



From the office:

Dear members and subscribers

May is a month full of activity for the Cultural Development Network, with two regional events, our Annual General Meeting and the beginning of a new research project.

'Communities Accessibility and the Arts' conferences

Coming up next week in Ballarat (Wed May 7) and Morwell (Fri May 9) are two one day conferences that are focused on **responding to and embracing diversity in arts and cultural contexts. How can we enrich our communities by increasing opportunities for people with disabilities to be involved in arts activities?**

CDN has enjoyed working with a range of local partners in both of those places to develop a program that we hope will be inspiring and energising for delegates.

Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, Wednesday 7 May, 9.30- 5.00 pm (download flier [here](#))

Latrobe Regional Gallery, Friday 9 May, 9.30 am - 5 pm, followed by launch of 'Mainstreet' exhibition (download flier [here](#))

Arts and Disability research project

On a related theme, CDN was delighted to discover last week that we are the successful tenderers for the Office for Disability's Arts and Disability research project, with a budget of almost \$100,000. This will be a new area of activity for CDN. While we are involved in two research projects currently, partnering with Global Cities Institute on the Generations project and Latrobe University on the Homelands project, this is our first completely internally managed research project. This study will take a statewide look at the situation regarding arts and disability; reviewing the literature, mapping existing activity and consulting stakeholders about their recommendations for future priorities and activity, which will be distilled into recommendations to the state government.

We have put together a great research team, with Associate Professor Petra Koppers from Michigan leading the aspects of the project that have an international focus, as well as some of the actual consultations. (Some of you may remember Petra from the inspiring workshops she led on dance-community and disability back in early 2006).

Indrani Parker, a graduate of Columbia College, Chicago who has recently moved to Australia from the US will take the role of research assistant, Professor John Toumbourou from Deakin University will act as an advisor re the methodological aspects of the project and CDN staff members will bring their own expertise, Kim Dunphy as a practitioner, writer and researcher with interests in disability arts and John Smithies as a techno-whiz, on the technology and web related aspects of the project. If you have something to say about arts and disability in Victoria, we will be looking to hear from you soon.

Meanwhile our new Administrator, Andrea Harper, will gradually take over more and more of the operational activity of CDN, so you will be hearing more and more from her. Andrea's photo and profile is now up on our website,

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<http://www.culturaldevelopment.net.au/people.htm>

Annual Report and Annual General Meeting

This week members will receive in the mail a hard copy of our Annual Report, detailing all of our activities for 2007. We invite you to join us at our Annual General Meeting on Thursday May 22, 4-5 pm, at CH2, 220 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. Please RSVP by May 15th to info@culturaldevelopment.net.au

Free ticket giveaway: The Counterfeiters

Thanks to Madman Cinema and Miranda Brown Publicity, we have 25 double passes to giveaway to CDN members and subscribers for the new film **The Counterfeiters**. The true story of Salomon Sorowitsch, counterfeiter extraordinaire and bohemian, in the biggest counterfeit money scam of all time. The Counterfeiters was the Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film 2008, and opens on May 8th.

The first 25 members or subscribers to email info@culturaldevelopment.net.au with 'The Counterfeiters' in the subject line will win a double pass.

UNESCO E-Journal: Final Call

Closing date: May 16

The deadline for papers being guest edited by the Cultural Development Network for this journal has been extended for two more weeks. We welcome papers on the theme: 'Creative Local Communities: Cultural Vitality and Human Rights', examining the way that policy and practice can impact the cultural vitality of local communities. Topics including:

- pro-active planning for creative communities
- the relationship between creativity and cultural expression on health and well being, and the ability of local communities to keep pace with change
- the significance of freedom of expression and cultural rights, as an aspect of a broader human rights agenda.
- impact of the framework that includes cultural vitality as a necessary ingredient for the sustainability of local communities alongside economic, social and environmental concerns.

www.culturaldevelopment.net.au/publications.htm

Dates for your diary

'Connecting Schools and Communities: exploring the use of schools and community facilities for creative community outcomes'

