includes a recent position as Event Organiser for the Food Bowl and Building Expo in Shepparton and volunteer with the Shepparton Arts Festival. Elodie can be contacted on 9658 8593 or **elodie.**

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John Smithies

Director, Cultural Development Network

CDN activities: coming up

Cultural Development Network's Annual General Meeting

Tuesday May 22, 3 pm,

Mezzanine Meeting Room, CH2, 220 Lit Collins St

All members welcome



Minutes of the last AGM are available from our website www.culturaldevelopment.net

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Nominations for the Board of CDN

Members are welcome to nominate for positions on our Board for 2007/2008. Nomination forms are available from the Cultural Development Network office. Please contact John Smithies on john.smithies@culturaldevelopment.net.au for a form. Deadline for return of forms Tuesday May 15.

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Expanding Cultures Arts & Local Government Conference

July 26-27, Chapel off Chapel, Prahran

Pre-conference program July 24 and 25

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, artswokers 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!

Enquiries: www.culturaldevelopment.net/expandingcultures kim.

dunphy@culturaldevelopment.net.au 9658 9976

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

Thursday June 21, 3-5 pm, ANZ Pavilion, Arts Centre

A forum presented by the Cultural Development Network with City of Melbourne's Community Cultural Development Team. Featuring *Crowd Theory – Southbank*, a joint project of the City of Melbourne and Footscray Community Arts Centre, led by artist Simon Terrell. **Enquiries;**
Kim Dunphy on 9658 9976

Recent CDN events

Inaugural meeting of the South West Cultural Development Network

Arts and culture workers from local government across the south-west of Victoria met for the first time last week to discuss their interest in creating a local network of peers. The diverse group including art gallery and performing arts centre managers, cultural development workers, event managers, a Rural Access worker and community development worker came from Moyne, Warrnambool, Southern Grampians and Corangamite Shires. All were keen to be part of a group that meets regularly to share issues and concerns. The next meeting is set for Tuesday June 12, 12.30 -2 for lunch at the Victoria Hotel, Port Fairy.

Enquiries: RADO Jo Grant on 03 5568 0555 jgrant@rav.net.au

News

2007 – 2008 Victorian Budget Announcement

The Bracks Government has delivered \$63 million to continue its commitment to provide arts and cultural opportunities for all Victorians. www.arts.vic.gov.au/arts/news/budget0708.htm

Events in Victoria

'More than Words' Festival, City of Maribyrnong

May 6 – 13, various locations

A celebration of language. The festival will give voice to the City of Maribyrnong, one of the most culturally diverse communities in Australia.

Enquiries: 9688 0200 www.maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/mtw

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'Art for Connection' Project, Hunt Club Community Arts Centre, Deer Park.

Saturdays May - July , 10.30am - 12.30pm.

A series of art-based workshops designed to introduce participants to the fun, relaxation and sense of achievement they can gain from doing art. Art skills are not required, just a willingness to try something different.

Enquiries Caroline Curtis 0407 275 327 c.curtis@myartsmail.com.

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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**

Professional development

Arts Management Advisory Group Arts Law Week Program May 8-15, various venues in Melbourne A week of events, most of which are free, presented by the Victorian Arts Law Consortium and supported by the Victorian Law Foundation, this year's program is bigger than ever. There's something in it for you! including

'Art in Public Places' Forum

Monday May 14, 2-5 pm, Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds

Specialists tease out issues in commissioning, selecting and managing public art within a local government context. Panellists include artists, arts organisations, local government and architects, such as Carol Atwell, Brecknock Consulting, Andrea Kleist, City of Melb.

Enquiries: Fiona 9243 9103 fhillary@mvcc.vic.gov.au <http://www.artslaw.com.au>

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Australian Copyright Council 2007 Seminar Series , May 14 - 18 Annual program of copyright seminars. Topics include Education & Libraries, Using and Managing Copyright for Government, Galleries & Museums, Websites, Moral Rights. **Enquiries 02 8815 9777 www.copyright.org.au/training**

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Museums Aust Vic. forum: 'The Art of Collecting and Using Photographs'

Monday May 14, 9.30-5 pm, Melbourne Museum

Have we been good collectors and custodians of our photographic collections? What issues can we expect to face in the future? What is best practice in collecting and preserving photographs?

