

TATTERSALL'S ART PRIZE

This year promises to be another busy one for all involved in The Substation Project.

In conjunction with the Bayside Festival, The Substation will host the Tattersall's (previously Smorgon's) Art Prize. This major art exhibition will be displayed to its best in our building. The gallery spaces and the light airiness of the ground floor rooms will allow Substation visitors to view the work in spacious surroundings.

Members of the Arts Committee will be liaising with personnel from the Festival Committee to ensure that this event is really successful. Already flooring and partitions have been prepared to exhibit the work in a secure and aesthetically appealing manner.

The Arts Sub Committee will need many volunteers to assist with the hanging and supervision of the work. The exhibition will be held for two weeks commencing Friday 25th March.

Many interested people, local and those from further afield will have an opportunity to enjoy the exhibition.

It will also enable us to actively promote The Substation project, expand our membership numbers and share our ideas with those interested.

SUCCESS RATE

The last Community Jobs Program that was conducted at The Substation had extremely successful employment outcomes. When HBCAC undertakes such programs it makes a commitment to endeavour to find ongoing full-time or part-time employment for the participants. Fifteen out of sixteen workers have been successful in finding work. This is a particularly high level of success and we are delighted that this percentage of the men were able to return to the workforce.

ARTBARK

Last November we held our third Artbark event along The Strand. Despite ominous looking clouds, the rain held off until the end of the event.

The colourful parade of dogs and their owners was enjoyed by all in attendance. Local participants increased from 52 in the 2004 walk to 74, and our furthest traveled dog came from Ballarat. This activity has also been well supported by our local traders and businesses. In particular, HBCAC is extremely grateful to:

- Bendigo Bank
- Lifestyle for Kids
- Willy Wheels
- Marks Bros. Electricals
- Scruff's Dog & Cat Supplies
- Paws Store
- Williamstown Lions
- Raddison Hotels

A large team of volunteers also ensured the dog walk was a great success. To those members and friends who were called upon to man stalls and walk stations, a very big "thank you". It makes it easy to organise such events when contact can readily be made with such generous helpers.

Artbark Results

Winner of Raffle – Raddison Hotel Stay – Member Paul Taig (*pictured below*)



Congratulations to:

Dogs – Scooter, Kapok, Cosi Baillie and Sallie and their owners for collecting lots of sponsors and sponsorships.

Participating Dogs: 100

Sponsorship: \$694.55

Registration: \$500.00

Donations/Membership: \$851.88

TOTAL: \$2,046.43

Artbark Committee Workers -

Thanks to:

Libby, Barbara, Nada, Rita, Phillip and Helen who coordinated the successful event.

WORKING BEES - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Please circle these two dates on your calendars – **Saturday 5th March** and **Saturday 21st May**. The first day has been organised to prepare for the Tattersall's Art Exhibition and the latter date is to prepare the building for the Long Dinner.

Both events are extremely important in this year's calendar. Without many volunteers the necessary work cannot

be completed. It is a very practical way to contribute to our project and give members an easy way of meeting other members.

This plea for help is very sincere as the work cannot be left to a handful. If you have never participated in a working bee plan to come along. Your assistance will be extremely valued.

To Contact the Executive Committee: PO Box 57, Williamstown 3016
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VCE ART EXHIBITION

At the conclusion of 2004 five secondary schools took the opportunity to publicly exhibit their student's works in our third VCE Art Exhibition.

The standard of work was as exceptional as usual. The range of works included painting, drawing, sculpture, media, photography, costume design and technology. With additional space available for the exhibition, all work was displayed in a good manner.

The committed work of the teachers, students and members who displayed in the exhibition was outstanding. Many, many proud parents and friends



*Darren Williams with
Councillor Hemphill*

Special thanks to the teachers and students from Bayside Secondary School, Williamstown High School, Mount St Joseph's Girls College, St Paul's College, St Columbas College.

This event operates because of the goodwill of our own volunteers as well as the school communities. It is a wonderful celebration of the visual arts in our local community.

WORKING BEE - Thank you

Prior to the VCE Art Exhibition, much work needed to be completed at The Substation. It was great to welcome some new faces to the working bee and special thanks must be given to the children who keenly assisted with some of the important jobs.

LONG DINNER - 31st May

Excitement is brewing! Ideas are hatching! Plans are growing!
Last year a new member to the Public Relations Committee put forward the idea of holding a LONG DINNER at The Substation. It is the perfect venue for such an event with the LONG CORRIDOR on the second floor. There will be seating for 70-80 guests. The event is to be a black tie occasion and the **Hon. Premier, Mr Steve Bracks** has accepted our invitation to attend.

The date has been set for **Tuesday 31st May**. The group planning this event consists of 7 members and needs quite a few more helpers. The old adage "many hands make light work" applies here. Please ring Simon on 9391 1797 if you would like to join this committee.

SPONSOR: Strategic Data has waived its fee for hosting our website, DNS and email diversions. This company can be contacted on 9348 2013 if you require such a service.

OPEN MEETINGS

One way of becoming more actively involved in The Substation project is to attend the monthly meetings which are usually open to Members. An Executive Committee meeting is conducted on the second Monday of each month commencing at 7.30pm and is held at St. Stephen's Church, Melbourne Road, Williamstown. Each of the three Sub Committees – Arts, Buildings and Public Relations, also meet regularly. Contact Helen on 9397 2967 if you would like to attend a Sub Committee Meeting.

WHAT A VIEW

One of our members has shot an amazing panoramic view of Melbourne from the roof of The Substation. For those who receive this Newsletter in hard copy, a postcard size of the photo is enclosed. Limited prints of this fantastic work are available from Helen Radovic. The size of the panoramic print is 2m x 40cm. It is a limited edition of 250 and comes beautifully framed. To arrange a viewing at Limelight Design Studios in Newport please contact Helen on 9391 3333 or visit www.limelightstudios.com.au/panoramic.

SITE SUPERVISOR

With the advent of considerable contract work to take place throughout this year, the Executive Committee has decided to appoint a Site Supervisor to oversee the contractors, deliveries etc. The project has reached a stage where it is no longer possible to place demands on the goodwill of our volunteer members to fulfill this role. This appointment should greatly assist with the steady progress of the project.

MEMBER STARTS CLASSES

One of our active members of the Public Relations Sub Committee has established Yogalates classes at the Walker Close Community Centre at 180 Millers Road, North Altona, Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm. Interested people can contact Anne on 9391 0134.



*Opening of VCE
Art Exhibition*