

HOBSON'S BAY COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 57, Williamstown 3016

NOVEMBER 2005

VCE ART EXHIBITION

This year's VCE Art Exhibition promises to be the biggest and best that we've had. Each year there has been steady growth with this event and the previous organizers can be proud of the solid foundation they have established.

This year 8 schools across the West have indicated their willingness to participate:

Bayside Secondary College
Williamstown High School
Laverton Secondary College
Westbourne College
Werribee Secondary College
St. Columbus College
Thomas Carr Secondary College
The Grange Secondary School

It is likely that the exhibition will not only fill the ground floor of the building but will also flow into the first storey.

In the past the exhibition has been open for a weekend. This year it will be open for one week. This will enable many younger students to travel to The Substation and enjoy the works of our talented school Leavers.

The official opening will be held on Thursday 24th November at 7.00pm and the exhibition will be open to the public Friday-Sunday at 4.00pm and by appointment for schools from Monday 21st to Friday 25th November.

If you haven't visited this exhibition before you are especially invited to celebrate the works of our local senior students. The quality of work is always exciting, expressive and creative. Each school represented, takes pride in their contribution because the standard is so high. Put the dates in your diary and be sure to come along.

SPONSOR'S DAY – 26th November

We want our many Sponsors to come and celebrate our progress to date by joining our members at an open house at The Substation on **Saturday 26th November at 12.30pm.**

The VCE Exhibition will be on view as will all of the building improvements. A casual BBQ lunch will be served starting at 1.00pm. It is not often that we are able to open the building due to some building restrictions, but we'd love to be able to personally thank our many local sponsors who have generously donated their services, time and/or goods during our construction phase.

The building will be open for sponsors until 4.00pm on that day, and hopefully many will take the opportunity to come along.

WORKING BEE – 6th and 13th November

Much general cleaning is required at The Substation in November. Two dates have been set aside for working bees:

1. **Sunday, November 6th, 9.00am-noon**
2. **Sunday, November 13th, 9.00am-noon**

The second working bee will specifically prepare the building for the VCE Exhibition. None of the work is too difficult, and we can cater easily for skilled and non-skilled labor. Bring brooms, shovels, paint brushes, wheelbarrows etc.

YOUR HELP IS ESSENTIAL. A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION NEEDS VOLUNTEERS and we'd be delighted to see you, if you can make it.

ANNUAL DOG WALK

Our fourth Artbark walk along The Strand has been postponed until the New Year when school returns.

For three years this event has attracted two hundred dogs and their two legged owners for a short 3Km walk from the "Lifestyle for Kids" venue to the Sea Scout Hall and return. Lots of dogs, both real and toy, are invited to raise money for The Substation by being sponsored for the walk. Our wider community is most generous in supporting this event donating lots of prizes to give away.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on 29th August, and it was great to see some new faces showing interest in the project. Thanks also to our regular supporters for being part of this important reporting process.

This year there were three vacancies on the Executive Committee and Karin George, Lothar Ploss and Margaret Trousdale filled the positions. Each of these members will bring new skills to the project and it will be no time at all before they have an in depth grasp of the overall direction of the work involved.

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HBCAC Executive Roles:

President	Darren Williams
Vice President	Peter Mulherin
Treasurer	Glenda Bateman
Secretary	Margaret Trousdale
Buildings Sub Committee Chairperson	Peter Mulherin
Buildings Sub Committee Working Bee Organiser	Lothar Ploss
Public Relations Sub Committee Chairperson	Barbara Pepin
Arts Sub Committee Chairperson	Helen Nicholson
General Member assisting With Arts	Karin George

COMMUNITY JOBS PROGRAM – No. 4

Our fourth CJP has now been successfully completed and the group of workmen has made many visible changes to the interior and exterior of the building. One of the workers had outstanding skills in rendering and he was keen to teach some of the others. As a result we have some first class work completed around the building – notably the two new doorways at the north end of the building look so professional one would think they were original.

Tonnes of plaster has been erected to create the new studios on the east side of the building and both the ground floor and the first floor are really taking shape.

Externally you will notice the ramp and stairway to the northern entrance. These are very sturdy structures and will stand the test of time. Inside a fantastic staircase is half completed in the foyer so as to access the first level.

If you have not been inside for a while you will be very pleased with the progress. Join the helpers at the working bees in November and come and see for yourself.

WINDFALL

Anthony Simmons has once again assisted with a great application for sustainable energy. His expertise in this area has been exceptionally useful. The State Government Grant which Anthony successfully applied for on our behalf will cover the heating of the building. It is effectively worth \$92,000 for one project. This contribution is gratefully acknowledged by our Executive and members.

Thanks Anthony!

HOBSON'S BAY COUNCIL

The local Council supported the Long Dinner in June with a generous grant of \$1,500. This amount assisted the event in a significant way. It turned out to be an outstanding celebration, showing off the building in a most glamorous manner. The support of the Hobson's Bay Council has been most forthcoming in many ways over the last four years and the interest of Councilors and Council Staff is appreciated.

WITH A LITTLE BIT OF LUCK ...

Newport Lakes Primary School has offered to join with local Mosaic Artist, Kerrie Willuweit to design and construct a floor mural in the main entrance foyer of our building. We have applied for an "Artist in Schools" grant and hope that we will be successful in linking the school with our project. Artist Kerrie and Principal Bev Fegan are extremely excited about the prospect of this project as the school is celebrating their 150th Anniversary in October 2006. It would be a significant contribution to the community from the school. Let's hope we are lucky enough to receive the grant.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Phillip and Tresna McNally conducted our annual Trivia Night in September. Thanks to both of them! It was a great night of fun and frivolity with much hysteria at some of the original answers to the battery of imaginative questions.

The night was once again held at the Williamstown Croquet Club which is a warm and comfortable environment on a cold Spring night. Our many local sponsors were generous with their support and the Public Relations Committee is grateful for their assistance.

Thanks to Tait Hairdressing, Step Into Life, Prospect Cellars, Milano's, Yogalates, Nadagardna, Book Titles, White Rose DryCleaners and Auldstone Cellars.

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

It is important to keep our Membership database up to date, and with the assistance of one of our new members we are endeavouring to do just that. It is helpful to know if individual members wish to become involved in areas of their own interest or for specific events. In applying for grants it is also important for our organization to have an accurate overview of the support we have within our community. Over the next couple of months you might receive a phone call to update your details.