Enquiries: Anne Thoday 03 8341 7344 tpd@mavic.asn.au.

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Workshop: Community Indicators Victoria: a tool for Council planning

May 24, Wodonga City Council, May 29, Horsham Rural City Council

Update your knowledge on the community indicators framework and forthcoming data; explore the potential uses of the framework and data for your particular council and consider the strengths and challenges arising from this approach. Presented by McCaughey Centre,

VicHealth with Swinburne Centre for Regional Development. **Enquiries: kjenkins@unimelb.edu.au.**

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Communities in Control Conference 2007

"From Advocacy to Policy - Communities Driving Change".

June 4 and 5, Moonee Valley Racing Club

Topics will include creating social movements, methods for achieving change, ways community can engage with government, getting government to work to a community agenda and communities using the media to shape policy.

www.communitiesincontrol.org.au

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AbaF Workshop - Building Relationships and Securing Donations Tues June 5, 10am -

5pm, 101 Collins Street , Melbourne This workshop provides practical tools to understand

your donors' motivations, increase their commitment, and cultivate your relationships with them. Cost of \$125 includes a copy of "Building Relationships and Securing Donations: a Guide for the Arts" **Enquiries: Sharon Nathani 9616 0305 nathanis@abaf.org.au www.abaf.org.au.**

[org.au](http://www.abaf.org.au)

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Understanding Islam, The Muslim Community & Impact On Services. Thurs June 7, 10am - 12pm, Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre, Preston Gain an understanding of the Muslim community and barriers that prevent service access. Speakers include Manar Chelebi, Australian Council of Islamic Education in Schools and Yasser Soliman, Islamic Family and Child Care Agency **Enquiries: 0438 846 584 www.prioletticonsultants.com.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 to facilitate understanding about Indigenous Australians. Speaker: Community Educator Ron Murray, descendant of the Swan Hill Wamba Wamba tribe. **Enquiries: 0438 846 584 priocons@ihug.com.au www.prioletticonsultants.com.au**

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The International Conference on the Arts in Society, August 22 - 24. University of Kassel, Germany, Theme: Art and Education. Submissions are invited from arts educators, artists, arts practitioners and theorists in all forms of disciplinary practice. **Deadline 15 May, www.Arts-conference.com**

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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 and Cops in Your Head. **Enquiries: socat@vicnet.net.au**

Jobs

Expressions of Interest are invited from artists

Postcard Project 'An Imagined Future', Wangaratta Rural City Council

Closing date: May 25

Expressions of Interest are invited from artists to submit work for this project that involves the development of six thematically connected postcards to be distributed throughout the Wangaratta region. Commission fee \$750 per postcard

Enquiries: Maz McGann 5722 0762 m.mcgann@wangeratta.vic.gov.au

Opportunities

AbaF Awards new national category: Australia Council Arts for Young People

This award is for business arts partnerships that enrich the lives of young Australians through engagement with and participation in the arts.

Nominations close on Friday May 18

www.abaf.org.au/awards

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2nd International Youth Media Summit, July 1 – 7, Sydney

Call for National Entries. Deadline May 21

Enquiries Cinewest 02 8756 5035 admin@cinewest.org.au www.cinewest.org.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/melbourneawards

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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

Vic Health Communities Together: Festivals and Celebrations Scheme

Closing date: May 25.

Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to assist not-for-profit community organisations with staging of inclusive community-driven community celebrations and festivals.

Enquiries: Philippa 9667 1333 cts@vichealth.vic.gov.au www.vichealth.gov.au/cts

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Launch Pad - Partnership Grants with Young People and Organisations

Closing date: Monday June 4

Grants for young people and organisations to work together to implement a creative idea that results in meaningful change with young people aged 12-25 years.

