

CDN News - March 2009



From the office

Some important information this fortnight:

- Call for Papers for CDN's 'Regenerating Community' Conference in September is now open
- Yarra Council initiates a bushfire response from local government workers,
- Professor David Throsby invites artists to participate in his survey about professional artists

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ReGenerating Community Conference: September 1-4, RMIT Melbourne

Presented by RMIT University and the Cultural Development Network

Call for Papers & Presentations

The ReGenerating Community Conference is about ways in which global issues are being addressed locally through collaborations between artists, communities and local government.

Papers are invited on the conference themes:

- addressing global issues locally through collaborations between artists, communities and local government.
- the links between creative communities and civic engagement.
- the ways creative processes can mobilize communities for positive social change.
- cultural citizenship and cultural rights, as an aspect of a broader human rights agenda.

Proposals are invited from local, interstate and overseas presenters including academics in cultural studies and social policy; councillors and local government workers from arts and culture, community services, economic development, community, social urban and environmental planning; public policy developers and community leaders, artists and workers engaged with communities.

Closing date for proposals: Friday March 27 www.cdn-generations.net.au

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**Response to Bushfires: Discussion for local government arts and culture workers,
Thursday 5th March, 1-3pm, Richmond Town Hall, Bridge Rd, Richmond**

The Arts and Cultural Services Unit of the City of Yarra shares a keen interest to facilitate a round table discussion in response to the Victorian bushfires. We invite you to join a discussion about how metropolitan organisations, local government and otherwise may come together to offer support to our fire ravaged neighbouring communities in the regeneration/rebuilding process from a Community Cultural Development perspective.

RSVP to Fiona Hillary at fiona.hillary@yarracity.vic.gov.au by March 4.

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Survey of professional artists: call for participants

In 2002 Macquarie University carried out a survey of professional artists, which resulted in the publication of the Australia Council's report 'Don't Give Up Your Day Job' written by Virginia Hollister and David Throsby. Now they are undertaking an artists' survey to update this information and provide an insight into the working conditions of Australian artists. The University team has requested the Cultural Development Network's help to develop a list of Australian artists from which the interview sample will be randomly selected.

More information: www.econ.mq.edu.au or contact Gina Schien: ginfiz@aapt.net.au or Anita Zednick: azednik@efs.mq.edu.au

TO add your name of this list of Victorian artists to be considered for this research, please email





Professional development: networks, workshops, conferences, courses

Professional Development

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City of Melbourne talk: Housing the arts: Finding that studio, March 5, 6-7pm, State Library

Discussion about the importance of finding the right studio space, why the CBD is a sought-after location, and the City of Melbourne's Housing the Arts strategy. Free entry, bookings essential

Enquiries: 03 8664 7016 or bookings@slv.gov.vic.au

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The Torch Project: RlCognition: creating Arts-based Change, 24-27 April, Seymour Victoria

The Torch Project invites delegates from communities across Victoria for a 4 day workshop to learn about using arts to generate positive community change. RlCognition will be held on a bush property near Seymour, just 95kms north of Melbourne. Accommodation at the event will be camping with all food provided.

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Conferences - Australia

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Art of Difference Festival, March 10-21, Gasworks Arts Park, South Melbourne

This two week festival showcases some of the best and most innovative visual, performing, literary and new media artists. AOD is also presenting International Arts Symposium, two-day conference that provides a platform for people from national and international disability and Deaf communities to meet, exchange ideas and debate key issues around arts. There are also fabulous arts events with incredible international artists at Gasworks, Northcote Town Hall and other sites. Come and be challenged, provoked, entertained, enthralled.

Enquiries: www.gasworks.org.au or call 039699 3253

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Also from Art of Difference Festival:

Forum: The Future of Arts and Disability- Where to from here? 13 March 1-3pm, Gasworks Arts Park

This forum looks at the future of arts and disability in Victoria. The session will be facilitated by respected ABC journalist Ali Moore and will be highly structured and interactive with a broad range of contributors offering their insights on the future of arts and disability in Australia. Guests include internationally renowned activist and academic, Dr Tom Shakespeare, Christine Bruno from the Alliance for the Inclusion in the Arts, New York and representatives from funding bodies, government agencies and peak bodies.

