

Arts Matter

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**Sunday May 24th is your chance to
show your support for Corangamite Artists.**

You and your friends are invited to a

Film and Afternoon Tea

to raise money for the

Corangamite Artists'

Encouragement Fund

SUNDAY May 24

1.30pm

Theatre Royal

Camperdown

*Come with your friends,
see the powerful and moving film
The Reader, starring Kate Winslet
then enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea,
compliments of Corangamite Arts.*

**Tickets \$15/\$12 at the door
Or BOOK on 5593 3388**

Margaret Pomeranz

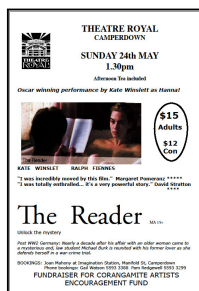
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"deeply moving"

David Stratton

4 stars

*"enthraling -
a powerful story"*



Welcome to our MAY 2009 edition of Arts Matter.

Our creative and busy Editor, Jacki Nowell is out of action as this edition goes to print—recovering from a cold bug. Jacki, we wish you a speedy return to full wellness, and look forward to seeing your happy hand upon this page again soon.

So this is an interim newsletter, to MEMBERS ONLY, but one with a VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE and REQUEST.

Wonderful Members, **we need your help** to sell tickets and fill seats for a very special fundraising effort. In just over a week (Sun 24th May) we will be hosting a Film Afternoon at the Theatre Royal to establish the financial base for the Corangamite Artists' Encouragement Fund.

To your left you will see full details of the afternoon, and overleaf is a full description of the criteria and purpose of the Fund.

As we all know, most artists are not rich people, yet their materials, tools and training are just as expensive as those of a builder or tradesperson if they are to produce their best work.

The Artists' Encouragement Fund is another way we continue to fulfil our Statement of Purpose—to support, foster and nurture the arts in Corangamite Shire.

Please give your wholehearted support to this worthwhile event. To achieve the highest outcome, we need to fill the Theatre Royal with 240 patrons. *Please be one of them and bring all your friends, relatives (over 15 y.o.) and colleagues.*

In last month's issue of Arts Matter we printed a full page flier advertising this event. Please print out a copy or two and put it up in your workplace, local shop, or anywhere public—and one on the fridge door at home.

In anticipation, we thank you, and look forward to sharing a fabulous afternoon with you all on Sunday 24th, as together we successfully raise a generous fund to encourage the continuing growth and practice of art in Corangamite.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP—Please see overleaf.....

Film *The Reader* and Afternoon Tea

OTHER HELP NEEDED ON THE DAY:

- 3 more USHERS (Thankyou Fiona for offering)
- 2 people to help Carol and Robin set up tables, urns, cups, food etc. at 12.30pm
- 2 people "on duty" behind tables serving afternoon tea
- 2 people to clear rubbish/dirty dishes as we go
- 2 to help in kitchen washing up afterwards
- 2 people to sit at the RAFFLE TABLE selling tickets and offering C. Arts information and materials (Thankyou Pam for taking charge of the Box Office)

Please phone Gail if you can help: 5593 3388.

...and **FOOD**...can you bring a plate? If you can help with sandwiches, a cake or whatever's your best recipe please phone Carol on 5593 3664. There will be a lot of mouths to feed! *Thankyou.*

CORANGAMITE ARTS

ARTISTS' ENCOURAGEMENT FUND

Aims to assist and encourage artists 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 art 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 mounnoorat@bigpond.com to discuss your application or for an application form.

CHILDRENS ART at the Corner Room

Whenever we include some children's art activities in our program we find that mothers, fathers and children respond with great enthusiasm and want more. Helen McMahon, a teacher at Cooina and an artist herself, has very generously taken on the coordination of the children's art activities in the Corner Room at the Camperdown Sunday Craft Market. She does a fantastic job and over the last three months has presented easel painting, sidewalk art, easter egg painting, easter cardmaking and last month- monoprinting - to a host of local and visiting children.

