



## Lessons from the Landscape Project Noorat

This arts/climate change project is part of the Terang and District Community Building Initiative. Early December a work group met at Noorat school to look at photos and chose 2 from each of the 50 disposable cameras, to be displayed. It was decided the exhibition would coincide with the Noorat – Terang Fun Run on 27th February and take place in the Terang Drill Hall opposite where the Fun Run finishes. Five Corangamite Arts members took photos. A good cross section of photographers including, primary, post primary and tertiary students, farmers and town people. Many photos show dry/drying lakes and creeks, changes in agricultural practices as well as timing, land use change and food security. There were a total of 48 photographers and 79 photos displayed.

Comments/observations attached to the photos included: more plant diversity, receding lakes, low creek flow, cracked earth, lack of natural moisture, decline in water birds, exposed tree roots, signs of salinity, loss of plant habitat, dry Peejark Marsh, drop in water table, erosion, stressed trees, dead fish, fragile topsoil, more irrigation etc. A forum on climate change will be held in Noorat at a later date.

## The Hole Big Yarn

The community of Panmure is embarking on a project to tag the swimming hole, 'the big hole' with knitting, crochet and weaving pieces. Participants are making site-specific pieces to place in the location at a launch in June this year. Community participants include members of the local CWA, general community and school kids from Panmure and nearby Cudjee Primary Schools. This project is designed to highlight a local iconic landmark, utilise local craft skills & traditions and produce an art project that celebrates the spirit of small communities.

For more information [www.rav.net.au/blog/view/6](http://www.rav.net.au/blog/view/6) or email Jo Grant - [jgrant@rav.net.au](mailto:jgrant@rav.net.au)

## Tune - A - Week

No, it's not a desperate marketing attempt by the fishing industry to stimulate business but a fun way to get into music in a relaxed and easy-going atmosphere. All ages welcome.

- At the Corner Room, Wednesdays, 5:30pm, but not school holidays.
- BYO instruments, preferably Celtic/folk style ie guitars, fiddles, tin whistles etc.
- Must be member of Corangamite Arts, plus \$2 per session.
- Phone Peter Daffy 0417 379 859.

## News from beyond Corangamite ...

### LOCAL EYES

aims to bring to life the positive work United Way Glenelg undertakes to support the community and showcase issues facing our community today. **Local Eyes** enables seven individuals from the Glenelg Region to exhibit their valuable and insightful perspectives of our community through digital photography. It will build understanding among people living in this community.

Dates: **2 to 27 March**

Venue: **Portland Arts Centre**

Cost: **Admission free**

### Music Glenelg TAKE NOTE Concert Series

#### **Concert One: Pianoforte Spectacular – dual Yamaha Grand Pianos**

Featuring professional pianists **Joshua van Konkelenberg** and **Leigh Harold**, supported by Warrnambool pianists **Gavin Franklin** and **Richard Tankard**

Date & Time: **Friday, 27 March, 6.00pm**

Venue: **Uniting Church Entertainment Area, Percy Street, Portland**

Admission: **Adult \$35 Concession \$25**

**Student \$10** Ticket Price includes

food

Tickets: **Unearthed – Target building**

### THE ARTS COMPANY – ARTIST TALKS

The Arts Company will host a series of informal Artist Talks over the next few months, which will include a variety of presentations by regional artists. The evenings will provide a relaxed setting to enjoy a coffee or glass of wine and develop further understanding of an Artist's practice. A great opportunity to share and celebrate an artist's work.

Dates: **As scheduled below** Cost: **Free**

Time: **7.00pm onwards**

Venue: **The Arts Company, Portland**

Further details about each artist can be picked up from our front desk. A diverse variety of art practices are included in their work. This is a wonderful opportunity for Secondary students to engage with artists.

