



Art is... 2019 Committee

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Festival Director: Sarah Natali

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Finance Officer: Alison White

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Theme

Art is... a Footprint entered the final year of the triennial theme with the concept "Moulding our future"

Art is... festival loves to explore and tell stories, your stories, and embrace our community's shared identity, crafted by the footprints we make as we live in the Wimmera.

This year the Art is... festival is creating - moulding our future. Exploring who we are, where we are from and where we are going. As we shape and mould our lives we discover who we can become. Whilst we shape and mould our lives we learn about who we are as self, about our environment and the consequences of change.

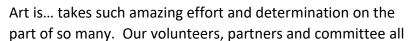
Join us in 'Moulding our future' making small changes in order to be who you want to be and allowing our children the opportunity to shape and mould their future in our changing global environment.

Other News

In the months before the festival we packed up our boxes and emptied the store cupboard and we moved house... We left our home of over ten moved to the more accessible soon to be cultural hub of Jubilee Hall. Massive thanks to Alison White the Finance officer who went above and beyond in effort to reuse and recycle stuff that we no longer use.

Message from the Art is... festival director

The festival could not happen without community engagement. As a key principle of the festival it is the heart of what we do. This year we had over 2737 participants make something for the festival and our very visible public art exhibition *Spring into Winter* really brought art to the streets; making the viewing of art accessible to all.





freely give their time and energy to play their part in the creation, development and logistics of running 44 events over a ten day period. An amazing achievement for a regional festival that otherwise could not be achieved with only two paid part time staff. *Thank you* from the bottom of my heart to all of you go getters out there, who continually make such a fabulous contribution to our community year after year- Creating great Art together and for the Wimmera.

On a personal note, Elaine Uebergang and Marion Matthews both deserve a special mention from me, Marion for always being on the end of the phone as fabulous mentor and Elaine for supporting and going above and beyond in all that she does.

Thanks heaps! Sarah x





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SUN. 2 JUNE, 1-4PM

510 Children 15 + Under (includes all RTS PLAY 55 Adults + performantes)

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ART PLAY SUNDAY

TREES TELL TALL TALES

STORYTIME with DALE BAKER

Former Horskemite Dale Baker reads Ady Faray Marty. Dale will do
a free book to the linst 30 civildren to see gizer winh the
binary and to attend on the day. Any Karly Marty will
be one of the books on the new Tees Tell Saft Tales
frail, Phone the Library to book. 5382 1777

A partel of readings, discussion, and a question and answer session featuring four prominent Victorian wither, writing across different genres, formes, types, and for different audiences. An opportunity or celebrate and engage with the diversity available in our own locary biodypont.

LIVE MUSIC See artiswimmera.com for Info

Come, bring your little ones, sit and listen no the trees of the Wimmera whilst they tell you a step, Maps can be collected at Redrick Bookshop. Council, Library, Art Galley, and the Children's hub, or download from the website. Tressere hunt with pitzes for the duration of the Festival. In the Library of the third with pitzes for the duration of the Festival. (until stooks run out) BYD smart phone / fablet.

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FRI 31 MAY 7:30PM Bull and Mouth

VICTORIAN WRITING

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Join us for the opening of Casting The Yet To Corrie and walcome the start of the 2019 Art Is... Festival. Music. mulled wine, nitribles and lots of winter cheer.

FRI 1 JUNE, 5:30PM

POPPET BENDIGO

Community Screening
Join the Natimuk community for a screening
of Poppet, the large community performance
created by many Natimuk artists and
technicians as part of the Regional Centre
of Culture in Bendigo, Victoria 2018. SUN 2 JUNE, 7PM No2 Nationals







ROTARY ART FAIR

5382 9555 www.horshamtownhall.com.au FRI 7 JUNE, 79W

THE DIVINE ORDER

The Divise Order is set in "Awsterland in 1971 where,
housewife Nora to troth idden by their hockand to take a
partiern sigh, their frustrations leads to ther becoming
the poster child of her travels'
suffragette movement.

MON 10 JUNE 77W FOR A 7-30PM START

BAA 3400 Join us for an insight into moulding the future of food, with an evening of sustainable and social dining at baa 3400. SUN 9 JUNE 6.30PM FOR 7PM

COST: \$65 Drinks at bar prices

BOXINGS: Places are limited and bookings essential. Contact 0499 3400 88 or bas3400@cuttook.com bas 3400, 118 Sattle St. Horsham

Whilst enjoying various exhibitions, events and activities throughout the festival bask in the sounds of our singers/songwriters and musicians with pop up performances of various events around town. See website for times and to sign up to perform.

