

CreateAbility Events Network

NEWSLETTER March 2007

Hi everyone

2006 ended with a flurry of activity for CreateAbility members. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm for the activities. I am constantly inspired by the creativity and individual personal expression of those who take part in our arts workshops.

Thank you also to all the families and friends who supported our members and activities throughout the year.

2007 is shaping up to have lots of activity too – read on! I look forward to catching up with everyone soon and welcoming new members to our activities.

Felicity Johnson, Coordinator

How do I get involved with CreateAbility?

- ★ Fill in an Expression of Interest form OR
- ★ Contact Felicity:

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CreateAbility Events Network is a community network which works cooperatively with arts and recreation groups to organise social events and arts projects. CreateAbility works towards developing a culture of inclusiveness, tolerance and respect, giving everyone the opportunity to express themselves – to sing, to dance, to act, to joke, to listen, to mix, to get out more, to live more.

CreateAbility Events Network is made possible by the financial support of:



★2006★

★ Love & Other Telephone Calls

Congratulations to the drama group on their fantastic show “Love & Other Telephone Calls” which sold out both nights of the performance in the Old Fire Station. The actors shared their bravery, their creativity and their wicked imaginations to create funny and moving stories about individuals reaching out to find meaning and joy in their lives.

Thank you to the director Sky Lilly Simpson, and congratulations to the performers: Aaron Williams, Paula Adamson, Sarah Goninon, Nicholas Walsh, Greg McDowell, Sally Reader, Deb Day, Geoff Hunt, Steven Gane, Ian Harkins, Carol Brewer, Cheryl Bailey, Sharon Myers, Kate Prendergast, Scott Purdon, Brett Hartup and Belinda Jordaan.

★ Christmas Dance Party

Loads of Christmas glitz, great music, dance competitions, and the run of the Discovery Centre made for a great end of year dance party.



★ Create 06 Exhibition



Duncan Waddell A Person 2006 Linocut

An exhibition of work by the CreateAbility art and multimedia groups was held at The Capital – Bendigo’s Performing Arts Centre in December and we were invited to extend the exhibition throughout January. The exhibition launch on 10 December was packed and those attending were very impressed by the range of work on display, including linocuts, monoprints, painting, ceramics and digital prints. Congratulations to all the exhibiting artists: Kirk Aaltink, Carmel Byrne, Sean Chandler, Claire Clarke, Robyn Field, Judith Emmerson, Kim Flatman, Melissa Gordon-Cook, Lee-Ellen Kirchofer, Ross Martins, Xavier Middleton, Judy Pengelly, Irene Purvis, Lee Nesbitt, Rob Saw, Alison Smith, Leon Wilcox and Duncan Waddell.

Thank you to our consultant artists Peter Hughes and Michael Harkin, support workers Meg Blair, Annette Burch, Alistair Killick, Melissa Fracaro and Annette Dixon.

Kirk Aaltink *Hundreds of Kirks* 2006 Digital print

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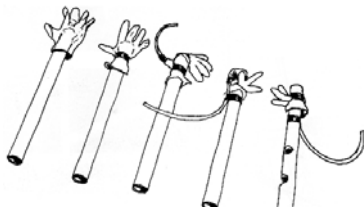
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★ Easter Parades and Float

“Harmony” is the theme for the 2007 Community Torchlight and Gala Parades. CreateAbility once again will be entering a fabulous float. You can get involved in two ways:



- ★ come to workshops with artist Robbie Buckman to design and build the float on Tuesday, Friday or Saturday mornings in March at the Old Bendigo Gaol;
- ★ come to a workshop with musician and parade specialist Jon Madin on Saturday 31st March at The Vineyard Centre 10am-1pm to practise playing wacky instruments and marching – no experience necessary!



★ Behind the Scenes

Wednesday 7th March
B-Central Project Room,
45 Mundy St, 3.30-5.00pm

Do you want to help behind the scenes at CreateAbility events. We are putting together an Event Team:

- ★ Planning dance parties, shows & events
- ★ Helping at events
- ★ Selling tickets
- ★ Publicity - flyers and posters
- ★ Production – backstage, technical

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★ Outdoor Dance Party

Dancing under the Stars with Colonel Viper Whipstick Band, Silent Voices and DJ Vinnie in conjunction with the Eaglehawk & Dahlia Arts Festival

Saturday 17 March, 7pm-10pm
Canterbury Park Soundshell,
Eaglehawk
(behind the Leisure Centre)

FREE ENTRY - No drugs or alcohol
- Supervised dance area

★ CreateAbility ART

Saturday Art will start back on Saturday 21 April at Catholic College Bendigo. There will be a series of four week blocks covering different mediums and techniques. An exhibition is planned for September as part of the Scope Spring Fling. Please fill in an Expression of Interest if you want to be involved.

