



(Pictured above the Koroit Lake School, is coming to Numurkah)

Hello and welcome to the Spring edition of E News.

Over the past two months MAC INC. has been busy organising programs and events for all. A highlight being the St Kilda Film Festival held in June, when over 100 people took up the rare opportunity to see unique Australian films that would normally only be seen in the City.

In the Bin Short Film workshop was also well attended and took place in August with 80 students taking part. And the Numurkah Lake School of Music Song and Dance is only two weeks away. We are also working on securing an amazing photographic Exhibition called On the Sheep's Back planned for Yarrawonga in November , so we are certainly being kept on our toes!

We did manage time to take a bus trip over to Swanpool and Benalla to see the Bald Archy's and the Benalla Nude Exhibitions with Cobram U3A, a fun day had by all.

Read on for information on what's happening in arts and culture in our Shire. We are also on Facebook, Like our page to follow us.



Tony Abbott & Family with Prince Harry painted by Tony Sowersby.



Nude#1 by Charlie Wong

A great time was had by all when MAC INC. and U3A teamed up to take a ride on the Art Bus. The Bald Archy's was on show in the Swanpool Theatre. The reputation of the art work being fun and controversial rang true.

We enjoyed hearing others opinions and preferences of the best works and the tongue in cheek humour some of the paintings portrayed. The winning painting was titled "The Wrecking Ball", painted by Judy Nadin, however the people's choice painting pictured above was called "Tony Abbott and His Family with Prince Harry" painted by Tony Sowersby. After a lovely country style lunch served by the amazing volunteers we were back on the bus and headed over to Benalla to the Nude Exhibition. The paintings were fantastic and some a little confronting.

The winning painting was titled "After image, &,2013" painted by June Davilia, many were divided on the decision to award this the winning painting. The people's choice award was a standout and painted by Charlie Tong and titled Nude #1 above right. Thanks to all from U3A Cobram for a great day out and to Thomsons Bus Lines for providing our wonderful driver Julie.

## St Kilda Film Festival

Laughter and applause filled the Yarroweyah Town Hall when the St Kilda Film Festival travelled to our Shire in June. The films were very entertaining and catered for all. Most films had a comical edge to them, however some films were educational, whilst others celebrated the cultural diversity of Australia. One film titled the "Fabric" about Katrina, a teenager whose family have taken refuge in the country town of Shepparton from war torn Sudan, is seeking a way out. A chance meeting with teenage boy Charlie shows her the town in a new light. The Fabric was developed with Sudanese teens from Shepparton. They shared raw and intimate stories of their experiences fleeing a war-torn country and growing up in an Australian country town.

Over 100 people attended and enjoyed the delightful supper provided by the Town Hall Committee and a glass of Monichino's wine to top it off.

Feedback from the night was very positive with requests to bring the festival back next year.

Thank you to all that supported the event.

## In the Bin



In The Bin Short Film Workshop toured our Shire in August, producing some fantastic results. Over 80 students took part in the workshop with 16 short films completed. Students from Nathalia, Numurkah and Cobram Secondary College's along with Sacred Heart College Yarrowonga and Nathalia's St Mary's of the Angels took part in the 3 day workshop. On day one, the students were introduced to the program through a fun half day workshop where Jed Cahill the facilitator had the student's attention from the start.

The students enjoyed learning how to use the special effects program to create alternative scenes. First Jed would record the students performing a casual skit then swap their words around using the editing feature, with one scene appearing as though a flame ball had been thrown and another student saying he loved a girl... the student's roared laughing and were inspired to get out and start filming.

On day two, the students were divided into groups and began working on script ideas. It was interesting to see the topics students wanted chose as many were Hollywood style films and included aliens, or wizards, bank robberies and even stalkers.

The footage for the films was mainly taken in the school grounds however some had permission to film in different locations including the old Yarrowonga Convent. This was a great place to film as it's rumoured to be haunted, however no ghosts were seen.

On day three the students got to see one of the industry's modern tools of the trade when Jed showed the students how to capture film using a capture copter and filmed the Yarrowonga area from the sky, nearly all the kids jumped on the internet to see how to buy one, it was obviously a highlight of the program. Later that day the students experienced what real film making would feel like having to record a scene up to ten times to get the right angle, working tirelessly to get their films done the students collected enough footage to finally edit and add their special effects.

Jed showed the students how to edit their footage and add their subtitles. Family and friends enjoyed a screening of the films at the conclusion of the workshop. Many of the students were proud of their achievement and all enjoyed the experience. Special thanks to Jed Cahill from In the Bin for sharing his knowledge with our future film makers. Also thank you to all the teachers and schools for accepting our invitation of being involved. We were lucky enough to show the student's films to His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC and Mrs Chernov when they toured Moira Shire last week.

## Numurkah Lake School of Celtic Music Song & Dance

Moira Arts and Culture Inc is hosting the inaugural Numurkah Lake School of Celtic Music Song and Dance. The event starts on Thursday 2 October and finishes on Sunday 5 October 2014.