One day conferences in three Victorian regions,

Colac Performing Arts Centre, Friday June 20,

WilliamstownTown Hall, Monday June 23, 2008

LatrobeUniversity, Wodonga, Wednesday June 25

Keynote speaker, Lisa Fitzhugh, Executive Director, Artscorps, Seattle, USA and local speakers. Arts Corps is a non-profit youth development program, that partners with schools and community organizations to bring free arts classes to low-income youth. Since its 2000 inception, Arts Corps has grown from an enrolment of 400 students at 10 partner sites in 2000 to 2,700 students in 150 quarterly classes at 31 partner facilities in 2008. (www.artscorps.org)

Program details available from www.culturaldevelopment.net.au/cdnevents.htm



Professional development: networks, workshops, conferences, courses

Local Government Arts and Cultural Officers Networks

Culture Club: Bendigo region

Next meeting 1-4 pm , Thursday May 1 @ City of Greater Bendigo

Contact Marea McLachlan m.mclachlan@Bendigo.vic.gov.au

AimWest - western metro regions councils network

Contact Dean Michael, Brimbank City Council deanm@brimbank.vic.gov.au

Community & Social Planners Network meeting

'Community Planning: Planning for Everyone? Balancing the needs and desires of diverse communities' May 16 2:30-4:30 pm, Moonee Valley City Council,

Guest Speakers: Helen Jennings, Coordinator Neighbourhood Planning and Community Engagement, City of Yarra

and Belgin Besim, Executive Officer - Policy and Strategy, City of Whittlesea

RSVP by May 13th - Vivien Routley 9243 8824 or vroutley@mvcc.vic.gov.au

Workshops

VicHealth's Mental Health Promotion Short Course –Sale, Portland & Benalla

FREE 2 day course Sale: May 5-6 Portland May 7-8 Benalla May 14-15

Contact Cassie Nicholls, cnicholls@vichealth.vic.gov.au or 03 9667 1317

Risk Management and Insurance Free training session:, 12 May and 14 May

As part of the City of Melbourne's Community Organisation Training

<http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/info.cfm?top=208&pg=2999>

Talk: IPAA Local Government at Work, Monday May 13, 9.00 am – 5.30 pm

Rendezvous Hotel, 328 Flinders Street, Melbourne

Guest speaker David Spokes, CEO, City of Port Phillip

www.vic.ipaa.org.au/events/view/id/45

Arts Law Week 19-24 May

Free legal advice seminars for artists, arts organisations & the creative community www.artslaw.com.au

Information sessions on ABS Data: throughout May and June

How Data From The 2006 Census Can Help Your Organisation Plan To Be More Effective!

Sessions in Whittlesea, Horsham, Geelong, Mildura, Wodonga, and Bairnsdale **Enquiries**

vic.client.services@abs.gov.au or Heather Burns on 03 9615 7535

Masterclass in Advanced Nonprofit Strategy and Governance, Monday 26th May

Karstens at CQ, 123 Queen St, Melbourne

Leading-edge strategies and tactics for nonprofit executives and Board members been specifically designed for nonprofit CEOs, senior executives, Chairs and Board members. <http://conscious-governance.com/support>

Conferences

In Australia

ASSITEJ - 16th World Congress & Performing Arts Festival for Young People

9–18 May, 2008, Adelaide <http://www.assitej2008.com.au>

Globalisation for the Common Good: An Interfaith Perspective, June 30 July 4

Trinity College, University of Melbourne

From the Middle East to Asia Pacific: Arc of Conflict or Dialogue of Cultures and Religions?

