

CDN News - June, 2009



From the office

We hope you are enjoying the start of a real Melbourne winter!
Since our last e-bulletin, there is a lot to report:

COMING UP:

'ReGenerating Community: Arts Community and Local Governance' National Conference, September 2- 4, RMIT University.

Registrations now open

Our September 'ReGenerating Community' conference is shaping up well. For those of you looking to spend that last bit of '09 cash, registrations (on-line and hard copy) are now open.

Keynote speakers Anmol Vellani from India and Bob McNulty from Partners for Livable Communities, USA are confirmed, as well as a very large range of presenters and performers from all around Australia and overseas.

Check the website for more details

Arts and community PhD researchers network

Monday June 15, 4-5 pm, Staff lounge, VCA

Informal group meets monthly for discussion and collegiate support.

New members welcome!

Discussion led by Marnie Badham and Michelle Evans

Readings available from this website

RECENT EVENTS:

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday June 2

On 2 June, the Cultural Development Network held its Annual General Meeting. Board members elected are Sue Beal (Chair), Angela Bailey (Deputy Chair), Paul Holton (Treasurer), Helen Baker (Secretary), Nick Hill and Hanut Singh Dodd.

Annual Report

CDN's Annual Report detailing achievements of the year 2008 was presented to the Board at this meeting and has been posted out to all members. If you would like a hard copy, please email Janel.yau@culturaldevelopment.net.au It is also available from our website as a pdf: www.culturaldevelopment.net.au

Meet Meld Merge Forum II: Arts Bringing Communities Together, Yea, May 26

CDN recently co-ordinated this one day forum in Yea with community agency Berry St. More than 70 people attended and enjoyed heartfelt discussions about the way communities and individuals have used the arts as a recovery tool in relation to catastrophic events - in particular, bushfires. Keynote presenter Anne Riggs spoke of her work and research in recovery from trauma, and local artists and artworkers reported their experiences and artistic plans and hopes for the future.

Detailed report available here

New research report with contributions from CDN:

'Developing and Revitalizing Rural Communities Through Arts and Culture: international research project' has recently been published. This comprehensive review of research on cultural and creative business development in rural communities includes information from Canada, Australia, the United States, and Europe to assist rural communities to take best advantage of their creative capacity. Conducted by Dr. Nancy Duxbury and Heather Campbell at Simon Fraser University's Centre for Policy Studies on Culture and Communities, Vancouver.

The report includes contributions from international collaborators:

- Kim Dunphy, Program Manager, Cultural Development Network



- Dr. Patrick Overton, Director, Front Porch Institute, Oregon, USA
- Dr. Lidia Varbanova, Laboratory for European Cultural Cooperation, Amsterdam; and the Centre for Intercultural and Social Development, Montréal (reviewing Europe)

The four papers, accompanying case studies, extensive bibliography and summary highlighting common themes and recurring critical ingredients to foster vibrant arts activity in rural and small communities are available from

www.creativecity.ca

CDN's chapter is also available on our website www.culturaldevelopment.net.au

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Professional development: networks, workshops, conferences, courses

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Donna Williams seminar: Open The Doors, Thursday 2 July, NGV, Melbourne

Reaching out to new audiences at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Building more multicultural and multigenerational audiences by making personal connections, using the media in innovative ways, and partnering with diverse organisations are some of the issues explored in these free public talks. Bookings essential.

www.kape.com.au

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Evaluating the Impact of Community Arts on Health Seminar, 12.30-1.30 pm, 23rd June

Melbourne School of Population Health, University of Melbourne

Associate Professor and social epidemiologist Margaret Kelaher presents a theoretical framework that reconciles the focus on evidence based practice in health and the more experience based nature of arts practice. Report on the development and application of such a framework to the evaluation of the VicHealth's Community Arts Development Scheme.

[Visit the website](#)

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The City of Yarra presents 'Room to Create' Forums

Forum 1, 23 June: 6 pm - 8 pm at Richmond Town Hall.

Topic: *'Who values art? A discussion about art in the time of recession,*

Keynote speaker: Kristy Edmunds

Forum 2: July 29: 6 pm - 8 pm at Richmond Town Hall.

Topic: *Art as an agent of change*

A discussion about community cultural development processes and benefits.

Keynote Speaker: Scott Rankin - Artistic Director, Big hArt and panellists and Cr Josh Funder.

The Room to Create Forum series has been developed to stimulate debate and share information and ideas. This forum is aimed at community organisations that are interested in using CCD processes to achieve community development outcomes, artists, arts students and arts organisations interested in incorporating CCD into their practice.