Workshops are on offer: Fiddle, mandolin, uilleann pipes, guitar, ukulele, whistle, bodhran, DADGAD guitar, guitar basics, poetry and dance.

The lake School first held in April 2000, was styled on the famous Willie Clancy Week in County Clare, Ireland. It was created by Felix and Christine Meagher and Val Kennedy who wanted to see an Australian Celtic Music School formed that their children could go to. The first Lake School had thirty enrolled students and eight tutors. The event has grown to host more than a hundred lessons, sessions, concerts and ceilidhes in the week and in 2013 there were 1697 enrolled students and over 20 tutors.

Moira Arts and Culture Inc ( MAC INC ) identified through Moira Shires Strategic Community Plan the need to develop arts and cultural programs within the Shire. The Board was looking for a major event that would deliver communities expectations in regards to workshops and development opportunities. One of the events that MAC INC brought to Moira Shire was 'The Man They Called Banjo'. held in Picola earlier this year, the event was a huge success of which Felix Meagher and some of his tutors were the stars of.

It was from there the relationship grew as the community requested similar events to visit our towns. And Felix had a Celtic program fitting for our lovely town of Numurkah. There it be!

### The Program

Thursday 2 October 2014 12.00pm

Attendees meet and greet for the information session hosted by Felix Meagher and other tutors.

Thursday night is the official Welcome Session at the Telegraph Hotel.

Friday night is the Blackboard Session at the Shamrock Hotel and Saturday night is the Poets Dinner at the Numurkah Hotel. After, if that's not enough fun for you, come along to our Op Shop Ball being held in the Town Hall following the Poets Dinner.

The workshops start on Thursday afternoon and run daily from 10am through to 5.30pm on Friday and Saturday.

On Sunday we have workshops from 9am to 1pm with a final concert to celebrate what the students have learnt from 2pm to 4pm.

There are programs for children, both musical and artistic activities and beginner's session as well.

Costs \$100.00 Per Adult \$75.00 Per Child \$300.00 Per Family 2 Adults 2 Children

Numurkah Lake School

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Bookings online : [www.cobrambarooga.org.au](http://www.cobrambarooga.org.au)

## On the Sheep's Back



MAC INC are proud to announce we are bringing a wonderful photographic Exhibition to Yarrawonga and Nathalia called "On the Sheep's Back" The dates and venue are still being confirmed so watch this space for more information. On The Sheep's Back is a fascinating collection of 1950's photography by renowned photo journalist Francis Reiss. In the 1950's, the Australian economy 'rode on the sheep's back', with the country's prosperity largely based on wool exports. Outback sheep stations and the people who worked them came to symbolise the Australian way of life. Over the ensuing decades, there was a significant shift away from working the land, with Australia becoming increasingly urbanised.

Reiss documented this era with his photographs of Burren Burren station owner Rex White and his family. The enduring images offer a glimpse of the effort involved in running a 30,000 acre property with 5000 sheep at the height of the wool boom. His work is included in the collections of the National Portrait Gallery of Australia, the National Library of Australia, the State Library of Victoria, Heide Museum of Modern Art, the Jewish Museum and the Whitehorse Art Collection.

## Arts and Culture around The Shire

**If you would like to include your event please email Lonnie O'Dwyer:**  
[lodwyer@moira.vic.gov.au](mailto:lodwyer@moira.vic.gov.au)

## Numurkah Town Band Prepares For Local Blokes

The Numurkah Town band has been preparing for the inauguration of the memorial for the "Local Blokes" on Sunday the 7th of September. the performance will be at the corner of Saxton Street and Melville Street. Many are of the opinion that the bands rendition of the Colonel Bogey march was splendid, many call the March as being the theme for the Film "Bridge On The River Kwai" it was most appropriate because the Local Blokes were POW's in Changi and Japan. The band's new banners and stands are fantastic and really help to highlight the important role our Town Band plays within the community. Public are welcome to drop into the band hall on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm for a listen and a cuppa, even join in. The Band is also looking forward to getting more young people to join the band to include some modern music to their repertoire, whilst maintaining popular traditional sounds. The main function of the band that being, to play at ceremonial events for the local community as has been done since 1904. The band is proud to belong to this wonderful community and the envy of many other towns because we have a town band.

## Yarrowonga Intergenerational Photo Competition

Celebrating Seniors Week Judges Choice 1st Prize: Framed print and photo shoot from Pixelprintz

Valued \$300 Public Choice 1st Prize:\$200 prepaid Visa Card

All entries must be A4(printing available at Pixelprintz for a reduced cost of \$5)

Entries close Thursday 23rd October 3pm. Please leave entries at Yarrowonga Health Reception 33 Piper St Yarrowonga or at Pixelprintz (11 Belmore St Yarrowonga) Enquiries (03) 5743 8111 Winners Announced at Seniors Week

## Ceramic Poppies

The Yarrowonga Primary School Years 5-6 students have started a program to make ceramic Corn Poppies for the 100 anniversary of ANZAC day and they would love to show off their work and maybe get a little support from the community to purchase clay and glaze. For more information please contact Michele Klowss (Welfare Support Community Workshop Coordinator) Michele can be contacted on 03 57443104 at Yarrowonga College.

