

Arts Matter

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Welcome to this first edition of Arts Matter for 2009. Also a Welcome from Jacki, the new editor of Arts Matter. My phone number is 5595 2277, email is nowells7@bigpond.com.

Welcome also to the following NEW members: Ann Coverdale, Katherine Ledlie, and Sandra, Emma and Sarah Drake.

As I finish putting together this edition I cannot help thinking that, today I could have been soaking up the atmosphere at the Abbotsford Convent in Melbourne and enjoying the 'Writers at the Convent' festival that I had considered attending this weekend.

The event was to have lots of well-known writers sharing their work and artistic talents. Of particular interest to me however, was one writer who has compiled, into a book, interviews with various artists who are female and also happen to be mothers. As anyone who is an artist and mother would know, trying to juggle the two as well as work and other commitments can sometimes seem like 'just too much'. Often in these cases artistic endeavour seems to be given less importance and is of-

ten sacrificed for the 'more important' day-to-day tasks. So instead of being at The Convent I am taking this opportunity to get on the soapbox. This [female/mother] editor thinks that art deserves much greater credit for enriching our lives and keeping many of us from 'going off the rails'. While sometimes the most basic activity can provide great therapy, expression and a release from the mundane, we of Corangamite Arts hope that we can offer a bit extra: art for all tastes and all ages.

Wednesday 25th February SW Community Foundation invites you to a fundraising Film Night -

The Lemon Tree at Capitol Cinema Kepler St Warrnambool. Refreshments served from 5.30pm. Films to be shown at 7pm. Tickets: \$20 each. To book phone Josie Black on 5592 5333 or Louise Manifold 5593 1202

Tuesday 24th February 7.30pm Leura Literati Book Reading Club at the Corner Room, Manifold St, Camperdown. Group Secretary, Helen

McMahon 5593 9245.

Wednesday 25th February 6 - 8pm Recreation Give it a Go Week -

Kite Flying Night in the Showgrounds, Camperdown. **BYO** kites (or buy an inexpensive kite on the night) All welcome. This is a cost free, family event.

Saturday February 28th 1.30 pm Corangamite Writers meet at the Corner Room Camperdown. Bring along pen, paper and your writing to share. All those with an interest in and love for the written and spoken word are most welcome. For more information phone Gail 5593 3388.

Sunday March 1st: The Camperdown Market - a classic country market under the superb shady elms. Come to buy, come to busk, come to sell your own arts and crafts, come to meet friends, have a coffee and snack. Easels will be out for children's art, face painting, pavement art etc.

NAVA or National Association for Visual Arts has a very useful website nava@visualarts.net.au that offers lots of information regarding art scholarships, prizes, grants, exhibitions and art residencies.

Lessons from the Landscape Photographic Exhibition will be held in the Drill Hall, Shadforth Street, Terang, Friday 27th February 6.30PM. Several Corangamite Arts members participated in this project by taking photographs and commenting on the effects of climate change on the landscape. The project was organized by the South West Climate Change Forum in conjunction with the Terang & District Community Building Initiative."

Copacc Choir Welcomes singers to join together and create some more beautiful music in preparation for the Kana Festival on Saturday March 14th. This is the last season of the COPACC Choir in its presently funded format. Rehearsal dates are: Thursdays Feb 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th from 7.30 – 9.30 pm at COPACC Civic Hall, corner Rae & Gellibrand Sts, Colac Cost \$25 payable on the first night Newcomers most welcome Performance Day is Saturday March 14th. To book phone Robin B on 5594 7288 or Lynne 5232 1457.

Next General Meeting of Corangamite Arts Inc: Saturday 7th March, 10:30am, The Corner Room, Manifold St, Camperdown.

The previous meeting was cancelled due to the atrocious conditions experienced on the 7th of February. Of course, Corangamite Arts extends sincere sympathies to anyone affected by the devastating fires. Please see article elsewhere in newsletter for ways to help.



"The arts help keep doctors and other professionals in country Australia!!"

As always we gratefully acknowledge, assistance from our local Shire, including the production of this newsletter.

2009 Executive

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" good writing [? + all other art—[d] takes a long time and tangles before it smooths"

Brenda Walker from *The Divided Heart: Art and Motherhood* by Rachel Power.