★ “Growing a Fringe” Theatre & Multimedia

CreateAbility is a member of the Youth Arts Network and last year we combined to run some Youth Theatre Forums which came up with the idea to hold a youth theatre and multimedia fringe festival. Thanks to VicHealth funding we can now go ahead with the Festival and we will have workshops to develop new short theatre and multimedia works for the Festival in September. Please let Felicity know if you are interested in this project (approx age range is 16-26 years).

★ CreateAbility DRAMA

The CreateAbility Drama Group have welcomed Old Van Theatre Co. to our workshops. Their stage fighting workshops were particularly popular. The group performed the “Pantomime of Death” in Old Van’s show “The Life and Deaths of Don Koyote”.



The Life & Deaths of Don Koyote
© Peter Castaldi

They made a spectacular entrance through smoke and lights out of the Central Deborah mine. It was great to be involved in the show with so many other community groups and professional actors.

Regular Saturday drama workshops continue and at the moment the group is full. However if you want to join, put your name on the waiting list as we will try to organise another group if enough people are interested.

CreateAbility drama group will also have the opportunity to attend workshops with Back to Back Director, Bruce Gladwin.

★ BABIES ★

Our consultant artists and support workers have been creating new life as well as art and we welcome with joy Brett and Sally Hartup’s twins Mary and Jacob, Peter Hughes and Natalie Waters’ son Henry Angus, and Sky Lilly Simpson and Scott Purdon’s new daughter Scout Adelaide Scarlett. Congratulations everyone.

Thank you to our members, committee & volunteers who work hard to organise and enjoy our events!

Our Project Partners in 2006/7 are:



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OTHER GREAT EVENTS WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT:

REGIONAL VICTORIA

BENDIGO

★ Back to Back Theatre

“Small Metal Objects” was the hit of the 2005 Melbourne International Arts Centre and is currently touring Australia. It will be staged in Bendigo in the Bendigo Marketplace. The seated audience listens via headphones to an intimate conversation set against the bustling pedestrian landscape that hides the performers. Shows are Thurs 22/Fri 23 March - see enclosed postcard.

★ **Access for All Abilities 2007 Sports Focus Program** is designed for children and young adults who require support participating in sporting activities. Especially note the **Dance sessions** on Fridays 23 February to 23 March at Strathdale Community Centre, Crook St 4.30-5.30pm (\$25). These are run by the wonderful Belinda Jordaan who always gets people up and dancing at our dance parties. Join Belinda and learn some new moves to bring along to the next CreateAbility Dance Party! Enquiries Karen Larkins 5442 3101

HORSHAM: Awakenings 2007

12th-21st October 2007

GRAMPIANS: First Step Weekend 2007

1-3 JUNE Set these dates aside now for the **Awakenings** sensational PD weekend at the lovely Grampians Retreat and Field Studies Centre - more information in the New Year.

MELBOURNE

★ CLUB WILD

(03) 9326 9970 www.clubwild.net

9 MARCH CLUB WILD DANCE PARTY - ARTS HOUSE, NORTH MELBOURNE TOWN HALL 7-10pm

12 MARCH MOOMBA PARADE Join Club Wild to celebrate their part in the City's cultural life. 7 MARCH preparation workshops to make props and get some funky moves going!

23 MARCH RHYTHM AND GROOVES - AFRICAN DRUMMING AND DANCE WORKSHOP - FITZROY TOWN HALL. 10.30 to 2.30pm Friday 23 Mar, Fitzroy Town Hall, Napier St, Fitzroy. Bring that tribal drumming pulse to life and getting you body groovin' in a fully accessible workshop with Melbourne's best drum and dance teachers, Simon Lewis and Neda Rahmani. West African drumming style with a touch of latin and hip hop! Access for All Abilities Program on 9205 5756.

SA - ADELAIDE

★ HIGH BEAM GLOBAL

Australia's International Celebration of Arts And Disability.

