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### Strategic Workshop



Our Strategic Planning Day was a great success!

Facilitated by Deborah Mills the workshop was well attended with 35 people coming together from different arts and culture organisations in our region. Deborah has a diverse background in community and cultural development and has worked extensively with small to medium not for profit organisations to help strengthen their strategic direction and focus.

The aim of the day was to gather input from local arts and culture organisations as to the role that MAC INC should play in the arts and culture community. The findings will assist us to develop a business plan for MAC INC. that reflects the needs of our arts and culture individuals and organisations in developing and strengthening events and activities across our shire and region. Deborah guided us through a full day of mind challenging exercises, discovering our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats within arts and culture in our region.

The findings to come out of the planning day have been tabled and distributed to the attendees for feedback. This information will be applied to our business plan which is due for public release at the end of June.

Thank you to Deborah Mills and a special thanks to those who attended, your contribution was appreciated. If you were unable to attend and would like to look over the findings please email MAC INC.'s Project Officer Lonnie O'Dwyer on [lodwyer@moira.vic.gov.au](mailto:lodwyer@moira.vic.gov.au)

## Reconciliation Day

Workshops and an Exhibition themed “Our Home, Our Family, Our Mob” took place in May partnering with Yenbena Education and Training Centre, the Yorta Yorta Nation and Cockatoo Island Retreat.

The first workshop was held at Cockatoo Island Retreat located on the beautiful Broken Creek in Nathalia. Glenda Cornell, owner and manager of the retreat assisted artists who took part in the workshop to interpret the theme into individual pieces for the exhibition.



Kelli Jones Manager of the Yenbena Education and Training Centre gave an informative narration about dreamtime stories and how the artists could apply this way of storytelling to their pieces.

The second workshop took place at Yenbena Education and Training Centre in Barmah, where artists came together in conversation whilst working on their pieces. Most artists opted to use acrylic paint on canvas with some artists using water colour and pastels to create unique and interesting pieces. Each artwork had a depicted a story that related to the theme “Our Home, Our Family, Our Mob”, giving insight to the artist’s life experiences and their interpretation of reconciliation.

The exhibition took place on Friday 31 May at the Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre in Nathalia. The exhibition was officially opened by the Mayor of Moira Shire, Cr Peter Mansfield with Kelli Jones from Yenbena Training Centre performing the “Welcome to Country”.

Visiting school children from Ardmona, artists and members of the public joined in the acknowledgment of Reconciliation Day, enjoying over 30 works of art and afternoon tea. Throughout the day the conversation about “Our Home, Our Family, Our Mob” continued.

The exhibition closes 13 July. For more information please contact MAC INC’s Executive Officer Marilyn Gourley on Phone: (03) 5871 9222 or email:

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## St Kilda Film Festival to screen in Yarroweyah



MAC INC is delighted to announce we have secured the St Kilda Film Festival for our Shire. Celebrating its 31st anniversary in 2014, the St Kilda Film Festival is Australia's largest and oldest short film festival. Accredited by the Academy of Motion

Picture Arts and Sciences, it is now an Academy Awards® qualifying event - award-winning films from St Kilda Film Festival are eligible for consideration in the Short Film Awards section of the Oscars®.

Proudly presented and produced by the City of Port Phillip, the Festival supports the Australian film industry by turning the spotlight on a wide range of fascinating works that may not otherwise see the light of day. Exceptional films by emerging artists and short works by accomplished industry professionals are shown on the big screen, where they look their shiny best. St Kilda Film Festival provides the most comprehensive overview of the national short film industry, screening the Top 100 short film entries received each year alongside a rich program of new music videos, international short films, special screenings and events. Each year, the Festival also includes a free Filmmaker Development Program.

The event gives rural and remote sectors of our state the opportunity to experience films which would normally be shown in the city. MAC INC. are thrilled the Yarroweyah Town Hall Committee have offered their facility and we look forward to hosting the event screening on Friday the 27 June.

Two of the films to feature include Welcome to Dookie, a film about a father and son trying to get the train to run to Dookie again. And The Fabric, a film about Katrina, a Sudanese girl who's family takes refuge in Shepparton. There are 13 films with some going for 3 minutes and others for 20.

The event starts at 7.00pm for a screening at 7.30pm. Tickets are \$22.00 each and includes a complimentary glass of wine on arrival and supper during intermission. Tickets are available at the Cobram Visitor Information Centre and **bookings are essential**. If you are unable to pick your tickets up from Cobram we can hold them for you.