THE NEEDLE AND THE DAMAGE DONE

Fiona Scott-Norman presents a semi-autobiographical comic journey through a top ten of the worst records ever released in the history of the world, told through stand-up comedy, a PowerPoint display, nostalgia, music, and dodgy interpretive dance. A very funny show, which should not to be missed.

Date & Time: Thursday, 19 February, 8.00pm

Venue: Portland Arts Centre

Cost: Full price \$30 Concession \$25
Student \$10 Family \$66

FORTHCOMING PERFORMANCES

PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Promac Productions have been successfully touring a concert version of this popular Gilbert & Sullivan musical for the past ten years, but this is "the final fling of the Pirate King", so make sure you don't miss the music, fun and laughter.

Date & Time: Monday, 2 March, 11.00am

Venue: Portland Arts Centre

Cost: Full price \$20 Concession \$15



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Single \$20, Family \$25,
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Phone Robin on 5594 7288
for your Membership Form.
*We look forward to having
you join us!*

Don't forget:

Corangamite Community Singers

Thursdays 7:30-9:30pm
St Patrick's Church
Walls St, Camperdown.
Enquiries Angela 5593 2930
ALL WELCOME

Lakes and Craters Band

meets on Friday nights.
7:30pm, Killara Centre
[behind Camperdown
library], Manifold St.

Enquiries: Annette Mulholland
5595 4357 or email
l.mul@westvic.com.au

and if you're looking for
something in Cobden:

The Cobden Painting Group
meets on Thursdays during
school terms. \$20 per term
10:30 - 2:30, BYO lunch,
Conference Room,
Cobden District Health
Phone Gwen 5593 1645.

... and the
**Wednesday Evening
Painters**

meet at 7:30pm,
in the Corner Room.
BYO art supplies,
creativity and enthusiasm.

Enquiries Jo Oakley: 5592 5356
or mobile 0429 953 097.

**Project Planning
Workshop-Saturday
14th March: 1.30 –
3.30. The McCabe
Room behind
C'down Library.**

Don't miss this one!
Here is your opportunity
to be involved in the
program for the next
few years. Bring your
ideas and your
commitment to see
possibilities become
reality. This session
will be facilitated by
Rachel Donovan.

Something for photographers:
Exhibition of the work of
Maggie Diaz one of
Melbourne's leading
photographers in the
1960s. From haunting
images of Chicago's
Housing Projects in
the 1950's to Melbourne's
battlers in the 90's.

Diaz used her flair for
night photography and
use of available light to
capture the essence of
these two cities.

Dates: 19 January to 27 February

Venue: Portland Arts Centre

Cost: Admission free family event.



Maggie DIAZ

A Real Australian, Fitzroy, 1990s
Archival Inkjet Print on Fine Art Paper

Corangamite Arts Inc is always mindful of the tremendous amount of unpaid work of many people over the many years that the group has been in existence: Josie Black being the most notable. One such recent example has been the work by Angela Pries to set up the Corangamite Arts website. Angela's efforts have been truly exemplary and the website looks wonderful and is easily accessible. The address is:

www.corangamitearts.com.

There is space for those artists who wish to submit an artist's profile, so please contact Gail, Angela, Jacki or a committee member if you would like to.

Thanks to Beck McCann and Mandy Howard for submitting these ideas about helping to ease some of the bushfire trauma:

Check this blog out-Hand Made Help 2009- <http://handmadehelpsout.blogspot.com/> which has listings of people who are auctioning or donating profits from the sale of items to raise money for those suffering after the fires, particularly artwork, hand-made toys and other crafty goodness. Spread the word!

Mandy is collecting toys to send to young survivors of the fires, so if you can assist please email: thepark@bordnet.com.au

Three of our members choofed down the road to Copacc recently to attend a session about Regional Art Funding grants. While it was agreed that much of the information was not all that new the session was worthwhile even if only to make some new connections in the arts world.

One of these connections was Emmaline McCartney a Theatre and circus artist, and gave Josie, Gail and Jacki some food for thought about future activities. Her email is emmaline_hulaqueen@yahoo.com.au

and remember - Corangamite art is happening nOw—so get into it!!!! :)Ed