<http://www.gcgmelbourne2008.info/>

The Dreaming Festival June 6-9, Woodford, Queensland

Australia's International Indigenous Arts and Cultural Festival presented annually.

www.thedreamingfestival.com

Festival of Voices – Tasmania July 3-6

An annual mid winter meeting ground for singers from across Australia, the Festival of Voices brings together vocal teachers, conductors, choirs, singing groups and individuals in a celebration of the human voice.

www.festivalofvoices.com.au

VicHealth conference: From Margins to Mainstream: 5th World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and the Prevention of Mental and Behavioural Disorders, Melbourne, 10-12 September 2008

This conference will explore new ways that individuals and organisations from a range of sectors can promote mental health and prevent mental illness. The program will include strong arts focus in presentations, performances and discussion

<http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/Content.aspx?topicID=381>

Regional Arts Victoria conference, Art at the Heart, Alice Springs, October 3- 5, 2008

An opportunity for artistic and cultural exchange, cross cultural collaboration and best practice approaches to working in the arts.

Earlybird rates till 15 July 2008, registrations close 15 September 2008.

<http://www.artattheheart.com.au/ah/1.asp>

Overseas

Festival of Pacific Arts, July 20 to August 2, American Samoa

Celebrating the richness of the unique cultures and traditions of the Peoples of the Pacific.

www.festival-pacific-arts.org/Festival.html

Call for Entries: World Music and Dance Festival Hakodate, Japan, August 19-24, 2008

Music, performance and dance groups of up to 25 people are encouraged to apply to perform at the world music festival.

More info: <http://hifo.co.jp/wmdf/index.html> **Closing date: Thursday May 15**

Call for Applications: Policy Researchers Forum, European Cultural Foundation, LyonFrance, October 15-16, 2008

2nd Young Cultural Policy Researchers Forum: 'Cross-cultural, qualitative approaches to cultural policy research' www.enctc.org/downloads/Call_for_abstracts.pdf

Applications for grants due 23rd June www.enctc.org/cpraward

New York Arts & Cultural Management Study Tour, October 13 - 21, 2008

Hosted by Donna Walker-Kuhne America's leader in culturally diverse audience development and Fotis Kapetopoulos Manager of the Multicultural Arts Professional Development program, tour includes meetings respected arts and cultural leaders and visits to cultural institutions

www.kape.com.au/bigapple/nyculturaletour.html



What's on: Victoria, Australia and overseas

'A Sympathetic Ear' by Way Out West, Footscray Community Arts Centre

Friday May 2 - 2pm / Saturday May 3 - 8pm / Sunday May 4 - 2pm

Devising Theatre Workshop: Saturday 10 May, 1 - 3pm

Born from Greek myths, original costume designs and Makaton sign language, this performance is a collage of human experience - requiring the witness of a sympathetic ear. **Enquiries: Arts Access 9699 8299 or info@artsaccess.com.au**

Upstart Alley 6 - Auslan interpreted event, Saturday May 3, from 8.30pm till late

Evelyn Hotel - 351 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy

Range of performances, readings, dancing, bands and DJs.

www.myspace.com/upstartalley, upstartalley@yahoo.com.au

Exhibition Opening: Moving Forward Looking Back, Thursday May 15, 4-5pm

Drum Theatre, 226 Lonsdale St, Dandenong

An exhibition to mark the closure of the Dandenong Stock Market a decade ago as captured by an award winning photographer Sharyn Meade in 1998.

RSVP by Friday 9th May to Stella Mayar on 9239 5134 smayar@cgd.vic.gov.au

ACMI International Day for Sharing Life Stories: Panel Discussion, Friday May 16, 4pm

Panel discussion and open screening. Speaker include Martin Potter from the Media Resource Centre in Adelaide, Sista Girl Productions, Mark Silver, and Helen Simondson, followed by a show-and-tell session open to all digital storytelling practitioners wishing to share their stories. RSVP

digitalstorytelling@acmi.net.au <http://www.acmi.net.au/72C1EB644EEF4C28831CBBB2A8017F1E.aspx>

Screen Pit, Saturday May 17, ACMI 10-6pm

A curated collection of some of the Australia's best Digital Stories screened as a loop. Featuring stories

from; Film and Television Institute – Perth, Media Resource Centre – Adelaide, Tuggeranong Arts Centre – Canberra, State Library of Queensland, ACMI Melbourne. www.ausculti.org/english.html