Check out the official St Kilda Film Festival Website:

[Click Here](#)

For bookings phone the Cobram Visitor Information Centre on:  
(03) 5872 2132

## Cobram U3A

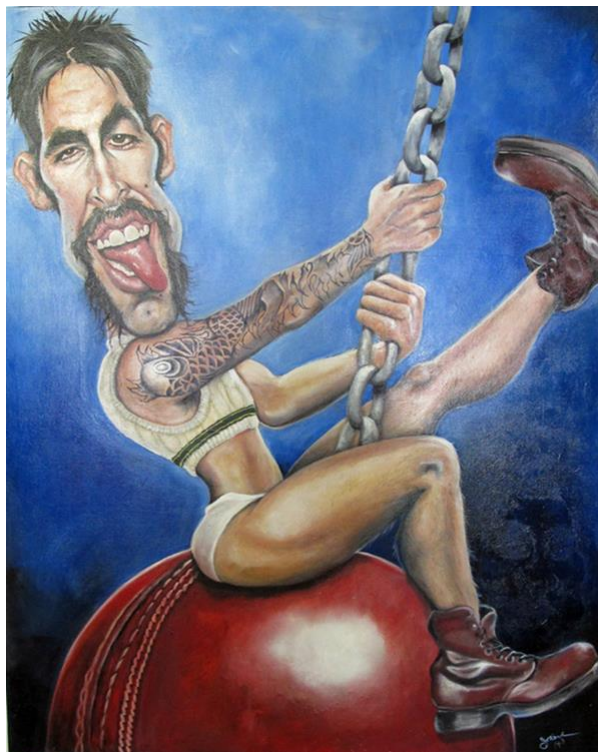
Cobram U3A were pleased to have MAC INC's Executive Officer Marilyn Gourley and Project Officer Lonnie O'Dwyer as their guest presenters on Tuesday 3 June at the Grand Central Hotel in Cobram. Marilyn gave an informative presentation about the role Moira Arts and Culture Inc or (MAC Inc) plays within our community and it's achievements thus far. Cobram U3A is a not for profit group and welcome new members. They enjoy arts and culture activities and take part in events throughout the year. If you would like more information about joining U3A please phone their Secretary Marjorie Coulter on (03) 5871 3326

## Bald Archy's and Benalla's Nude Exhibition Bus Trip

### Come with us on the Art Bus!

MAC INC and Cobram U3A are going on a bus trip and we would love you to join us!

We will be heading over to Swanpool to see the fantastic Bald Archy's Exhibition. "The Bald Archie's" is a fun version of the Archibald Prize. The exhibition depicts celebrities in controversial and humorous portraits such as this Miley Cyrus-influenced portrait of Wrecking Ball, Mitchell Johnson pictured right.



Whilst there, we can take a short walk to the Swanpool Bowls Club to see Benalla's Photo Club Exhibition. Then enjoy a catered lunch before heading back to Benalla to view the Nude Exhibition.

The Benalla Nude is an award for a work depicting a naked human figure as subject matter. The exhibition is a selection of shortlisted works, from which the winning work was awarded a \$50,000 non-acquisitive prize.

Date: Friday 11 July 2014

Time: Departs Cobram Post Office at 9.30am

Returns: Cobram 5.00pm

Cost: \$35.00 Includes entry to 3 exhibitions, travel and lunch.

Bookings essential: Please contact Cobram Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5872 2132 or for more information please contact Marilyn Gourley on (03) 58719 279 or email: [mgourley@moira.vic.gov.au](mailto:mgourley@moira.vic.gov.au)

## Numurkah Lake School- Celtic Music, Song & Dance



Numurkah will be the location of a great family event commencing on Thursday 2 October and finishing on Sunday 5 October, 2014.

The Lake School is a Celtic themed tutoring program focusing on music, song and dance. It has been very successful in other regions and MAC INC. is excited to host it here in our Shire.

The facilitator of The Lake School, Felix Meagher visited our Shire last week to see if Numurkah was suitable for the event. We inspected a number of venues with Felix feeling overwhelmed with what Numurkah had to offer.

The program is an opportunity for those wanting to learn from tutors who are outstanding musicians, singers and dancers from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Geelong, Ballarat and Warrnambool. The program is versatile and offers lots of interesting workshops and programs for all. Some of these include song writing, dancing, fiddle, guitar, ukulele, tin whistle and other instrument tutoring.