Enquiries: Fiona Hillary on 9205 5038 or www.yarracity.vic.gov.au

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CASP (Community and Social Planners Network) presents 'Be the Change' Symposium, Flemington Community Centre, 19 June, 12-3.30 pm

This unique event uses interviews with leading world thinkers, powerful short films, group discussions & experiential activities to shift people into action on the most pressing issues of our time – the environment, social justice & emotional/spiritual wellbeing. . www.changingthedream.org.au

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Indigenous Awareness Forum, 7 July, Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre

Offers insight into Australia's Indigenous culture to facilitate understanding about Indigenous Australians. Featuring Keynote Speaker – Ron Murray, a descendant of the Wamba Wamba tribe of Swan Hill, Victoria. Ron has worked for Indigenous communities in educating the wider community over the past 15 years

[Download the flyer](#)

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Planning for Sustainable and Liveable Cities & Communities short course, 6 – 9 July, Planning Institute of Australia, Green Building, Carlton

Convened by Dr Iain Butterworth, this short course explores ways to ensure that development is humanly, socially and ecologically sustainable. It explores how to engage stakeholders in efforts to achieve integrated planning so that all planning and development (physical, economic, social, environmental and human) can inform and support the others. Of particular interest to local, government practitioners, managers and Councillors. www.planning.org.au

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Community Indicators Short Course, 3rd August 2009, McCaughey Centre, University of Melbourne, Victoria

Focus on measuring the progress of societies including: Conceptualising 'progress of societies', Designing outcome indicators, Communicating progress using leading edge ICT, and telling a story to communicate results To express your interest email swest@unimelb.edu.au.

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Community Indicators Summit, presented by National Statistical Service, 22-23 July in Brisbane www.nss.gov.au

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Natural Neighbours Real Communities National Conference, 22-23 June 2009, Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre Melbourne

For people interested in building and strengthening natural neighbourhoods and real communities, hosted by the Centre for Civil Society, a public policy and social innovation think tank for the empowerment of ordinary people.
www.civilsociety.org.au

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International Arts and Health Conference, 10-13 November, Macquarie NSW

Focusing on healthy ageing (from a lifelong perspective) and mental health. Special interest areas include creative ageing, arts and health programs in hospitals and aged care facilities, regional arts and health, indigenous health, healthcare promotion, research and evaluation, and international exchange. www.artsandhealth.org

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IFACCA 4th World Summit on Arts and Culture in Joburg, South Africa, 22-25 September

Coinciding with the Arts Alive festival, an annual programme of cultural events hosted by the City of Johannesburg. The theme: Meeting of Cultures: Creating Meaning through the Arts www.ifacca.org



What's On: Victoria, Australia and overseas

VICTORIA

Hunt Club Ambient Orchestras presents 'I feel love', Errington Community Centre, St Albans, 7pm, 17 June

A program designed by John Edgar for young adults with intellectual disabilities to create electronic and acoustic music as part of an ensemble. Bookings (free) required: huntclub@brimbank.vic.gov.au or 03 9361 6600 or visit www.brimbank.vic.gov.au/arts

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Launch of: You Don't Wanna Mess With Me, 4.30 pm, 22 June, Lounge Nine, Hoyts Cinema Level 3, Melbourne Central

Presented by Transmission Health Promotion Partnership A street art-inspired short animation that takes us to a journey inside and outside of the human body by using a hip hop song written and performed by young men in custody, it presents key information about hepatitis C to young people. The premiere will include performances from young hip hop artists from CALD backgrounds. www.ceh.org.au

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The Gertrude Street Projection Festival 3-10 Jul 6pm-11pm

A week of projected media along Gertrude St, Fitzroy
The street becomes a free walk, ride, drive - through outdoor gallery at night.
20 sites will project moving, still and installation work where you least expect it. www.thegertrudeassociation.com

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Horn of Africa Mid-Year Showcase: Theatre Performance and Digital Stories, 17 July, 6.00pm, Grant Street Theatre Southbank

The Community Cultural Development Unit (CCD) of the University of Melbourne's Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts (VCA), and the Horn of Africa Communities Network Association (HACN) will present a showcase of young peoples' stories, arts projects and personal journeys. Enquiries: 9685 9067

EXHIBITIONS

Talanoa: Stories of the Fiji community, Immigration Museum, 16 August

Explores how and why Fiji-born people came to Victoria, and what values, beliefs and practices they have brought with them. museumvictoria.com.au/talanoa

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Cultural Diversity Quest Awards Exhibition, Immigration Museum, from 20 June

The Quest Awards encourage Victorian students to celebrate their State's cultural diversity through creative expression. museumvictoria.com.au/cultural-diversity-quest-awards

OVERSEAS

'Agenda 21 for Culture' in Local Government celebrates its fifth anniversary

Coordinator Jordi Pascual, from Barcelona, Spain, (keynote speaker at CDN's 2007 conference) provides this update.

