



The Substation

The Substation Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Newport Folk Festival

Friday 4 - Sunday 6 July

Over the weekend of the 4-6 of July the very first Newport Folk Festival will take place.

This promises to be a wonderful music festival filled with many opportunities to play, sing, dance and learn. Various venues around Newport will host a range of activities including a colonial bush dance, Irish fiddle music, farmers market and music workshops.

On Saturday 5 June from 10am the Substation will host the Willin' Women, the Western Region Concert Band Choir, a string quartet and performances by Ted Smith and Gerry Nelson.

You can view the Newport Folk Festival Program at <http://nffc.org.au>

Organisational Issues

Council announces \$300,000 for the Substation

Hobsons Bay City Council has agreed to commit a further \$300,000 towards the completion of the Substation redevelopment. This much needed funding boost will allow us to undertake major construction tasks. When the work is completed we will be able to fully utilise all areas of the Substation and start using the arts centre on permanent basis.

Hobsons Bay City Council has been a major supporter of the project from it's earliest beginnings and this latest commitment is an endorsement of the hard work put in by our committee and membership. The Councils on-going support for our project is very much appreciated.

Special General Meeting

Monday 16 June 2008, 7.30pm

St Stephens Church
169 Melbourne Road
Williamstown

A special General meeting of the members of our association is to be held on Monday 16 June 2008 to consider the rule change to allow a non-elected council officer to be a member of the HBCAC Inc. Committee. As part of the funding agreement with Hobsons Bay City Council we need to include a council officer in our monthly meetings.

The committee views this as a positive step towards developing closer links council. We believe a strengthened relationship with council will deliver many positive benefits for our project and the wider community.

Following the Special General Meeting the committee will provide a project update and there will be an opportunity for some discussion about the future directions for the Substation.

Sponsorship Needed Urgently!

With Federal Government support looking doubtful we are in desperate need of financial assistance. Sponsorship of materials and equipment is required urgently.

We have a fantastic team of workers at the Substation but without extra financial support we will not be able to finish the job. We have many different sponsorship opportunities at the Substation including naming rights over various spaces and contribution categories such as 'Founding Patron'.

Please call Darren Williams on 0415 369 874 if you can help.

Note: all donations to HBCAC Inc. are tax deductible.

Federal grant update

We have been waiting for a response to our Federal Government application for \$365,000 through the Regional Partnerships Program since it was submitted back in July 2007. So far the Federal Government has not contributed anything to our project.

This funding will allow us to complete the redevelopment of the Substation into a vibrant well utilised centre for the visual and performing arts. It will provide many cultural and socio-economic benefits for community groups and the western region.

This funding is looking very doubtful.
We need our members to get vocal.

Members are encourage to write in support of our application for \$365,000 to:

Nicola Roxon MP
Federal Member for Gellibrand
204 Nicholson Street, Footscray VIC 3011

Building works update

Construction work at the Substation is really moving ahead.

Sandy Richardson and his team have begun work on the performance floor as well as new floors next to the cafe on the top level.

Those of you that have visited the Substation during ArtCraft and the Contemporary Art Prize will have noticed the new mezzanine floors to the workshops, new stairs to the top level and new front entry doors. The ramp is now operational and we had our first person in a wheelchair test it out over the festival weekend. Tenders are in to install the lift and much planning is taking place in regard to heating/cooling, services and fit out. We have received a wonderful contribution of quality pre-used plumbing fixtures and fittings from the Supreme Court that will save us a lot of money.

We are currently looking for support to keep our workers busy, so if you can assist with materials, equipment or a donation please call Darren Williams on 0415 369 874.

Volunteer Minutes Secretary needed

Would you like to get involved in our fantastic Arts Community Project? Do you have the time and skills to take minutes at the Executive Committee Meeting once a month, and distribute them to each member after the meeting?

If you would like to get involved, contact Margaret Trousdale E: magsmt@hotmail.com or M: 0414 502 657 for further information.

Further Information

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Recent Events

ArtCraft 2008

The Substation community art and craft show - ran over the weekend 15-16 March. It attracted 74 entries and an unprecedented number of visitors.

The Peoples Choice Award went to Elizabeth Causton for 'Spuds'. Honorable mention went to Gadum Sung for 'Earth under threat love reigns'.



↑ *Spuds* by Elizabeth Causton
winner of the Peoples Choice Prize, ArtCraft 2008

Williamstown Festival Contemporary Art Prize

The 2008 Williamstown Festival Contemporary Art Prize was officially opened by the Victorian Minister for the Arts - Lynne Kosky, MP, on April 3.

Featuring 87 artists from across Australia, this award is recognised nationally for showcasing innovation and excellence in the visual arts and annually attracts hundreds of high quality entries from across Australia.

Judges were David Hurlston, Curator of Australian Art Exhibitions, National Gallery of Victoria, Geoffrey Ricardo noted Melbourne artist and lecturer, and Donald Williams, arts writer and Director of Global Art Projects.

The exhibition was curated and coordinated by Ken Wong.

The winners were:

Non-Acquisitive Prize Winners

Open Award (\$3000): *Ben Millar*

2D Award (\$1000): *Kate Winterton*

Williams Real Estate - 3D Award (\$1000):
Darren McGinn

Williams Real Estate - Local Artist Award (\$500):
Andrew Green

Highly Commended Awards

Fundere Studios - bronze casting (\$250): *Lada Dedic*

New North fine art photographic prints - digital print to canvas (\$220): *Alison Langley*

Greenwich Gallery - framing/art supplies (\$150):
Daniel Worth

Peoples Choice Award

Reid Consultants - Peoples Choice Award (\$500):
Daniel Worth