Bookings: www.gasworks.org.au or 03 9699 3253

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Social Inclusion and Community Well-Being in the World's Most Liveable City,

National Volunteer Week, 13-14 May 2009, Whitehorse Centre, Nunawading

Exploring new and innovative approaches to volunteer activity and community building. Individuals and groups invited to contribute to this Community Conference.

EOI welcome to Vern Hughes volunteer@easternvolunteers.org.au by the end of March
www.easternvolunteers.asn.au

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Australian Network of Art and Technology presents: Super Human Revolution of the Species conference: Call for Abstracts

An international event comprising a symposium, exhibition, masterclass and public talk investigating collaborative art and science practices and their relationship with the human body.

Closing date: March 30 superhuman.org.au or Vicky Sowry on as@anat.org.au.

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Conference Creative Communities: Sustainable Solutions to Social Inclusion

15-17 April 2009, The Centre for Public Culture and Ideas, Griffith University, Queensland

A forum for the sharing of ideas and knowledge about the value of creativity as a means of engendering social inclusion.
www.apo.org.au

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Social Media and Cultural Communication presents: Transforming cultural and scientific communication conference, Melbourne Museum, Melbourne, March 5-6

This conference brings experts from USA, Canada and Australia to Melbourne to discuss how the Web 2.0 revolution is changing museum and library practice. For more info go to: nlblog.wordpress.com

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Everyday People, Everyday Rights Human Rights conference, March 16-17, Melbourne Park Function Centre, Batman Ave

Desmond Tutu will open the conference via video link. Day 1 of the conference will consider the case for a National Charter of Human Rights. Victorian Government leaders will present on how the government has applied the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities. www.humanrightskonference.com.au

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'This is Not Art Festival', presents 'Critical Animals Symposium': , 2-6 October, Newcastle.

Call for submissions. This creative research symposium during This Is Not Art festival inviting proposals for papers, panels, presentations, performances and exhibits from people involved in creative and experimental art practices

Closing date: March 31 **Enquiries:** criticalanimals@gmail.com or 0407679104 www.thisisnotart.org



What's On: Victoria, Australia and overseas

The annual Convent Cornucopia 2009 Rough Diamond Cocktail Party, Friday April 24, 8pm

The Abbotsford Convent, 1 St Heliers St, Abbotsford

This ANZAC Eve, the Abbotsford Convent will celebrate her fifth anniversary as a community owned asset. This annual fundraising gala is your cue to frock up vintage style.

Enquiries: 03 9415 3600 or info@abbotsfordconvent.com.au.

Footscray Community Arts Centre presents 'The NIS': 4-7 March 8pm, fortyfivedownstairs Flinders La

Experience a multimedia world of sonic performance, interactive screen projection, animation, robotics and movement uniquely exploring those experiences in life that cannot be explained

Please book via 039662 9966 or www.fortyfivedownstairs.com, or check out www.footscrayarts.com

Exhibitions

'Where You From?' Exhibition, March 2- 13, Granary Cafe, 2 Devonshire Road Sunshine,

March 29- April 19, Art Play, Birrarung Marr, Melbourne.