The Agenda 21 for culture, approved on 8th May 2004, is the first document that advocates for cultural development by cities and local governments. United Cities and Local Government (international peak body for local government) adopted the Agenda 21 for culture as a reference document for its programs on culture and assumed the role of coordinator of the process. The Committee on Culture of UCLG is the meeting point for cities, local governments and networks that place culture at the heart of their development processes. Several cities throughout Australia have become signatories to this exciting international initiative. The Committee on Culture expresses a sincere gratitude to all the persons and organisations that are working together in this endeavour. More information http://www.bcn.es/cultura/agenda21cultura/index_en.htm

OPPORTUNITIES

3D New Theatre Festival: applications now open. Festival week 11-14 August, Showcase 27 August

Presented by Malthouse and Victoria University Entries welcome from University students, TAFE students, youth theatre groups and other interested theatre makers across Victoria to develop and present original live performances. www.malthousetheatre.com.au

National Human Rights Consultation call for Submissions

The National Human Rights Consultation provides the opportunity for you to share your views on human rights. The Consultation is run by an independent Committee. The Consultation is a chance to hear people's ideas about human rights and talk about ways to protect and promote human rights in the future. Submissions are due by 15 June 2009. See www.humanrightsconsultation.gov.au for full details.

Creative scholarships, 'Realise Your Dream' Close 3rd July

A British Council award offering five creative Australians \$8000, a return flight to the UK and a once in a lifetime opportunity to work with leaders in their chosen field. Up and coming artists, musicians, designers, producers, directors, writers, curators, editors and more can work with industry leaders in the UK, build skills and networks and expand creative horizons.

www.realiseyourdream.org.au

British Council is looking for Early Career Curators, closes 4 September

The *Fifth Curator* competition is a unique opportunity for an aspiring curator to select an exhibition of works from the extensive British Council Collection.

collection.britishcouncil.org

EMPLOYMENT

Work: Jobs Wanted

Andrea Rotondella, Masters of Arts and Culture management intern visiting Australia as part of his studies at Trentino School of Management, Italy, seeks part-time position. All possibilities welcomed including arts and cultural management, festival and event management, curation, photography. Email: andrea.rotondella@hotmail.com

Arts Victoria: Senior Arts Officer (2 year contract, Full-time, Grade 4)

required to manage the Community Partnerships Program. Role description available on www.careers.vic.gov.au and arts hub www.artshub.com.au
Applications close COB Monday 29 June 2009.



Resources

Regional Arts Victoria presents 'STORYBOARD' in partnership with CFA and DSE

Sharing stories has the power to engage people, assist communities to collectively deal with trauma and create stronger networks so that we are self-determining, aware and resilient. An ongoing project, Storyboard is a safe place to archive your precious images and record local histories. Share your story at www.rav.net.au/storyboard

Call for Papers: Music and the Arts in Conflict Transformation and Peace Building Journal

This peer-reviewed multidisciplinary journal invites submissions for a special issue examining the role of music and the arts in conflict transformation, peace building and peace movements, to appear in winter 2009/10. Deadline 1 October 2009. Enquiries: musicandartsinaction.net

'Giving and the Arts' Australia Business Arts Foundation

Melinda Martin interviews Sue Roff, Australia Business Arts Foundation, on why people give to the arts, and how the arts can attract donors.

www.abaf.org.au

Social Inclusion Website

This website is aimed at helping people across all levels of government, the not-for-profit sector, business and the general community access information on the Social Inclusion Agenda in an easily accessible and informative format

www.socialinclusion.gov.au

New Victorian Multicultural Policy released - 'All of Us'

The policy sets out a framework for continuing to strengthen and promote multiculturalism across the state. The policy includes human rights as one of four policy themes informing multiculturalism in our state. www.multicultural.vic.gov.au

Democratic Culture: Opening Up the Arts to Everyone by John Holden, Demos (UK)

The report asks what a 'democratic culture' in the arts would look like. Holden states "culture should be something that we all own and make".

www.demos.co.uk

The 2009-10 Victorian State Budget

The 2009-10 State Budget delivers a \$69 million boost to the Victorian arts sector. The funding focuses on maintaining activity and facilities at the state's iconic cultural institutions; building the sustainability of the arts sector and creating opportunities for local artists and small companies; and ensuring a diverse array of high quality and accessible programming and exhibitions for Victorian audiences.

To read the Minister for the Arts, Lynne Kosky's Budget announcement, go to: www.arts.vic.gov.au

Arts as a Priority for C21st Education

On Friday April 17th the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) announced the inclusion of the visual and performing arts as priority learning areas in the second stage of national curriculum development. [Download the PDF](#)

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