Melbourne Breaks – real life stories of Australia's most prominent urban legends

Friday May 23 – Friday June 6, various locations

On the urban streets of Melbourne, breakdance is a language and friends are all that matters.

www.phunktional.com

Vibrant Shades: an exhibition of drawings by Luke Morrison

Opening Friday May 23, 5-7pm until June 3. La Niche Café, 73 Smith St, Fitzroy

Presented by the Artful Dodgers Studio's Rudder Project,

Enquiries: gateway@jss.org.au

Bellydance Charity Evening – CASA House, Saturday May 31, 7pm

Clayton RSL, 163 Carinish Rd, Clayton.

Enquiries: Caroline 0414 970 261, eastmeetswest@live.com.au.

Crooked Rib Blog and Exhibition

This group of young, Muslim women are creating artworks in collaboration with a professional visual artist, produced by the City of Melbourne's Community Cultural Development Program with Muslim Women's Council Victoria. www.crooked-rib.blogspot.com

Market Value youth workshops, Preston Markets

An exciting community-based arts project taking place in the. Young people are invited to collaborate with professional artists to create a Multimedia Exhibition for September 2008. Free workshops will explore film making, digital media, photography, animation and storytelling. Open from 11-3pm Thursdays & Saturdays, and 3-7pm on Fridays. **Contact: Tara Prowse, Creative Producer TRAX - 03 9014 9595**



Opportunities: jobs, projects, funding

Jobs

Barkly Regional Arts, NT : CEO, \$70 – 75K, Arts Program Manager, \$55 – 60K

Unique and challenging experience working in a remote cross cultural community providing arts development and support services in Tennant Creek and to many Indigenous Communities throughout the Barkly region. **Closing date Friday May 2**

Enquiries Neil Bell, on 0419 037 147 or neilbell@ozemail.com.au

Projects

Call for Expression of Interest from Textile Artists: Cloverdale Community Centre

Expressions of interest sought from women textile artists to lead the Corio/Norlane Women's Banner project.

Enquiries: Sue 5275 4415 or cloverdale@datafast.net.au Closing date Friday May 23

Opportunities

Producer wanted: short film on Melbourne street art

Contact Spencer Davids on durtzine@hotmail.com or www.myspace.com/klassybrothers

Exhibition Space Available – JAWA, 297 Victoria St, WestMelbourne

JAWA bar has space available for solo or group exhibitions at NO COST to artists and NO COMMISSION from sales, 3-week exhibition dates available from the 8th of May

Enquiries: Darina after 5pm on 9329 0472

Studio Spaces Available – Horse Bazaar, Melbourne

Horse Bazaar has a number of studio spaces available for creative uses very reasonable rates,

becoming available in late April. people@horsebazaar.com.au

Call for Entries: Cinewest Film Festivals

Cinewest organises arts and cultural activities through CCD practices and screen culture initiatives with local, regional, national and international focus.

Auburn Festival: September 15-19, 2008 fEXiff: September 19-21, 2008

Short Soup: January 2009 www.cinewest.org.au **Closing date Monday June 30**

Call for Entries: The 2008 Short & Sharp Pitching Competition

Submit an idea for a short film with a human rights theme, to win access to OPEN CHANNEL equipment & facilities and mentoring to assist a film project for screening at the Human Rights Film Festival in December. **Entries close: May 2**

www.openchannel.org.au

Call for Nominations - 2008 National Disability Awards

Recognise the outstanding achievements and contributions that individuals with disability make to our community, and recognise individuals within our community who have contributed to the disability sector.

Enquiries: www.idpwd.com.au/awards.asp, or 1800 440 385 **Closing Friday May 9**

Funding

Arts Victoria: Indigenous Travel and Professional Development Fund

Professional development grants for Indigenous arts practitioners and arts workers

www.arts.vic.gov.au/arts/funding/programs/2007 **Closing date June 2008**

Australia Council Community Partnerships: Closes Monday May 5

Project and professional development -

Funding up to \$20,000 for one-off community arts and cultural development projects that involve a range of partners and may or may not have a public outcome.

