

## GRADUATION CEREMONY

On the concluding day of our third Community Jobs Program a graduation ceremony was conducted for the



participants. Mayor, Bill Barini and Parliamentary Secretary, Hong Lim presented our workers with certificates



of recognition and congratulated them on their combined achievements.

Darren Williams and Peter Mulherin spoke on behalf of the Executive Committee before everyone present enjoyed a barbecue lunch. Councillor Dick Murdoch also found time to join the group to celebrate the completion of the CJP.

## WORK COMPLETED

Over the period of the third CJP, the doorways to the studios on the second and third levels were formed. This work was particularly arduous due to the solid nature of the internal brickwork. The studio doorways have been finished with steel and look very professional.

Water was also attached to the room that has been utilized as the lunchroom. Rendering and some bricklaying was also completed.

All participants were able to complete 110 hours training at Victoria University. Many qualifications were attained throughout the training process.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Come one, come many to this year's AGM!

With every year that passes tremendous progress is being achieved. At this meeting, we want to let everyone know how proud we are with what we have achieved, and let you know how you too can become involved.

Yes, it is a huge project but with a little help from lots and lots of people we have made it this far. So, if you want to assist on any (or all) of the sub-committees or just help out whenever you have time then come along and hear what the folks have done in 2004 and what is planned for 2005.

At this AGM there are a number of committee positions available. If you feel that you can donate a little more time and have a specific skill to offer i.e. arts management, then I certainly encourage you to nominate. Please complete the nomination forms along with this newsletter.

After much consultation our building plans have finally been completed. This represents a huge milestone in the project, so come along and see copies of the final plans!

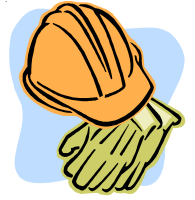
I realise that not everyone will be able to make it so allow me to take this opportunity to sincerely thank-you for your efforts over the last year – but hopefully you can attend so that I can thank everyone personally.

See you there!

**Nigel Edwards**  
President – HBCAC Inc.

## SITE SUPERVISOR

Under the leadership of Site Supervisor, Mr Steve Blakebrough, the Community Jobs Program is now complete. Steve



took on the role as Site Supervisor knowing that he would be on a steep learning curve. He not only had to oversee a myriad of tasks at The Substation he also had to find his way through the complexities of the accompanying paper work.

Thanks Steve for your conscientious leadership. Thanks must also go to Darren Williams and Glenda Bateman for assisting Steve. All involved must be very pleased with the progress made.

## **PRESIDENT AND FOUNDING MEMBER RESIGNS**

Nigel Edwards, one of the two Founding Members of the Substation Project told the August meeting of the Executive Committee that he would be stepping down from the Committee at the AGM to be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Nigel initiated the project with Darren Williams over seven years ago and has held both the role of Vice President and more recently President.

Long hours have been spent by Nigel obtaining permits, dealing with funding bodies promoting the project and generally setting the wheels in motion of this huge community project.

He feels it is now time to step aside and contribute as a general member allowing someone else to build on the work that has commenced.

Nigel's willingness to devote so much time and energy to the project win him the Hobson Bay Citizen of the Year in 2003 along with founding partner Darren Williams. He is to be congratulated for his vision and selfless contribution, which in time will benefit the residents of the Hobson's Bay Municipality.

The AGM will be a fitting time to publicly thank Nigel for his work. Please make every effort to come along and speak to him personally.

## **SUCCESS!**

Thanks to Nada Stokovic and Barbara Pepin, The Substation has been successful in receiving a Commonwealth Government Grant for \$5,000 specifically for volunteer-based organisations. Our application was for office equipment for The Substation. This will enable the purchase of desk, chair, laptop computer, fax/phone, filing cabinet, shelving etc. Well done, Ladies! Your effort has had a most beneficial outcome.

## **TRIVIA SUCCESS**

The Trivia Night that was held recently was a huge



social success. Over 75 members, their families and friends enjoyed the ambience of the Williamstown Croquet Club Rooms and endeavoured to answer a wide range of questions prepared by our host Phillip McNally. Phillip and his wife, Tresna are both HBCAC members and have organized many a Trivia Night.

There were challenging table games that even the losers enjoyed. The mystery auction prizes were highly sought after with bidding reaching crescendo pitch. The range of questions fooled many by not the Williams and Co. table who eventually won by one point from the Exxxxx table.

Nearly \$1,400 was raised with the help of many local sponsors who generously supported the evening.

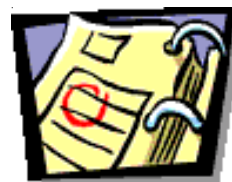
The Public Relations Committee under the leadership of Barbara Pepin worked together to make sure the evening proceeded without a hitch. They were particularly happy with the support they received from the wider membership and have recommended that we have another Trivia Night next year. What do you think?

## **THANK YOU SPONSORS**

Without the support of the following sponsors our recent Trivia Night would not have been as successful as it was. Please consider these companies when next doing business in the local area.

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**ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING**  
*Monday 6th September 2004  
Commencing 7.30pm  
St Stephen's Church Rooms  
Melbourne Rd, Williamstown*

## **OPEN DAY**

Now that construction has come to a temporary halt it is time to open The Substation for those interested to come and have a look at the work that has been recently completed.

The OPEN DAY has been put on the calendar for **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. Bring a friend and inspect the progress.

## **HARMONY DAY**

..... is a State Government initiative, to be conducted in **March 2005**. Under Nada Stokovic's leadership The Substation has made an application for a grant to conduct a project involving local secondary schools.

The application has been approved at the first stage and we are hopeful that it will progress to the next level. The project is worth \$50,000 and includes mosaic work at The Substation.

## **NEWSLETTER HELPER**

In our last Newsletter we made an S.O.S. to any member with computer layout skills and a bit of spare time to assist with the production of notices and the newsletter. Thanks to Adam, who readily responded to the call for help. He will soon come on board to be part of the team.

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