

Arts Industry Council (Victoria)

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1. New Executive Officer

In January 2009 Jim Rimmer was appointed Executive Officer of Arts Industry Council (Victoria), replacing Kevin Brennan. Kevin has stepped down for a break and has joined the Board of AICV.

Jim comes to AICV with 15+ years experience across the arts. Initially training in visual arts Jim has worked as Arts & Events Coordinator – Victorian Trades Hall, Company Manager – Platform Youth Theatre, and Performing Arts & Literature Program Manager – Asialink, as well as serving on the boards of Express Media and Performing Arts Moreland. Jim will combine his AICV role with his work as Executive Officer of the National Arts & Culture Alliance.

Jim is always keen to hear of successes and concerns from within the arts sector and can be reached on Ph: 9354 7332 or Email: <<mailto:fleye@optusnet.com.au>>

2. Strategic Campaigns Network Meeting & Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Arts Industry Council Victoria Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 2 April at 5pm. All current and intending members are invited to attend.

The AGM will be followed by a Strategic Campaigns Network Meeting that will help to shape AIC’s campaign agenda in the immediate future. We are keen to hear your thoughts, concerns and ideas on Campaign Priorities. Find out what’s happening and future directions for arts.

When: From 5pm, Thursday 2 April 2009

Where: 225 Bourke St, Melbourne (Commonwealth Bank Building)
Kulin Room, Level 9 – City Village

Door on right of foyer– follow entrance instructions on the AICV sign

RSVP Essential by 5pm Wednesday 31st March 2009

Nominations for AIC Board: Anyone wanting to join AIC's Board should Contact Jim Rimmer for Nomination forms <<mailto:fleye@optusnet.com.au>>. Nominations close **5pm Wednesday 31st March 2009**

3. Supporting a New Representative Body for Community Organisations

AICV secured a contract from the Office of the Community Sector, Dept of Planning and Community Development to look at the need for a representative body for community organisations in Victoria. This project is one element of the Victorian Government's Strengthening Community Organisations Action Plan.

More information can be found at <http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/communitysector>

AICV is managing the project with a Working Group from Victorian Council of Social Services, Environment Victoria and VicSport. This is a great opportunity to raise the profile of the creative sector and align arts organisations with the community organisations and Not-for-Profit Sector.

For more information on this project or to flag your interest in participation please contact Jim Rimmer.

4. Inquiry into Shared Government and Community Facilities

On behalf of the Victorian Government, the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission has launched an Inquiry into sharing of government and community facilities across Victoria. This inquiry has significant implications for arts communities and organizations – both to increase access to studios, meetings rooms and venues, but also to promote existing arts infrastructure.

The VCEC Shared Facilities Issues Paper and details can be found at:

<<http://www.vcec.vic.gov.au/CA256EAF001C7B21/0/7CC663B29DDEEDAFCA257520001ABE82?OpenDocument>>

AIC(V) has made a submission to the inquiry and will be following up. Closing date for submissions was 27 February 2009, but VCEC is happy to consider submissions sent beyond this time. Submissions in response to the VCEC's draft report from June onwards are also encouraged.

5. Griffith Review: "Essentially Creative" Issue 23 OUT NOW

A magazine coming out of Griffith University in Queensland, this issue of Griffith Review is dedicated to Creative industries and the future of arts communities in Australia and has articles of strong general interest. It proposes a bold new agenda to restore the arts to centre stage and follows up on arts and creativity from the in the 2020 Summit in early 2008. That Forum was more than political window-dressing with famous actors. It was a sign that after a decade artists, actors, writers and others engaged in the creative economy were being taken seriously.

More information: <http://www3.griffith.edu.au/01/griffithreview/>
Currently available from good bookshops

If you have any queries regarding any of these items or would like to join this e-list, send a reply today.

Yours,

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- We receive no on-going support from funding bodies and rely on membership fees to survive.
- To contact us OR TO JOIN Email: fleye@optusnet.com.au or Phone: **03 9354 7332**. Membership application forms can be downloaded from our website: <http://www.aicv.org.au/> <<http://www.aicv.org.au/>>

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