**Nathan Curnow:** **Friday, April 24th**

**Trevor Smith:** **Friday, May 29th**

**To be announced:** **Friday, June 26th**

**Carmel Wallace:** **Friday, July 31st**

[Ed thinks the C. Wallace talk - at least - would be worthwhile catching so if anyone is interested in carpooling ...? more details later ...Ed]

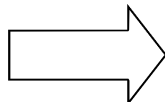
*Leura Literati* Book Reading Club, 4th Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at the Corner Room, Manifold St, Camperdown. Group Secretary, Helen McMahon 5593 9245.

*Corangamite Writers* meet fortnightly Saturdays, 1.30 - 4pm at the Corner Room Camperdown. 2009 dates are March 21, April 4 + 18, May 2, 16 + 30, June 13 + 27. 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.

1st Sunday of Month 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. 10am start.



FUND RAISER FOR Artist's Support Fund



Highly acclaimed film *The Reader* with Kate Winslett in her Oscar-winning role- [MA15 rating] plus afternoon tea.

Sunday May 24th, 1.30pm, Theatre Royal

\$15 per person. For tickets contact Gail 5593 3388.

From Mexican artist Frida Kahlo "I started to drink so I could drown my sorrows, but now the damned things have learnt to swim".

## CORANGAMITE ARTS ARTIST'S SUPPORT FUND 2009

Aims to assist and encourage artist's of any age who are residents of Corangamite shire with the development of their projects. Funding could be considered for any of the following:

- assistance with the purchase of art materials for a project,
- workshop fees
- travel expenses for a workshop
- books and educational materials,
- assistance with setting up an exhibition, display, performance or book.

This fund will be open to:

- professional and non-professional artists of any age,
- residents of Corangamite Shire, although projects need not necessarily be focussed on Corangamite.
- all arts forms acceptable,
- all applications must be accompanied by a small CV
- letters of support from teachers, mentors or associations are advisable.

If you have not applied for funding before, please do not be deterred from approaching us – assistance can be given with preparing applications and CVs etc.

Applications close August 30th, 2009 and will be announced by September 30th, 2009.

Phone Josie Black 5592 5333 or email [mountnoorat@bigpond.com](mailto:mountnoorat@bigpond.com) to discuss your application or for an application form.



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.



**Become a Member of  
Corangamite Arts and  
stay informed, inspired  
and in touch with the  
arts in the South West.**

Annual subscription rates:  
**Single \$20, Family \$25,  
Organisation \$30.**  
Phone Robin on  
**5594 7288**

Don't forget:

**Corangamite Community  
Singers**

Thursdays 8.00-9:30pm  
St Patrick's Church  
Walls St, Camperdown.  
PH Angela 5593 2930  
ALL WELCOME

**Lakes and Craters Band**

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

Just a reminder: there is space on  
the Corangamite Arts website for  
any artists who wish to submit an  
artist's profile, so please contact  
Gail, Angela, Jacki or a commit-  
tee member if you would like to.

The address is

[www.corangamitearts.com](http://www.corangamitearts.com)

Get yourselves along to the

**Lake Bolac  
Eel Festival**

[and do some eeling. Who knows  
- you might even find some  
water!!]

**Saturday 28th March,**

Lake Bolac Foreshore  
11am - Midnight.

**Tickets**

**Adult: \$20 Family:\$50  
U18:\$10 U12:Free**

Includes live music, craft and  
produce stalls, climbing wall,  
indigenous dancing and cul-  
ture, environmental forum, chil-  
dren's activities, Earth Hour  
celebration and art exhibition.

BYO chair - Camping available

PH 5350 2204

[www.eelfestival.org.au](http://www.eelfestival.org.au)

**A Big Thank You from Ed to  
everyone who has sent in  
contributions to the news  
letter - it makes Ed's**

**Next General Meeting  
Corangamite Arts Inc:**  
Saturday 4th April, 10:30am,  
The Corner Room, Manifold St,  
Camperdown.

**2009 Executive**

**President:** Gail Watson  
**Vice President:** Elaine Dryburgh  
**Secretary:** Josie Black  
**Treasurer:** Pam Redgewell

**Membership:** Robin B  
**Archives/Library:** Fiona Morris  
**Bookclub, Website:** Angela Pries  
**Saturday Afternoons:** ?  
**Wednesday Painters:** Jo Oakley  
**Corangamite Writers:** Gail  
**Newsletter:** Jacki Nowell.

