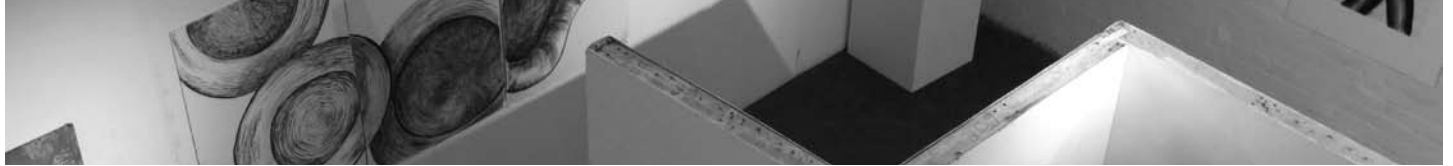




The Substation Newsletter

March 2008



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Upcoming Events

ArtCraft2008

Saturday 15 - Sunday 16 March | 11am – 4pm

If you explore your creative side by quilting, woodwork, ceramics, pottery, painting, lead lighting, photography, jewellery making, to name but a few, then this exhibition is for you. This is an event for the hobby enthusiast. No professionals please!

ArtCraft2007 attracted over 70 entries.

You can view photos of ArtCraft2007 on our web site at www.thesubstation.org.au

This is an opportunity for you to put your talents on display to the community at the Substation in a non-competitive environment. The only judging will be a People's Choice Award.

Each participant will be limited to two items and at the conclusion of the exhibition will receive a Certificate of Participation. All items will be professionally labelled and displayed in a unique gallery environment.

Entry costs, closing date & application form

\$10 per item for non Substation Members and \$5 per item for Substation Members.

You can pay by cheque or money order when you submit your entry form, or send in your form and pay on the day.

Entry closing date is Friday 7 March. The entry form is enclosed. For additional entry forms see www.thesubstation.org.au

All works must be dropped off at the Substation on Friday 14 March, 4-7pm.

For all enquiries about ArtCraft2008 contact Fiona Ellis
E: ellis.fi@gmail.com or M: 0421614 846.

Working Bee

Saturday 29 March | 9am – 12noon

Volunteers are needed for a working bee to be held on Saturday 29 March (9am - 12noon) to prepare the Substation for upcoming Williamstown Contemporary Art Prize.

This involves: some minor paint touch-ups, sweeping floors, cleaning and tidying the lunch room and toilets, and tidying the grounds.

So come along - enjoy the chance to make small contribution and catch up with other members.

Please feel free to drop in for a short time if you can't commit to the whole morning.

Williamstown Contemporary Art Prize

Thursday 3 April | 7:30 - 9:00pm (launch)

Friday 4, Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 April | 11am-4pm

Friday 11, Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 April | 11am-4pm

In conjunction with the Williamstown Festival, the Williamstown Contemporary Art Prize will be held at the Substation in April.

The exhibition is being curated and coordinated by Ken Wong who did a most impressive job last year.

To support Ken, Substation members will assist with "manning the door". This provides our members with an opportunity to promote our vision for the Substation.

Last year the prize attracted a record of 401 entries. 79 artists were short-listed for nationally renowned award from a judging panel consisting of some of Australia's leading art professionals. The exhibition showcases excellence in the visual arts to a local and broader audience.

The 2007 event was opened by Terry Bracks to an enthusiastic audience of over 200 artists and art-lovers.

Last year the winners were:

- **Major Prize Winner \$3000** Maryanne Coutts
- **2D Award \$1000** Bridget Hillebrand
- **3D Award \$1000** Scott Faulkner
- **Local Artist Award \$500** Ruth Allen

source www.watcharts.com.au

Organisational Issues

Fund Raising Update

The Executive Committee has applied for funding from the Federal and State Governments and the Hobsons Bay City Council to provide funds for our construction program for the year ahead. We await firm decisions with the three levels of government and are ready to re-apply in the forthcoming budgets in our desire to be successful. To ascertain fiscal viability the Substation must be able to complete the next building phase.

Substation Building Progress

Local builder Sandy Richardson has begun work on many of the minor demolition, construction and refurbishment tasks in the Substation. Come along to an upcoming event to see the progress for yourselves.

Landscaping plans are currently being developed by Nada Stokovic - one of our talented members. Nada has presented initial plans to the Executive Committee and is sourcing appropriate plants for the surrounds of the building. She had some creative ideas for seating and quiet areas.

Sponsorship

Strategic Data are providing free website hosting for another year. They have provided this service for the Substation free of charge since 2004. Limelight Design Studios are also continuing to provide free website design and web-updates for the Substation.

The Executive Committee and Members of the Substation thank Strategic Data and Limelight Design Studios for their continued support of our Community Arts Centre Project.

Strategic Data www.strategicdata.com.au

Limelight Design Studio www.limelightstudio.com.au

Recent Events

- The **VCE Arts Exhibition** opening night was on Thursday 22 November. The exhibition was open to the public Friday 23 November, Saturday 24 November and Sunday 25 November. The event was well supported by local schools and VCE teachers and well managed by our events team.
- A **Members Get Together** was held on Friday 23 November. Over one hundred members took the opportunity to view the VCE exhibition and meet other Substation volunteers and members. Both Will'n Women and the Multi Cultural Choir performed on the night. Their rich voices filled the Substation making it a very special evening for those in attendance.
- **Microcosms of Hope** - the Art Major Graduate Exhibition from the Photography Studies College - ran from Friday 30 November until Sunday 16 December, attracting large numbers of visitors.

Further Information

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↑ members of Will'n Women performed at the Members Get Together

↓ some images of the VCE Exhibition

