



Upcoming Events

Newport Folk Festival | 3 – 5 July

Music in the park, concerts, workshops, dances, choirs, jam sessions, local traders' market – this is a festival for everyone. There will be ukuleles in the Bowling Club, choirs in the Substation, dancing in the Elderly Citizens Centre, fiddles in the RSL and lots, lots more...

You can view the Newport Folk Festival Program at www.nffc.org.au

SUB12 exhibition | 10 July - 27 Sept

SUB12 is a twelve week exhibition series that promotes excellence in contemporary visual art. The inaugural program is presented by Hobsons Bay City Council in partnership with The Substation.

There are over 40 artists, and 34 exhibitions in total - culminating in four distinct exhibition blocks, from July through September, each with its own opening night and diverse mix of emerging and established artists.

Gallery opening hours: Wed – Thurs 10am – 4pm;
Fri 12noon – 7pm; Sat – Sun 10am – 4pm.

Artists' Market | 4 July | 1 August | 5 Sept

indoor market of artist-made wares first Saturday of each month

Held on the first Saturday of each month from 10am-4pm, artworks include textiles, print, painting photography, jewellery, sculpture and more.

Exhibiting, demonstrating and discussing their work with the visiting public, will be many local artists as well as those from further a field.

Classes at The Substation

For more information about the classes - see the website www.thesubstation.org.au

→ Watercolour Classes

Discover how to work with watercolour, how to lay flat, graduated and variegated washes, wet in wet and lifting out techniques. Work from still life, landscapes and flowers.

Contact Stefan M: 0431828402 E: info@bigbluedesign.com.au

→ Botanical Illustration

Draw and paint plants and flowers from nature. Explore the techniques of pencil, pen, ink and watercolour. Drawing inspiration from both contemporary and historical artists.

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→ Foundation Drawing and Painting Classes

Explore the fundamental elements of drawing and painting with an emphasis on building confidence, developing observational and analytical skills, practical techniques and material exploration.

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→ Mentored Art Classes

The mentored art class explores technique, materials and idea generation with an ongoing focus on the development of the student's individual project. Students' particular needs are addressed via direct tutoring rather than group exercises in a relaxed environment at their own pace.

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→ Dagmar Cyrulla's winning entry *The visitor II*
Williamstown Festival Contemporary Art Prize



→ 'Flybys' by Giovanna Inserra

Classes at The Substation

→ Yummy Mummy Dance Classes

A fun and friendly combination jazz, funk, exercise class for 30+ year olds. Contact Janelle M: 0438 379 895

→ African Drumming

Learn the infectious rhythms of West African drumming. Beginners and intermediate classes are now available at The Substation on Monday evenings. Classes run in 6 week courses and are taught by Bouba Gaye and Ben Coleman, both very experienced musicians in African percussion. To book T: 9525 3073 or visit www.africandrumming.com.au

→ Dancing for children

Gym, dance and tap classes for toddlers through to adolescents are now available through Lifestyle for Kids. Timetables are available from The Substation (upstairs at the Lifestyle for Kids reception desk) or contact 9399 1136.

→ Song writing Course

SongCity is running a 5-week course covering many popular aspects of song writing. From conception of an idea to completion of a recorded demo, this course will have an emphasis on co-writing and will encourage participants to forge relationships with other like-minded writers and musicians. Contact: Lyndon Wesley M: 0411 152 192 www.songcity.com.au

→ Introduction to Photography Workshops

Do you want to improve on your photography? Learn the principals of good photography and then put them into practice in a shared photographic project. Tutor, Sarah Lausberg, will guide you through composition, basics of aperture and framing your developed photographs using pre-cut mattes and frames.

Contact: Sarah Lausberg M: 0433 838 100

Organisational Issues

Building works update

Progress over the last few months includes: the completion of the fire detection and warning system; delivery of our lighting system for the galleries and corridors; finalisation of the proposals for the stage lighting and installation.

We are investigating some alternatives to find the most cost effective system. However funding for this will be reliant on being successful with our grant applications.

Commonwealth and State grants update

Two very important grant applications have recently been submitted to the State and Federal Governments to fund necessary infrastructure items at The Substation.

The combined funding of nearly \$1.2 million will allow us to install heating, cooling and ventilation systems, performance lighting and sound systems, gallery lighting and hanging systems, landscaping and other infrastructure works.

The funding will create many jobs for the local area and finish the redevelopment of The Substation into a world class venue for the visual and performing arts. We shall learn the outcome of these submissions in the coming weeks.

Membership

Substation membership is open to everyone. Membership is taken out on an annual basis. Your membership fees assist the Substation to operate on a financially sustainable basis as a not-for-profit organisation.

Costs of becoming a member are: concession \$10, single \$20, family \$40, and business \$100. Download the membership form from the website.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2009 Annual General Meeting of Hobsons Bay Community Arts Centre Inc. (The Substation) will be held on Monday 24 August, 7:30pm at The Substation. The meeting will include election of several positions of the HBCAC Executive Committee. Only current financial members are entitled to vote.

Call for volunteer positions

Now that The Substation is operational we need the assistance of our members and the wider community to help with running the centre. We are currently looking for people to assist with reception duties, gallery sitters for SUB12 and other exhibitions, and people to help serve drinks and food on opening nights.

We also need volunteers to help with the grounds and maintenance. If you are able to assist for even a few hours each week, your contribution will help move the project forward.

For details please call Kate Steele on T: 03 9391 2736 .

Recent Events

Williamstown Festival Contemporary Arts Prize

Now in its fifth year at The Substation the contemporary art prize is a national competition that attracts entries from all over Australia. It continues to grow in reputation as a significant exhibition that broadly showcases the diversity and excellence of contemporary Australian art practice with a particular focus on artists from the western suburbs.

Painter Dagmar Cyrulla was awarded the \$3000 major prize for the best exhibit. She was one of 106 artists short-listed to exhibit from a record number of entries received from across Australia.

The Contemporary Art Prize is run annually as part of the Williamstown Festival. Judges for this year were noted Melbourne artist Rick Amor, Director of Gallery 101 Dianna Gold, and Curator of Australian Art Exhibitions at the National Gallery of Victoria David Hurlston. The judges "were extremely impressed with the overall high standard of entries in the 2009 Williamstown Contemporary Art Award. While this made the judging of the 2009 prize a particularly challenging task the final selection was unanimous."

[source WatchArts website]

Flybys

'Flybys' by Giovanna Inserra, a temporary work of light projection art, was shown on the eastern side of The Substation on 17 and 18 April. Flybys' was part of Hobsons Bay City Council's Art in Public Places program and was shown at selected locations around Hobsons Bay.

Giovanna said "Flybys delivered a light-arted outdoor light projection that illuminated the facade of the Substation dazzling voyeurs, with gigantic zippers to reveal a humanistic element of the body within architecture."

ArtCraft 2009

ArtCraft2009 – was held over two weekends in May. Now in its third year - this exhibition invites all community members to display their art and craft skills in a professional and friendly environment.

There were over 100 entries – the most so far. The winner of the People's Choice was Kirsty Mayer for her piece Market Trends.



→ ArtCraft 2009 People's Choice award winner Kirsty Mayer's *Market Trends*

Further Information

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