



# The Substation Newsletter

P.O. Box 57, Williamstown 3016

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## COMMITTEE MEMBER RETIRES

It is with sadness that the Executive Committee has accepted the resignation of Peter Mulherin from the Executive Committee. Peter was the Vice President and Chairperson of the Buildings Sub Committee.

Peter has played a pivotal role in the development of the Substation project since 2002. He was involved in all four Community Jobs Programs that provided fulltime work and training to over 90 participants from 2002-2005. He also assisted with many working bees and community events held over the years.

The Executive Committee would like to thank Peter for his hard work and passion for the Substation project, and hope that some time in the future he will be able to return.

## A BIG Thank you ...

For all of our wonderful volunteers, the juggling of work, family and community responsibilities is a difficult task. Your contributions are valued and greatly appreciated and we want to say a big thank you to all of our helpers!

## A SUCCESSFUL TATTERSALL'S CONTEMPORARY ART PRIZE FOR 2007...

This year's Tattersalls Contemporary Art prize, held at the Substation in April attracted a record number of outstanding entries. Over 400 pieces were sent from all over Australia with 80 being chosen for display. The curator, Ken Wong, felt that the award was well regarded both by artists and art administration circles.

The judges at this year's event included Heide Museum director Lesley Always, curator Jane Devery from the NGV and Simon Perry the creator of the local masterpiece Duck Dive. These judges were drawn from the upper echelons of the Melbourne art scene. The Substation added to the appeal of the Festival as an Arts event and increased the attractiveness of the prize itself. Mr Wong indicated that the Substation will become a real hub for Arts in the West.

The people visiting the exhibition were able to vote in the People's Choice Award and this year's winner was 'The Bee'. It was a photo-realistic close-up of a bee in flight. The artist was Oleh Whiter.

Thanks must go to all the major sponsors including Tattersalls and the Hobson's Bay Council. Special congratulations is given to Ken Wong, the curator, whose attention to detail was second to none.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who manned the exhibition and worked very hard on Opening Night to ensure all the guests were well looked after.

Next year we all look forward to the Art prize further growing in stature.

## NEW EVENT .... Paul Randall "Birdlife" Photographic Exhibition – 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Local Photographer, Paul Randall, is holding an exhibition at the Substation of photos of birdlife from areas such as Point Gelibrand and Altona Coastal Park. He will also be joined by a number of invited artists, sculptors and photographers contributing pieces fitting with the Birdlife theme.

For those who attended ArtCraft 2007 earlier this year, you may remember Paul's wonderful photo of Crested Terns photographed at Point Gelibrand – his wildlife photography is second to none.

**The Exhibition will be open 21-22 July, 10am-4pm. Entry is by gold coin donation.** This will be a fascinating exhibition and one not to be missed.

## NEW EVENT Substation OPEN DAY – Guided Tours Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 10am-4pm

In conjunction with Paul Randall's photographic exhibition the Substation will also be holding an Open Day for interested community members to view the plans for our next phase of construction and to join guided tours of the building – where I am sure you will learn some amazing facts about the Substation.

## WORKING BEE AT THE SUBSTATION – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July

With July being a busy month for the Substation and as major construction will shortly commence, the building requires a clean up of areas such as the Loading Bay, Office and general exhibition areas.

**Volunteers are needed for a working bee to be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July between 9.00am and 12.30pm.**

If you can make it, remember to bring along a strong pair of gloves, e.g. gardening style gloves, to assist in the moving of items in the Loading Bay. We look forward to seeing you there, and of course, Morning Tea will be provided!

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> August 4 Executive Committee Position to be Elected

The Annual General Meeting of the Hobson's Bay Community Arts Centre (The Substation) will be held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August at St Stephen's Church, Melbourne Road, Williamstown, commencing at 7.30pm.**



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There will be 4 Executive Committee Positions up for election. You will find enclosed a Nomination Form – so start thinking about who you might like to nominate, maybe even ask someone to nominate you! This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a very unique project, particularly if you have a strong interest in the arts or have skills that you feel may be of benefit to the project.

In addition to the election, Reports will be tabled by members of the Executive Committee outlining events of the last 12 months at the Substation. So a good chance to catch up on what has been happening and ask any questions you might have. See you then!

## BUILDING REPORT

Significant progress has been made with the re-design of the 3 new floors (the main performance floor, the mezzanine and the extension of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor over the upper corridor. These floors were originally designed in concrete, which required significant footings and structural work to support. We now have a design in timber, which will make installation much simpler and more cost effective.

The next step is to have the architectural drawings updated. This will include adding details of voids and glazing to provide light and sight lines to highlight the building's stunning features. The design will then be checked for compliance with building codes and fire rating by the building surveyor. Once we have this approval we will be quickly proceeding with quotes for the construction work, which we hope to commence in the next few months.

## ARTCRAFT 2007 – and the winner is .....

In March this year we held our inaugural ArtCraft 2007 Exhibition, providing community members to display their unique handiworks in an exhibition environment.

We were overwhelmed with the response, with over 70 pieces being exhibited. Many crafts were entered such as artworks, quilting, cross-stitch, ceramics and jewellery, just to name a few. It was an amazing array of local talent on show.

The only judging that took place was a People's Choice Award which was a very close race with the winner being **Colleen Miller of Williamstown** who entered her unique wire work entitled "Copper Wire Face" (see pic below). Congratulations to Colleen.

A special thanks to all those who helped put this event together, in particular, the members of the PR Committee – Marg Trousdale, Barb Peppin, Anne Carey, Libby O'Sullivan and Colleen Curren as well as many other members and friends who worked tirelessly to hang the pieces, manned the doors, and helped out at the working bee to prepare the venue. These events are truly a team effort – and all voluntary. So give yourselves a pat on the back and well done.

We are looking forward to ArtCraft 2008 – so get to work on your projects so you don't miss out!! Here are a few pics of some of the entries we received this year. You can also view all photos of the exhibition at our website [www.thesubstation.org.au](http://www.thesubstation.org.au)



Barb Peppin presenting Colleen Miller with People's Choice Award for "Copper Wire Face"



"Lattices" Quilting by Jill Pope



"The Bird" by Lyndal Weir



"Paint Tin Lids" by Nancy Belyea



Birdlife Photography by Paul Randall

## DATES TO REMEMBER ...

Working Bee at the Substation Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 9am-12.30pm.

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Substation Open Day & Guided Tours  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 10am – 4pm

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commencing 7.30pm at St Stephen's Church Hall, Melbourne  
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