Participants statistically travel from other regions to stay locally and are encouraged to utilise our accommodation. Over the four days participants can enjoy various workshops being held in venues across town.

Evening events are also planned in local hotels, such as poetry readings and impromptu "Black Board" musical performances. The program is aimed at families and offers the opportunity for children to share a unique learning experience with their parents in a fun, cultural, environment. Thank you to all the people who contributed to the site visits and for accommodating Felix and our Board members along our tour. Here is a link to view The Lake School Website [Click Here](#)

For more information please contact Marilyn Gourley on (03) 58719 279 or email: [mgourley@moira.vic.gov.au](mailto:mgourley@moira.vic.gov.au)

## World War 1 Exhibition

Visitors to the Numurkah and District Historical Society's World War I Exhibition will experience more than just a step back in time. The three-room exhibition has been six months in the making and includes original military uniform and a range of artefacts including flags, uniforms, swords, magazines, newspapers, clippings and postcards with links to Numurkah.

The exhibition is on display at the Numurkah Historical Society, corner Melville Street and Knox Street until December with entry by gold coin donation. The Historical Society is open every Sunday from 1.30pm-3.30pm or by appointment by calling Rose Lee Coles on (03) 5862 2140.

## Regional Arts Australia Arts & Edges Summit



Regional Arts Australia presents its biennial summit in Kalgoorlie-Boulder, WA on 16-19 October, 2014. Country Arts WA will host what has become the largest gathering of regional artists and arts workers. Part conference, part festival, all art, Arts & Edges will be a celebration and a time of learning. You won't want to miss out.

The event is a fantastic professional development opportunity for regionally-based Victorian artists, art makers and arts workers, and an excellent forum for creative sharing across a national network of industry peers and provocateurs. The Summit offers a unique experience of forward-looking creative culture in one of Australia's most iconic regional centres.

Your registration to the Summit includes entry to the three-day conference, lunches and the conference dinner, a number of additional performances and the many delegate benefits of attending this significant event. Regional Arts Victoria, on behalf of the Australian Government Regional Arts Fund and Arts Victoria, are offering a travel grant to assist with the cost of registration, as well as other associated travel costs. The cost of early-bird registration for individuals is \$729 and for presenters \$522. Regional Arts Victoria members are eligible for a further discount with registration costing \$672.

Regional Arts Australia Summit attendees can also access exclusive discounts on Virgin Australia Flights. Details are available by [clicking here](#)

## Restoring Hope Exhibition



Earlier this week our Executive Officer Marilyn Gourley assisted our Community Development Officer Annabelle Mendoza to curate and hang the Restoring Hope Refugee Exhibition at the Cobram Community Centre. The Restoring Hope Exhibition will be on display from 10 June- 25 June as part of Moira Shire's Refugee Week celebrations. The exhibition highlights photos and stories by local Refugees of their journey to Australia. This free event is open to the community. The exhibition has powerful images with heartfelt stories that will leave you feeling appreciative and proud to have such amazing people within our community. We highly recommend taking the time to view this exhibition.

## Arts and Culture Events

Numurkah Library

Manga Art & Acrylic painting workshop.

Thursday June 26. 10.30am-3.30pm.

BYO lunch being held at ,this all day workshop is for people who are interested in developing their painting skills.

A full day program covering backgrounds, clothes, bodies, faces & eyes.

Cost: \$5. Limited space – Bookings essential.

Phone: 1300 374 765

## Antiques Appraisal Day

Being held at Numurkah Library on July 20.

For more information please Phone: 1300 374 765

## The Great Moira Art Show

A dynamic survey exhibition from around the Moira Shire. Come and enjoy mosaics, paintings, drawings, textiles and print making from Barmah, Cobram Yarrowonga and Nathalia.

May 31st to July 5th.

24 Blake Street Nathalia.

Open 11am to 4pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

More Information : [info@thegrainstore.org](mailto:info@thegrainstore.org)

## Faulty Towers - The Dining Experience

31 July 2014 Held at the Cobram Hotel, 8 Station Street Cobram

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts at 7.00pm

\$79.00 per person

Price includes 3- course meal and 2 hour show

Bookings required

Contact: 03 5872 1015

More information : [office@cobramhotel.com.au](mailto:office@cobramhotel.com.au)

## Your News

Don't forget to send us information about events, or workshops you may be holding.

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