These activities are great for children, parents, & grandparents to be part of.

Like all volunteers, Helen cannot be on duty every single month. She would love to have a few more members who could be part of a team to assist in the task of running the morning's activities. If you could spare an hour or two once a month, please contact Helen on 5593 9245. You don't have to be an artist yourself - you just have to enjoy setting up the opportunities for children to explore art through different media. Children are valued members of the Corangamite Arts community.

If you can assist Helen by taking a turn on Market Day, please give her a ring on 5593 9245

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY:

SCHOOL of PHILOSOPHY Colac

Some weeks back several Corangamite Arts members indicated an interest in philosophy. My reaction was one of surprise and delight – but where does one study philosophy in regional Victoria? I checked out the internet and discovered the School of Philosophy: www.schoolofphilosophy.org.au - a group well known in Melbourne. The School of Philosophy is a non-profit organisation affiliated with the London School of Economic Science. In Victoria it operates from a number of city locations and 3 regional locations – in Ballarat, Geelong and Colac. The fees for students in regional locations are Full: \$140, Concessions \$100 and \$45 for full students. This is for a 12 week term. Incredible value. A number of people have indicated a desire to attend and we will car pool to get there each week. If you are interested in finding out more about this practical philosophy course – check the website or phone Judith Splatt 52321212 (Colac).

Introduction to Philosophy Classes begin at 7pm, Tuesday May 19th at Colac ACE Centre, 6 Murray St, Colac

If you would like to be included in a car pool, phone me, Gail Watson on 5593 3388

National Reconciliation Week

27th May – 3rd June 2009

National Reconciliation Week coincides with two significant dates in Australia's history which provide strong symbols of the aspirations for reconciliation.

May 27th marks the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum in which more than 90% of Australians voted to remove clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Indigenous Australians.

June 3rd marks the anniversary of the High Court's judgment in 1992 Mabo case which recognized the Native Title rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the original inhabitants of the continent.

The theme for this year is **Reconciliation: Turning Words into Action.**

As nation and a community we are now faced with the challenge of implementing actions to follow the overdue and welcome Government's apology to the Stolen Generation and Australia's Indigenous people from past wrongs and injustices.

The theme is inviting us to examine how practical reconciliation can flow from and accompany symbolic reconciliation. Much of what Corangamite Arts has done in the past could be considered symbolic but some has had practical outcomes such as providing work opportunities for indigenous artists and performers.

Join us for stories, music, art, poetry, conversation and afternoon tea.

Enquiries to Josie Black: 5592 5333 or Pat Stanhope: 5592 5293

HELP WANTED PLEASE

On Tuesday May 26th Corangamite Shire will be laying new carpet in the Corner Room. In order for that to happen we will need to move all the furniture from the room into the back of the theatre on Saturday 23rd May at 9am and back again at 5pm Tuesday 26th May.

For this task we need a few strong hands and a trolley or two. If you could offer a half an hour of your time and a little bit of energy to get the job done, the Committee would be very grateful.

Please just turn up ... the more helpers the better.

Sat 23rd May 9.00am

Tues 26th May 5.00pm

Thankyou!

INVITATION

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2009
27TH MAY – 3 JUNE

Corangamite Reconciliation Group
and
Corangamite Arts

Invite you to an

Community Get-Together for National Reconciliation

Sunday 31st May at 2.00 PM

St Thomas' Community Centre
Lyons Street Terang

The theme this year is

"Reconciliation: Turning Words into Actions"

Join us for stories, music, art, poetry, conversations
and
afternoon tea.

Enquiries Josie Black Tel 55925333
Pat Stanhope Tel 55925293

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Lachlan Moir
Janet O'Hehir
Garry Moorfield
Mia Vitue

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday June 6th 2009
10.30am, Corner Room
All apologies to Josie please:
5592 5333



Corangamite
Arts Inc.

*Supporting local artists
for the enrichment
of our community.*