High Beam On The Boards (Stage): Tutti/Interact Theater: “Northern Lights Southern Cross” Ignite Productions: “Jet of Blood” Wheelchair Dancesports (Aust)
High Beam Off The Wall (Visual arts): Intimate Encounters (NSW) Good Food Sea Food (NT) To Be Or Not To Be (Sweden)
High Beam In Your Ears (Music): Club Cool Under Lights Club Cool Recovery The Jam, The Mix, The Gig
High Beam On The Job A forum focussing on vocational pathways for disabled people in the creative industries.
High Beam On The Wire (On line and on air): Radio Cool Access All Areas
High Beam In Your Eyes (Digital and Screen program): Dance Me To My Song (Aust) QUADS! (Aust/Can) The Best of The Other Film Festival (Aust)
High Beam On The Ground (Community participation program): Somersault (SA) Sound Circles (QLD)
For full program details go to: www.artsaccess-sa.org.au/hbg

DANCE PARTY ★ Under the Stars
★ Colonel Viper's Whipstick Band
DJ Vinnie ★ Silent Voices ★

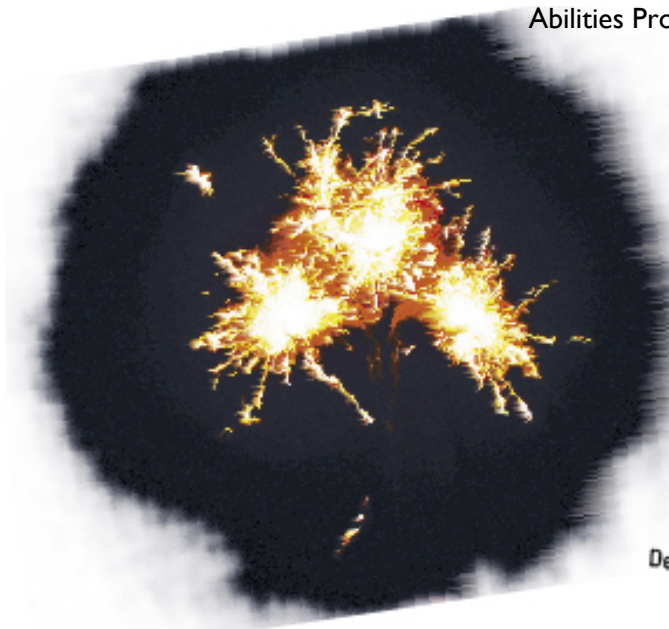
CreateAbility Events Network
at the Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Festival

SATURDAY 17 MARCH ★ 7pm-10pm
Canterbury Park Soundshell, Eaglehawk
(vehicle access from Simpsons Rd)

FREE ★ Enq: 5441 4206

No drugs or alcohol ★ Supervised dance area

This event receives financial support from the Government of Victoria, Department of Human Services and Golden City Support Services



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Expression of Interest – 2007

I am interested in receiving information about the following program.
Please send me more information closer to the time:

- Waiting list for Drama workshops** with Sky Lilly Simpson
Saturday mornings 10.00-1.00pm \$3/session (must be eligible for respite)
- Art workshops**
Saturdays starting 21st April, 10.30am-1.00pm \$5/session;
Catholic College, Barkly St, Bendigo
- Events Team**
March 2007
- 'Growing a Fringe' multimedia workshops**
Starting May/June 2007
- 'Growing a Fringe' theatre workshops**
Starting May/June 2007

Name

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

Email.....

Phone Fax

Support: For CreateAbility workshops, participants are expected to arrange support if they need it to take part in the workshops. Please contact us if you need help arranging this.

Support that you will be requiring:

Will you be bringing your own support?

Is there any medical or other information we need to know to make your participation safe and enjoyable?

Name of person completing this form (if not participant):

Address (if different from above).....

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EASTER PARADES 2007

(Please fill in both sides of this sheet)

Theme “Harmony - Caring for Our Community & Environment”

If you are interested in meeting new people, learning new skills, having some fun and being involved in a major festival then these workshops are for you!

You don't need to have any experience in art, building or music to join in.

The workshops will be led by:

Robbie Buckman, visual arts workshops and float building

Jon Madin, musician and parade specialist

and as usual we will be taking part in the Torchlight and Gala Parades.

Tick the days you want to come:

Easter Float workshops with Robbie Buckman

'Design and Build the Float'

Venue: Old Bendigo Gaol Workshop

Cost \$3 per session

- ★ Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am, 13th, 20th, 27th March & 3rd April OR
- ★ Fridays 9.30-11.30am, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th March OR
- ★ Saturdays 9.30-11.30am, 10th, 17th, 24th March & 7th April

Easter Parade Music and Marching Day with Jon Madin

Learn to play wacky instruments and practise marching – no music experience necessary

Venue: The Vineyard Centre, 2 Abel Street, Bendigo

Cost \$3

- ★ Saturday 31st March, 10.00am to 1.00pm

Torchlight Procession

- ★ Sunday 8th April, approx. 5.30-8.30pm

Gala Parade

- ★ Monday 9th April, approx. 10.30am-1.30pm

PROJECT PARTNERS:



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Expression of Interest Easter Workshops and Parades 2007 (Please fill in both sides of this sheet)

We will tell you as soon as possible whether we can offer you a place in the workshop.

Name

Address

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Phone..... Mobile Fax

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