Enquiries: www.youngaustralians.org or 9670 5436.

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City of Melbourne arts grants

Closing date: Monday June 25 June

This program provides funding to support arts activities that enliven the city for the benefit of Melbourne's residents, workers and visitors. Grant categories: **ArtPlay, Arts House Culture Lab, Arts House Presentation Grants, Arts Projects.**

City of Melbourne: Quick response grants for CALD communities

No closing date

This new scheme is a seeding program that aims to assist culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities to strengthen their links and successes in the broader Arts Grants Program of the City of Melbourne.

Enquiries: <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/info.cfm?top=77&pg=3130>

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Foundation For Rural And Regional Renewal: Grants For Small Rural Communities

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/programs

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Scholarship Fund for professional education in the not-for-profit sector.

Advanced Solutions International SMART Company

This Fund supports individuals to undertake study directly relevant to their work in the NFP sector across Australia and New Zealand. ASI works with more than 400 fundraising organisations and associations providing software solutions and support.

<http://www.advsol.com>

Requests

'Connections' Zulu Choir Seeks Sponsors And Performance Hosts

The Oaktree Foundation, Australia's youth run aid and development agency, is touring Zulu choir 'Connections' this June. The choir of 21 young adults use a range of styles to tell the story of growing up in South Africa. **The Oaktree Foundation** is seeking interest from corporate sponsors and performance venues

Enquiries: Olivia Brian: oliviab2006@gmail.com

Resources

'The Sum of Us': The Economic Impact of Arts & Culture in Glenelg Shire

This major study has recently been completed and adopted by Glenelg Shire Council.

Enquiries: Karl Hatton on 5522 2263.

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'Quotes, Stats and Facts': Compendium for arts advocates and lobbyists

This study documents existing studies of the social and economic value of the arts. Useful for anyone who needs to prove that arts and cultural activities stimulate tourism and job creation, attract investment and diversification and contribute to community wellbeing. www.

regionalartsnsw.com.au/docs/quotes_stats_and_facts.pdf

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**'Creating Community: Celebrations, Arts and Wellbeing within Local Communities',
Globalism Institute RMIT and VicHealth**

This report is based on a three year research project in metropolitan and regional communities that found that people who take part in community arts find new ways to deal with a variety of personal and social issues.

Enquiries: Dr Martin Mulligan 9925 2725 martin.mulligan@rmit.edu.au

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**Research report: 'Strengthening Local Communities: Arts in Community Settings'.
The evaluation of two Community Support Funded Arts Programs,**

This new report by Arts Victoria and DVC examines the impact of two Community Arts Programs, demonstrating the importance of partnerships in making arts and cultural activities sustainable in local communities.

[http://www.dvc.vic.gov.au/Web14/dvc/rwpgslib.nsf/GraphicFiles/0307-11CommunityArtsReport/\\$file/0307-11CommunityArtsReport.pdf](http://www.dvc.vic.gov.au/Web14/dvc/rwpgslib.nsf/GraphicFiles/0307-11CommunityArtsReport/$file/0307-11CommunityArtsReport.pdf)

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Creative Spaces: New Matchmaking Website For Creative Spaces

The definitive directory for anyone looking for a space to exhibit, perform or develop their work. www.creativespace.net.au

Enquiries: Eleni on 9322 3711 elelearn@melbourne.vic.gov.au

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Bulletin of the Basque Observatory of Culture-Kulturaren Euskal Behatokia Digital bulletin as a convergence point of institutions, resources and cultural agents and also as an open space of interaction where all dimensions and cultural fields from the most generic to the most specific can meet. www.euskadi.net

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Trans Europe Halles - International network of independent culture centres.

With over 39 members in 24 countries, **the network provides a stimulating platform for exchange, support and co-operation between its** members. It supports alternative modes of artistic expression and provides a stage for artistic work that cannot be experienced elsewhere. www.efah.org

INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS

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