Projects with public outcomes

Funding from \$20,000 to \$35,000 per grant, for one-off community arts and cultural development projects that must have a public outcome and involve collaborations with a range of cross-sectoral partners. www.australiacouncil.gov.au/grants/grant_items

Australian Government Living in Harmony Community relations funding, up to \$50,000

Funding for incorporated non-profit organisations to address issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance, targeting all people living in a community or local government area and promote respect, fairness, inclusion and a sense of belonging for everyone.

<http://www.harmony.gov.au/grants/> **Closing date Friday May 23**

City of Melbourne: Artist in Community Residence program

This program offers grants for an artists placement in a residency in a non-government, not-for-profit, community agency or association for a period of six months or more. **Enquiries: Vicky Guglielmo on 9658 9609 Closes Friday May 9**

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/info.cfm?top=75&pa=3128&pa2=3552&pg=3677

City of Melbourne - Arts Grant Program 2009

Financial support to artists and organisations across all art forms. **ArtPlay; Arts House CultureLAB; Arts House Presentation; Arts Projects; Community Cultural Development; Indigenous Arts; Signal; Writing About Melbourne; Young Artists Closing date Tuesday June 24**

www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/info.cfm?top=77&pg=3130

Foundation for Young Australians, Small Indigenous Grants, (up to \$5000)

Funds for projects that enhance youth participation or create opportunities for the development of Indigenous young people aged 12 - 25 years by non-profit organisations (including local government and schools).

www.youngaustralians.org **Closing date Monday May 12**

VicHealth Community Participation Scheme Grants up to \$20,000

This new scheme aims to increase participation in a broad range of community and group activities by people who experience barriers to participation. Grants of

<http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/cps/> **Closing date Wed May 28**

Women's Leadership and Development Grants

Funding for projects that contribute to public policy and/or service development, or help national women's NGOs become more effective.

www.ofw.facs.gov.au/leadership_development/womens_development_programme/wdp_07-

08.html Closing date Friday May 9

ENTAC 5th Cultural Policy Research Award 2008

The research award and 10,000E grant is open to young researchers, academics and policymakers from European countries. <http://www.enatc.org/cpraward/>

Pratt Foundation / ISS Institute Overseas Fellowships

Grants for Australian artists, trades or technical persons to receive a maximum of \$8,000 towards costs such as airfares, living allowance, accommodation, course fees and materials. **Closing date Monday June 30** Enquiries: 03 9882 0055 or issi.ceo@pacific.net.au www.issinstitute.org.au/os/index.html

DEWHA: Contemporary Music Touring Program

Supports touring opportunities for Australian musicians, largely focused in regional and remote Australia, increasing audience access to live Australian contemporary www.arts.gov.au/arts/contemporary_music_touring_program **Closes July 1**

DEWHA: Festivals Australia

Funding for Australian regional and community festivals to present quality cultural projects, for new or special sort of cultural activity. www.arts.gov.au/arts/festivals_australia **Closing date Tuesday July 15**

Government Community Grants site

Find funding under a variety of grant programs to help you to develop solutions to local and national problems, fund ideas and initiatives or provide assistance in times of hardship. www.grantslink.gov.au

VISY provides multicultural groups & community organisations with assistance to use community spaces for multicultural events & community celebrations in the City of Hume www.multiculturalarts.com.au or 9417 6777



Resources: links and publications

On Entrepreneurship and Education in Cultural Life: ENCATC Annual Conference 2007 Report
<http://www.enatc.org/library/>

Research Supporter Services providing qualitative research services for a range of clients and projects. Whether you are an individual, private sector or community based organisation, Research Supporter can assist you to design and manage a research project or provide minor support for your ongoing work. <http://www.researchsupport.net.au/>

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