**General Correspondence to:**

The Secretary  
Corangamite Arts Inc.  
PO Box 115, Terang Vic 3264

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showing your  
Corangamite Arts  
membership card.

Ph 5231 3635 or email:  
colacartsupplies @bigpond.com

**WANTED**

**Expressions of Interest:** for the  
formation of a photography group  
within the Corangamite Region.  
Please contact Josie Black by email  
or phone if interested.

almost lastly, *but certainly  
not leastly*

a big Thank You to  
our outgoing Vice-  
President, Elaine  
Dryburgh, who sadly  
cannot continue in the  
role. Thanks Elaine! However,  
I'm sure she will still be  
around and contributing ac-  
tively to Corangamite Arts. ☺

job  
so  
much  
easier!!  
☺☺

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

## A SOLEMN YET BEAUTIFUL DAY.

On Sunday 22nd February, the Theatre Royal in Camperdown was filled with music, prayer, and dance to mark the National Day of Mourning for Victoria's bush fire victims.

Corangamite Arts took part in the service by creating a visual Prayer Wall. Red cardboard "bricks" were handed out for members of the congregation to write their reflective thoughts, wishes and prayers on. The bricks were then collected and put on display in the form of a wall.

Other artforms contributed on the day by our members included poetry readings, guitar and song, solo a cappella, music during the service and a massed choir. Despite being unable to attend, Gail Watson and Pam Redgewell both wrote poems specifically for the occasion.

From an arts point of view, the service was a living example of the important role symbology, ritual, and art serve in providing avenues of expression for those parts of ourselves we hold deepest.

Special thanks to Cameron McAdam, the Shire and religious leaders of our community who provided the opportunity for a public memorial. Thanks to those who helped during the memorial service to prepare the wall or offer music; Robin B, Charles & Prue Almond, Anna Carrucan, Don Grieve, Angela Preiss, Sandra Drake, Anna Wall, John Crease, Samantha Alexander, Kate's Dance House, Lakes & Craters Band, Di Daffy, Lyn McLean, Rosemary Joseph, Robert Gunner. Our thanks also to Philip Robertson and the CFA and SES personnel who took part in offerings for the Prayers of the People.

The Prayer Wall will be installed in various public spaces around the shire where people can take time to read and reflect, and add their own messages. Venues are yet to be chosen.



*A mother and daughter read the Prayer Wall in the Theatre Royal after the service.*

## **Corangamite Arts Presentation to Shire**

On Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> a delegation from Corangamite Arts met with shire councillors and senior officers to give them an overview of our history and activities and to outline our goals for the future.

A series of brilliant photos illustrated the wide range of our activities and demonstrated our vision of the arts as a means of connecting people, supporting individual skills and strengthening the vitality of our community.

We asked the shire to commit its support by including arts and culture in Council's Corporate Plan and by developing an Arts and Culture Policy which would include budget allocation, partnership opportunities and the appointment of an Arts Officer.

The immediate response of councillors was appreciative and enthusiastic and we are optimistic that, with their support, Corangamite Arts will have the potential for an even greater community impact in the future!

President Gail Watson and artist member Peter Daffy made the presentation, with input from Secretary Josie Black and members Rachel Donovan and Fiona Morris.

Our special thanks go to Rachel Donovan for putting our ideas into power point format and to Alex Green, Director of Works and Services, for setting up the meeting and for his energetic support of Corangamite Arts.

### **What's on at LAVA ARTS**

Church St Camperdown

**Exhibition of work**

by Fibre Artist

## **Cherree Densley**

Sunday 3 – 10 May

Cherree Densley grew up surrounded by the awe inspiring flora and fauna of inland SW Victoria.

Using techniques such as weaving, coiling and stitching, Cherree has pioneered the use of our local flora – vines, grasses, native shrubs, aloes palm, seed pods, clay and driftwood to create sculptures and baskets.

