

ARTS INDUSTRY COUNCIL (VICTORIA)

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1. NEW AICV BOARD

We are delighted to announce that Magdalena Moreno and Emily Anderson joined the AICV Board at the April 2009 Annual General Meeting, in addition to office bearer changes. The new board is:

Esther Anatolitis (Melbourne Fringe Festival) - Chair
Fiona Maxwell (Next Wave Festival) – Deputy Chair
Cindy Tschernitz (Australian Council for Private Education and Training) – Treasurer
Emily Anderson (Express Media) – Secretary
Kevin Brennan (Arts Management Advisory Group)
Magdalena Moreno (South Project & Kultour)
Jon Hawkes (cultural planner)

The incoming board expressed their thanks to outgoing board members Sue Jones and Annie O’Hanlon, and outgoing Chair Kath Papas for their combined commitment to and work with AICV over a number of years.

The focus of the new board will be on further enhancing Victoria’s

reputation as the cultural capital of Australia by contributing to public debate and providing leadership on behalf of all sectors of arts activity in Victoria.

2. COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE PROJECT: COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

Arts Industry Council Victoria, VicSport, Environment Victoria, and the Victorian Council of Social Services have been provided funding to assist in the support of the community/ non-profit sector by considering the establishment of a 'sector voice' (Action 2 of the Victorian Government's Action Plan: Strengthening Community Organisations).

Consultations are taking place in regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne during May:

Melbourne - Wednesday 13 May (RSVP 12 May)
3 – 5:30pm, Clubhouse, Fitzroy Bowling & Sports Club
578 Brunswick St, Fitzroy North

Bendigo - Thursday 14 May (RSVP 12 May)
10am – 12:30pm, Fenery Room, All Seasons International
171-183 McIvor Road, Bendigo

Warrnambool - Tuesday 19 May (RSVP 15 May)
1-3:30pm, Function Room, City Memorial Bowls Club
58 Cramer St, Warrnambool

Wodonga - Wednesday 20 May (RSVP 15 May)
2-4:30pm, Small Hall, Wodonga Civic Centre
106 Hovell St, Wodonga

Sale - Thursday 21 May (RSVP 15 May)
2-4:30pm, Hua Room, Wellington Entertainment Centre
100 Foster St, Sale

Pakenham - Friday 22 May (RSVP 15 May)
11am-1:30pm, Seminar Room, Cardinia Cultural Centre
Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham

If you are unable to attend the consultations please register your

views through the on-line survey: <http://tinyurl.com/clyyvd>

RSVP to Arts Industry Council - Email: info@aicv.org.au
Please include session location you are attending in the email subject line.

3. ARTS INDUSTRY COUNCIL VICTORIA ON FACEBOOK

As another method of keeping in touch with our membership AICV has joined Facebook. The AICV group can be found at AICV <http://tinyurl.com/dj8zdo>.

The first item on the Discussion Board is, "What are the priority issues facing the arts sector in Victoria?" It's time to have your say.

Join the group and then we can be friends.

4. THE 2009-10 VICTORIAN STATE BUDGET

The 2009-10 State Budget delivers a \$69 million boost to the Victorian arts sector.

The funding focuses on maintaining activity and facilities at the state's iconic cultural institutions; building the sustainability of the arts sector and creating opportunities for local artists and small companies; and ensuring a diverse array of high quality and accessible programming and exhibitions for Victorian audiences.

To read the Minister for the Arts, Lynne Kosky's Budget announcement, go to:

http://www.arts.vic.gov.au/content/Public/About_Us/News/Media_Releases/2009/69_Million_Boost_to_Victorias_Vibrant_Cultural_Life.aspx

5. ARTS AS A PRIORITY FOR C21ST EDUCATION

On Friday April 17th the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA) announced the inclusion of the visual and performing arts as priority learning areas in the second stage of national curriculum development. The National Advocates for Arts Education (NAAE), a prominent arts

education lobby coalition, was instrumental in achieving this outcome and deserve congratulations for their work.

This decision by MCEETYA recognises the central role of performing and visual arts education in fostering creativity, innovation, cultural understanding and social inclusion in Australian children as fundamental skills needed in the 21st Century. A greater investment by all Australian governments is now needed to enable principals, parents and school communities to achieve effective arts learning by children, and eliminate the inequities between public and private school resource provision.

6. LEAP – LOCALITIES ENHANCING ARTS PARTICIPATION, VICHEALTH

Expressions of interest are invited from Victorian local governments to participate in a pilot project to increase arts participation through the development of their local arts infrastructure. The LEAP project will fund councils to strengthen their local arts infrastructure, including organisations, people, activities and events. Applications close 22 May 2009

Further info: <http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/en/Funding-Opportunities/Funding-Open/LEAP-project.aspx>

7. BRIEFS – OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES

2009 Kit Denton Fellowship applications open

Entries for this \$25, 000 Fellowship have been open since Wednesday 8 April and close 5.00pm Friday 15 May. For more information and to download a entry form and guidelines visit the Australian Writers' Guild website: <http://www.awg.com.au>

New Victorian Multicultural Policy released - 'All of Us',

The policy sets out a framework for continuing to strengthen and promote multiculturalism across the state. The policy includes human rights as one of four policy themes informing multiculturalism in our state. For a copy go to:

<http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au>

Giving and the Arts

Melinda Martin interviews Sue Roff, Australia Business Arts Foundation, on why people give to the arts, and how the arts can attract donors.

http://www.abaf.org.au/index.php?action=podcast&form_name=view&fid=12

**Democratic Culture: Opening Up the Arts to Everyone
by John Holden, Demos (UK)**

The report asks what a 'democratic culture' in the arts would look like. Holden states "culture should be something that we all own and make".

<http://www.demos.co.uk/publications/democraticculture>

Yours,
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