An exhibition of artwork with families from the Western Indigenous Artists' Collective facilitated by Paola Morabito. Also workshops for children, April 15-17

Enquiries: 03 9664 7900 or visit www.artplay.com.au

Opportunities: jobs, projects, funding

Jobs

Parliament of the World's Religions Interfaith Relations Researcher

Assist in evaluating the social impact of the 2009 Melbourne Parliament of the World's Religions, e –

www.parliamentofreligions2009.org or email jannetta@parliamentofreligions2009.org

Closing date: Friday March 6

Rawcus Theatre Auditions, Sunday 15th March, South Melbourne Community Centre

Rawcus is looking for new ensemble members and seeking new performers with or without disability. **Applications close**

March 4, www.rawcus.org.au Enquiries: 9209 6530,

Projects

This Land Speaks - Drought Assistance Photography Project: January to March

People interested in photography are invited get involved in a community photography project that focuses on positive reflections, voices and visions of farmers and land owners in a time of challenging drought and climate change, in central Victoria

Contact Deanna Neville 0428 751 090 or Philippa Calwell 5471 1744

Residency at the Sacatar Foundation in Brazil

The INSTITUTO SACATAR operates a residency program for creative individuals in all disciplines at its estate on the Island of Itaparica in the Bay of All Saints, across from the city of Salvador, Bahia, Brazil. www.sacatar.org **Closing date April 10, 2009**

The National Youth Self Portrait Prize 2009

The National Portrait Gallery invites all young Australians between 18 and 25 to enter the National Youth Self Portrait Prize 2009.

Entries close 30 April 2009. www.portrait.gov.au or 02 61027000

Artists in Recovery" (AIR) Residencies, Eaglehawk Eco Centre, Feb - August 2009

Selected artists who work with or are inspired by recycled materials will have the opportunity to use the studio space at the Eco Centre and exhibit or hold workshops in the Artists in Recovery Gallery. **Enquiries:** artistsinrecovery@aapt.net.au

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The Australian Local Government Women's Association survey about women in local government
All women Councillors, former candidates for Local Government, Managers and staff are urged to take part in this new online survey. www.algwa.nef.au

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Funding

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Regional Arts Fund : Project grants

New community grant categories have been developed in response to the increasing competitiveness of the Regional Arts Fund (RAF). This change recognises that the RAF is not simply funding for arts projects in regional Australia; it exists to stimulate arts and cultural development in regional, remote and isolated communities and among communities new to the fund.
Closing date March 10 www.arts.gov.au

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The Australian Antarctic Arts Fellowship

Applications sought from artists, researchers, filmmakers and writers and talented emerging artists to foster understanding of the Antarctic environment. Applications close March 30 www.aad.gov.au or 03 6232 3512 artfellowship@aad.gov.au

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Opportunities

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A paddock of pushed out apple trees available for artists

500 trees - all sitting in one long hedgerow, could be carved or made into furniture or other sculpture. FREE, but must be removed with own resources.

Enquiries: Tara Gilbee, arts@mountalexander.vic.gov.au

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Opportunities For Emerging Artists - Next Wave Festival May 2010

Next Wave seeks projects by young emerging artists across all artforms that respond to the 2010 festival theme: No Risk Too Great.

Enquiries: ulunda@nextwave.org.au or p: 03 9329 9422. Closing date 13 March
inside.nextwave.org.au

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Victorian Multicultural Commission: Grants For Multicultural Festivals, Conferences And Events

VMC supports the state's multicultural heritage and showcase Victoria's diversity to the community. Applications are now open for multicultural festivals, conferences or events held between July 2009 and January 2010.

www.multicultural.vic.gov.au **Closing date: Friday 27 March**



Resources

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Creative tropical city Project: mapping Darwin's creative industries

The Creative Tropical City project explored the idea of Darwin, located in Australia's tropical-savannah north, as a 'creative city'.

www.apo.org.au

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Regional Arts Victoria Launches its new website <http://www.rav.net.au/>

Regional Arts Victoria initiates, facilitates and celebrates the arts in regional Victoria. Their new website **makes it easier for artists, producers, presenters, teachers and arts audiences in regional Victoria and beyond to get involved in the arts.**

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Around the state: local cultural development networks

CDN welcomes information from groups around the state who are meeting and sharing information about cultural development issues. Send information to us by the end of the each month for publication at the beginning of the next one. If you aren't part of a network, and would like to be, please contact us at CDN and perhaps we can help you get one going in your region.

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