



# The Substation Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### Working Bees

Saturday 25 October, 9am-12noon  
Sunday 9 November, 9am - 12noon

Volunteers are needed for two working bees to prepare The Substation for upcoming exhibitions and the opening. This involves: some minor paint touch-ups, sweeping floors, cleaning the toilets and tidying the grounds.

So bring along a pair of gloves and enjoy the chance to make a small contribution and catch up with other members. We will start at 9am and finish around noon, but if you can't commit to the whole morning - please feel free to drop in for a short time.

Paul Taig has taken on the role of building and grounds volunteer coordinator. Anyone interested in being part of the maintenance and gardening team at The Substation is asked to give Paul a call on 9391 6210.

### VCE Art Exhibition

Thursday 20 - Sunday 23 November

Now in its eighth year, the VCE Art Exhibition will feature work from participating Western Region Schools, including Bayside Secondary College, Werribee Secondary College, Westbourne Grammar School, Williamstown High School, St Columbus College and Ave Maria College.

The exhibition will run from Tuesday 18 November - to allow schools to make an appointment during the week to see it.

Opening night is Thursday 20 November, 7-9pm - for artists, their teachers, friends and families and invited guests only.

The exhibition will be open to the public:

- Friday 21 November 4-7pm
- Saturday 22 November - Sunday 23 November 11am-5pm

For more details contact Karin George: karing29@hotmail.com

## Opening of the Substation

The Substation is to be officially opened on Saturday 22 November.

Entertainment will begin at 3pm - including Newport Lakes Primary School (under the direction of the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra), Willin Wimmin, Newport Swing Band, Multicultural Choir, and the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club.

There will also be performances by African Drumming and the Fireworks Dance Company.

The Hon Lynne Kosky, MP - Minister for Public Transport and The Arts will officially open the building at 4pm.

All are welcome.

For more details visit: [www.thesubstation.org.au](http://www.thesubstation.org.au)

*We thank Linda Cerkvenik from Outsource Design - for designing the invitation, and Kevin Mack from Documents on Call - for printing. Their support of the Substation is greatly appreciated.*

## Photographic Studies College Exhibition

Friday 28 November - Sunday 14 December

The Art Major Graduate Exhibition from the Photography Studies College will run from late November until mid December.

Opening night is Friday 28 November, 7-10pm - for artists, teachers, friends, families and invited guests only.

This will be the third year that PSC has exhibited at The Substation. The work is always of a very high standard.

The exhibition will be open to the public:

- Saturday 29 November - Sunday 14 December
- Exhibition hours Friday-Sunday, 11am-6pm

For more details visit: [www.psc.edu.au](http://www.psc.edu.au)

## SUB12

SUB12 is a new exhibition program that will provide an opportunity for new and emerging visual artists working across a diverse platform to exhibit in The Substation - one of Melbourne's most inspiring new art spaces.

The SUB12 exhibition program will run for a 12 week period from July to September 2009.

For further information please contact Tania Blackwell on 9932 1000 or [tblackwell@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:tblackwell@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

Deadline for submissions is 5pm, Tuesday 30 October 2008.

## Organisational Issues

### Committee changes

**Janet Dawes** – who holds a leadership role in Arts and Events at the Hobsons Bay City Council has been appointed to the Executive Committee as a non-elected officer.

**Kate Steele** has been appointed as Venue Coordinator of The Substation – a part-time position until the end of the year in it's initial term. Kate was chosen from an extremely strong field of applicants. Kate says she is "honoured to have the opportunity to work on such an exciting community project". She has already made headway into many areas, and has given huge support to the Executive Committee in her few months with us.

### Building works update

Construction work in the building is moving ahead. Local builder **Sandy Richardson** and his team have made huge headway. The performance floor has been installed as well as the floor to link the café to the lift. Water blasting of the walls has started to remove the loose paint, lichen and tagging. Electricians and plumbers are to start work the coming week.

The lift housing has been installed, and we are now waiting on delivery of the lift.

**Williamstown Cranes** has again stepped in to assist the project, moving and lifting our huge steel floor beams into position was a very tricky job, their skill and expertise in this area was fantastic. **Neville Cowland** of **Now Architecture** has generously donated time to design finishing features of the building. **Force Access** has kindly donated the use of boom and scissor lifts over the past six months. The ongoing support from local business sponsors is greatly appreciated and integral to the success of the project.

We are now looking to find a suitable tenant to operate the café on level four.

Come along to an upcoming event to see the progress for yourselves.



→ the performance floor - almost complete (Sept 2008)



→ new mezzanine floor in one of the workshops (Sept 2008)

### A word of thanks

As we approach the opening of the Substation, and the next round of exhibitions, there are a great number of jobs to be done. To all members of the committees involved, and to all of our wonderful volunteers - your contributions are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to celebrating with you at the opening of The Substation on Saturday 22 November from 3pm onwards.

## Recent Events

### Newport Fiddle & Folk Festival - 4-6 July 2008

The Substation was just one of many venues around Newport to host the inaugural Newport Fiddle and Folk Festival, 4-6 July.

The Festival was a huge success - with many opportunities to play, sing, dance and learn. Various venues around Newport hosted a range of activities including a colonial bush dance, Irish fiddle music, farmers market and music workshops.

The program at the Substation included: Newport String Quartet, Willin Wimmin, Newport Bush Orchestra, and the Western Region Concert Choir.

For more information on the festival go to the Newport Fiddle and Folk Club website [www.nffc.org.au](http://www.nffc.org.au)



→ Willin Wimmin: Newport Fiddle & Folk Festival



→ Newport Bush Orchestra: Newport Fiddle & Folk Festival

### Get ready for ArtCraft 2009

The third ArtCraft – "ArtCraft 2009" will be held on 2-3 May 2009.

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 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. All items will be professionally labelled and displayed in a unique gallery environment.

Look for more details in the next newsletter, or find an entry form on The Substation website.

For enquiries about ArtCraft contact Margaret Trousdale

### Further Information

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