

the Substation



Member newsletter for the restoration of the Newport Substation

October 2004

ART BARK

Our third annual dog walk is planned for Sunday 7th November. The Public Relations Committee has been working hard to get things in order for this increasingly popular event. The walk will start behind Lifestyle Fitness in North Road, Newport at 11.15am and will proceed along the Strand for 1.5Kms, returning to the area near the Athletics Track.

A sausage sizzle will be available at the end of the walk along with entertainment and many, many prizes for dogs and their owners!

There is a \$5 registration fee for every dog. Registration can be paid prior to the commencement of the walk between 10.30am and 11.15am. As this event is a fundraising event, we are asking dog owners to have their pooches sponsored. There are wonderful prizes for owners who raise the most sponsorship. If you don't have a dog of your own perhaps you could sponsor a friend's or neighbour's dog. Please encourage every dog owner you know to join the group on Sunday 7th November.

SOS FOR HELPERS

We have a desperate need for helpers!!! We have three activities that are pressing and each needs a working crew.

- **Working Bee – Saturday 6th November 1-4pm.** The two main tasks need to be completed at the working bee. The spring weeds need to be whopper snipped and the ground floor of the Substation also requires a coat of paint prior to the VCE Art Exhibition. If you can assist contact Peter Mulherin on 9397 2438 or Mobile 0439 604 397. At least 20 helpers are required for these tasks.
- **Art Bark – Sunday, November 7th.** Helpers are required to set up the marquee, stage, tables, signage and course between 8am and 10.00am. Officials are required to monitor the walk between 10.45am and 1.00pm. Please contact Barbara on 9399 9705 or Libby on 9255 6886 to offer your assistance. This activity cannot proceed without additional assistance. Your help is a key part of a team effort.
- **VCE Art Exhibition 12-13 November.** Our third VCE Art Exhibition will be conducted on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th November. This exhibition has provided an outstanding opportunity for Year 12 artists to display their work within the local community. Helpers are requested to assist on Thursday 11th November with the hanging of work, on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th to “man” the exhibition between 10am and 5pm and on Saturday 13th from 4.30pm to help dismantle the exhibition. A roster of two hour intervals will be drawn up for helpers to assist. This exhibition depends on the goodwill of our members. Please ring Vanessa on 9314 6880 to volunteer your help.

OPEN DAY

Thanks to all members who gave guided tours at the Substation on Saturday 16th October when the building was open to the general public and members who wanted to see the latest improvements. Since the last Open Day work has been completed on studio doors, giving access to the artist studios through the main corridors on Levels 2 and 3.

Those who were seeing the internal structure for the first time were generally awestruck at the magnificence of the building. Most also acknowledged that it was an incredible undertaking by a group of volunteers.

GRANT - \$5,000

Thanks to Nada and Barbara for putting together a small Government Community Grant submission for office furniture. We were SUCCESSFUL in attaining the grant and have since made initial enquiries for the purchase of such equipment as filing cabinets, chairs, desks, computers etc. Every bit counts!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Last month the Annual General Meeting was held and twenty interested members attended. Reports were given by the President, Nigel Edwards, the Treasurer, Glenda Bateman and leaders of the three subcommittees – Arts, Public Relations and Buildings.

The retirement of the President for 2003/4 was acknowledged with a token given for his incredible dedication over many years as both Vice President and President. The new committee was voted in and the final Executive Committee is as follows:

President – Darren Williams
Vice President – Peter Mulherin
Treasurer – Glenda Bateman
Secretary – Helen Nicholson
Arts Subcommittee – Vanessa Pigrum, Brett Scott
PR Subcommittee – Barbara Pepin
Buildings Subcommittee – Peter Mulherin
General Member – Charles Murray

SHORT LISTED

The Substation project has been shortlisted in the Not-for-Profit Western Region Chamber of Commerce Awards. A presentation evening is scheduled for October 22nd and our organization will send two representatives. Thanks to Nigel Edwards for writing the extensive application.

LONG DINNER

A new member has recently joined the Public Relations Subcommittee and has put forward the novel idea of a “LONG DINNER” at the Substation. A “Long Dinner” means a meal that is shared at a very L-O-N-G table. All members of

the PR Committee are most excited about the idea and are already imagining the second storey corridor as the perfect venue for a special formal occasion. Plans have been initiated and the proposed timetable is for April 2005. By that time, we know that one of the first tasks will be acquiring effective heating for the second floor!

What a great idea to be put forward. We trust that it will gain momentum within our community over the coming months.

COMMUNITY JOBS PROJECT

Application for the next Community Jobs Program will be made prior to the end of the year. Careful consideration is required to assess the type of work that participants on a CJP could readily manage. Our next major works, the roof and auditorium floor will require professional expertise.

To date, our success rate in placing our workers in ongoing employment has been very high and this should stand us in good stead for obtaining a fourth CJP.

HARMONY DAY

Although shortlisted for consideration for the Harmony Day Celebration Grant, we were not successful in obtaining it. This grant was for a total of \$50,000. Thanks to Nada, a member of the PR Committee for making the effort to submit this application.

SMORGON'S ART PRIZE

Currently we are negotiating with the director of Smorgon's Art Prize which is held in conjunction with the Williamstown Festival each year, about the use of The Substation as a possible venue for the exhibition in 2005.

This prestigious art prize would be very well suited to our facility. Let's hope that our two groups can reach a mutually satisfactory arrangement and that The Substation can be used to its current potential.

SPONSORSHIP

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