### **Fibre Arts Workshop**

Sunday 3 May, 2 – 4pm

\$25 per head Materials supplied

This a great opportunity for those who would like to learn more about creative basketry and sculpture.

BOOK NOW Maximum 12 people

Phone Joan 5593 3777 during business hours

## Movies at the Theatre Royal

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March *Bolt* 7pm start  
Fri 3 April *Valkyrie* 7pm start  
Wed 15 April *Benjamin Button* 7pm start  
Fri 17 April *Hotel for Dogs* 1pm start  
Fri 24 April *He's just not that into you*  
Sun 24 May *The Reader* 1.30pm

## Camperdown and District Historical Association

is hosting the Western Victoria Association of Historical Societies Annual Meeting in Camperdown on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

A special program has been organised for the weekend including special opening times for the Heritage Centre. Visitors are most welcome to visit the newly revamped Centre at the following times.

Sat 21 March 10am - 1pm: 3.30 - 5pm Sun 22 March 9.30am - 11.30am

## LavaArts Anzac Display

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> - Wed 29<sup>th</sup> April - RSL Collection on display. Opening hours to be confirmed.

## Clocktower Quilters Exhibition

The clocktower quilters will be holding their bi-annual quilt exhibition at St Paul's Church Hall, Church St, Camperdown Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 9am - 4pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 10am-4pm *As the weather starts to chill, our mind turns to stitching and quilting. If you're looking for inspiration there's no better place to start than this exhibition.* Admission: \$3 Raffle of quilt: \$2 per tick

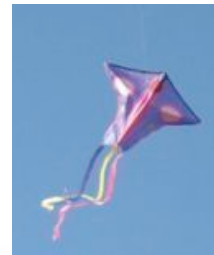
## Menopause the Musical

Do you think that 500,000 Australian women could be wrong? We don't think so. After all, that is the number who have seen this hilarious show over the last two and half years. And they love it! So much so, many of the audience members have come back time and time again to join with their sisters in this 90-minute, one act laugh-a-thon.

Maybe the attraction is the songs that everyone grew up with - The Great Pretender, Only You, The Lions sleeps Tonight, Stand by Your Man, I will Survive and twenty more - all sung with gusto and all with their "new" lyrics. Or maybe it is the realisation that there is a wonderful life waiting after "The change" Come and see for yourself on at the Camperdown Theatre Royal on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009. We guarantee that you will leave the theatre uplifted and joyous. For more information contact Catherine O'Flynn on 5593 7100.

## Kite Flying

15 participants took part in the Wednesday evening kite flying at the Camperdown Showground during Recreation Give it a Go week. The weather was perfect, the wind was good and there was little tangling of kites. The wind was so steady that some participants were able to secure their kites at the side of the pavilion and watch them streaming across the sky.



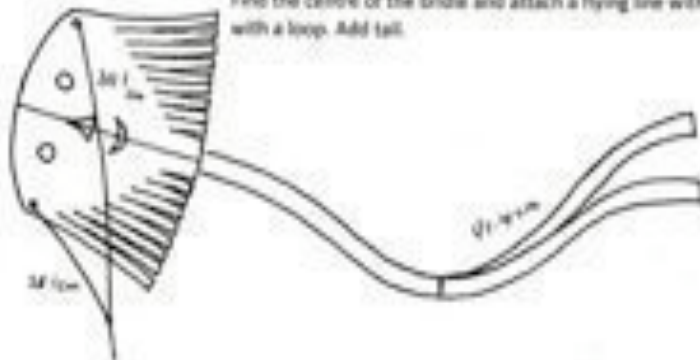
FOR CHILDREN - AND BIG KIDS TOO! A KITE FOR YOU TO MAKE

ALL YOU NEED IS A4 PAPER, SCISSORS, STRING AND PAPER FOR A TAIL - (CREPE RIBBONS WORK WELL)

1. Fold in half and make all cuts while folded.



2. Punch holes where indicated to attach a 76.2cm bridle. Find the centre of the bridle and attach a flying line with a loop. Add tail.



Ava Howells - a novice kite flyer - holding her new kite aloft.