## Artists in Residence

A poster for the 2015/16 Artist in Residence (AIR) program. The background is a black and white photograph of a person's shadow on a concrete surface, with a railing and some debris visible. The text is overlaid in yellow and white.

**2015/16 Artist in Residence (AIR) program**

**Applications now open**

- Open to both emerging and established artists that reside outside of the Sydney metropolitan area
- Any art form eligible
- Community development/engagement component required

**Closing Date**  
Applications close midnight  
Sunday 21 September 2014

**Further Information**  
Visit [www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au)  
Phone 02 9716 1866  
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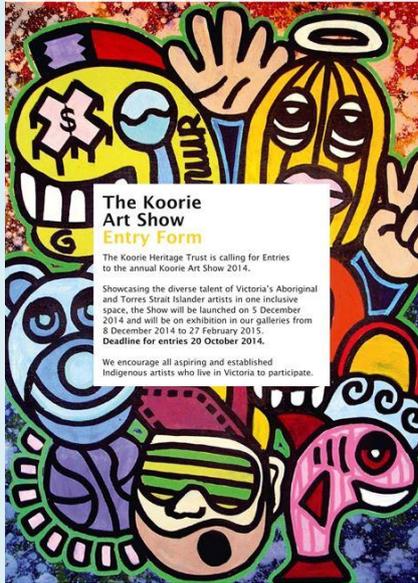
## QUICK RESPONSE GRANTS Regional Arts Victoria

AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO OUR REGIONAL COMMUNITIES

Due to unprecedented demand to the Regional Arts Fund's Quick Response Grant program, the allocation for 2014 has now been reached and the fund has closed. The Quick Response Grant program will reopen on the 12 January 2015. If you have any queries, please contact the cultural team at Regional Arts Victoria.

Investing in the creative leaders of tomorrow, Regional Arts Victoria's Creative Leadership Program takes twelve emerging arts leaders (selected by competitive application) from across regional and remote Victoria and immerses them in a nine-day intensive of workshops, talks and placements. Now in its fourth year, the Regional Arts Victoria Creative Leadership Program has a proud alumni of new arts leaders cross the state. Applications close 7 November 2014.

## The Koorie Art Show



## Home is where the Hall is

Home is Where the Hall is once again. This sweet state-wide initiative celebrates the incredible diversity and the vital role that halls play within communities around the state. From art exhibitions to film screenings, and music performances to markets, community events will be taking place across the state throughout the month of November – and we'll be 'shining a light on them'! So if you would like to talk up the great things that your hall does, check out the website. It's easy and free!

<http://homeiswherethehallis.com/>

## Conferences

Arts & Edges

Regional Arts Australia and Country Arts WA are presenting the bi-annual National Regional Arts conference at Kalgoorlie-Boulder: 16 – 19 October 2014. Contact Regional Arts Australia.

## Nathalia G.R.A.I.N.S.T.O.R.E

Exhibition "STREET X STREET

Blake Street Nathalia

An exhibition by La Trobe and Nathalia photographers that documents the entire built environment of Nathalia, Victoria in 2014. Combining Art, Education, Urban Planning and Community...could this be the first art photographic project of its kind in the world? It comprises more than 1150 images - the result of an epic photography shoot.

The exhibition will be opened by Bruce Echberg, Fellow of the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects and founding member of the Urban Design Forum. Runs until October 4<sup>th</sup>

## **Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre**

Barmah and Beyond Flora and Fauna Around the World with Estelle Chalker  
16 August 2014 15:00 to 22 September 2014 00:00

## **Benalla Art Gallery**

Contemporary Textiles brings together the work of Georgina Cue, Jeannie McDonagh and Annemieke Mein. These artists transform their materials, connecting old and new narratives to create works of innovation and beauty. Through the visually striking designs, skilled techniques and richly textured surfaces, the works on display highlight the importance of weaving new histories and ideas in today's society. The exhibition showcases a diverse range of textile practice and celebrates the ways in which these three contemporary artists explore, extend and push the boundaries of this traditional medium.

## **Wangaratta Art Gallery**

6 September - 19 October

MATERIAL EDGE: Australian artists & designers working on the edge of contemporary textiles  
Kate Just - Pip Lincolne - Douglas McManus – Maricor / Maricar - Romance Was Born - Kathy Temin

## **Shepparton Art Museum**

Delinquent Angel: John Perceval's Ceramic Angels  
Friday 29 August 2014 - Sunday 23 November 2014

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