

Arts Industry Council (Victoria)

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1. Small Arts Research 2006 – precise released!!

Many members and others will have contributed to the research into the small arts sector in November and December 2006. Arts Vic has been quoted elsewhere that there are an estimated 8,000 small arts organisations in Victoria. There is some really valuable data in the précis about the only real data on the sector from anywhere in Australia. We're interested in hearing feedback from readers on what they think of the document.

At AIC's forum in 2006, the community strongly expressed its request to have the data from the research publicly released. Few have been pursuing this all year. Finally a précis has been released. Arts Victoria has sent notification of this to some organisations, but we found the link broken. Here's a better one:

http://www.arts.vic.gov.au/arts/downloads/small_arts/arts_victoria_small_arts_research_precis.pdf

2. New Federal Labor Government Arts Policy

The new Federal Government has committed to delivering on its election policy for arts. For those of you interested, you can find their commitments listed on "Fact Sheets" at the following site:

<http://www.alp.org.au/media/0907/msart140.php>

Commitments include:

- Increased funding for Australia Council to fund more community arts activity
- An Resale Royalty Scheme for visual artists (Congratulations to National Association for Visual Arts, who have lobbied tirelessly over years for this one)
- New focus and cash for Indigenous arts
- "Processes" to redress low artists remuneration (also see above)
- Significant funding for "Arts education" – mostly for music education in schools, but a strong step in the right direction
- Strengthening an independent Australia Council (– interesting to see what they can achieve there!)
- Implementing recommendations from the Strategic Digital Industry Plan

Senator Peter Garrett has been sworn in as Arts Minister as well as Minister for Environment. Even without Climate and water on his agenda, he'll have a full plate, but he may want to build credibility by delivering for the arts.

There's a lot of work to get the new government focussed on broader issues and challenges as well as ensuring that their commitments are implemented.

3. AIC Think Tank – the arts feedback loop

The Think Tank event in October came up with some great material which we're working up into a report for government. Thanks to everyone who attended or RSVP'd – you should have received a copy of some creative reflections on the event.

Our report itself (currently called "Creative Futures" has taken longer to compile than envisaged. It should be finalised soon and we'll let you know when it's on our website.

4. 'National Education and the Arts Statement'

This statement by MCEETYA and Cultural Ministers Council was posted in October and has some broad directions outlined on the importance of Arts Education. It's lacking in commitments and detail, but worth keeping an eye on or quoting when making submissions on arts education.

Please refer to the following link:

http://www.mceetya.edu.au/verve/resources/Nat.ed_statement_septv2_1.pdf

5. Become a member today!!

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information and cross-arts collaboration on lobbying and funding, then join up your organisation or join as an individual TODAY! Membership application forms can be downloaded from our website:

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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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