NATIMUK FARMERS MARKET

Showcasing regional produce and quality locals arts and craft. 50N 10 JUNE, 10.6N-1:30PM

STOP MOTION

WORKSHOPS

MON 10 JUNE:

GARMENT MAKER

SAT-SUN 8-9 JUNE:

COLLAGRAPH PRINTMAKING

FRI-SAT 7-8 JUNE:

8x12 PHOTO COMPETITION

The photo muster has evolved... Bring your camera, take your time, consider your shots, create some magic and then share them with us. 10 days / 3 mystery subjects / 3 8x12 prints / Your Carriera or phone

ENTRY: \$10. Collect a form and instructions from Harrey Norman from the 31 st May. Return your three best pictures to be enlarged and bring them to judging to be in a chance to win some prizes.

WALKING THE WIMMERA Take the time to sit, relax and appreciate our arrainement - give yourself ten minutes this Sunday to mould your future with some self care - make the time to be emadely with some simple prompts to guide and insipne. Select the art materials of your choice and go draw.

(For adults and children. All materials and inspiration provided - you just need to give in the time. Yes 10mins a snough but feel free to stay longer if you'd like).

SUN 9 JUNE, anytime between 10AM-WBDN Meet at No2 Natimak

ART TRAIL

there is a plethora of public at and history in Hersham just sailting to be discovered. Take a signified walldrive to explore and reward yourcell with a free collect I you complete and releast of yourcell with a free maps and que questions, Can be collected at the Art Gallery or downloaded a entrainment com DURATION OF THE FESTIVAL and beyond

SOUND HEALING

Sound healing uses vibrational sound to help reduce stress, after consciousness and create ; deep sense of peace, well being and better health. COST: \$30 BOOKINGS: TBC See artiswimmera.co for more info

SAT 1 JUNE, 2-5PM Federation University to

NEW ROADS AHEAD

TICKETS: \$10 (Includes afternoon tea)

UNIVES: artiswimmera.com 0428 810 296

PIANO CONCERT

A revolutionary piono learning method that offers a breakfrou in musical education. Come eins check out the skills of Umman's students playing an assertment pieces including original works.

SAT & JUNE, 11.3BAW

HORSHAM **CINEMA FILM** FESTIVAL

Experience the joys of art-house and independent cinema without leaving Horsham. Visit the website for the full program of incredible films to enjoy.

7-10 JUNE

EXHIBITIONS

CASTING THE YET



OPENING: FRI 31 MAY, 5:30PM EXHIBITION DATES: 31 MAY-30 JUNE

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CHARCOAL DRAWING A ACRYLIC PAINTING

CHARCOAL DRAWING: SAT 8 JUNE

ACRYLIC PAINGING: MON 10 JUNE

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Launch

The 2019 Festival launch and opening was held at Redrock books and Gallery. Councillor Mark Radford wrote a poem for the occasion and Ron Marks traditional owner and Wergaia man did a beautiful welcome to country and smoking ceremony. Secretary Cheryl Linke gave us her picks of the program a future staple of the launch I'm sure!

Visual Art

Spring into Winter, our visual artistic offering for 2019 was funded from our core four year OIP funding through Creative Victoria and by the support of GrampianArts.

Nichola Clarke our community artist worked with a cross section of the community to create whimsical hybrid sculptures from recycled materials. These were then displayed in the roundabouts at the four major intersections in the CDB for the month of June.







Overall 1600 participants contributed to the making of the installation over 44 workshops including thirteen community groups, six disability day programs, nineteen school workshops and several opportunities for the general public to come and create. Hannah French curated the installation.

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Community Event – The Winter Warmer



The Winter Warmer was held on the Saturday of the long weekend and aimed to establish the festival as a Winter event. A test piece and a new partnership with the Horsham Agricultural society we hope that this will be a favourite in the future, giving us the space and the arena to do some fire and light events.





Horsham College VCE Fire Dancers choreographed by Amy Anselmi



Under the Milky Way

– Nicola Clarke and
community



Art Play Sunday

This is event is under the guidance of special projects officer: Elaine Uebergang. Art Play Sunday took over the Heritage Hall and was a roaring success with numbers up on previous years, 167 attended meaning that there nearly weren't enough fruit kebabs!

We partnered with seven community groups/artists, two schools and the Horsham Regional Art Gallery to deliver this event which has eighteen activities for participants to enjoy. Art Play Sunday would not be feasible were it not for the dedication and hard work the volunteers who come to help set up and provide such a fabulous day for the young



people of the Wimmera. The hard work paid off and the day was well attended and appreciated by all. Thanks to all who volunteered, and facilitated so many children (and adults) having fun.

Oasis Wimmera, the migrant settlement group, shared their cultures through authentic costumes and dance. The Wimmera Women's Circus delivered their popular acrobatic workshop and taught hula hoop and circus tricks. St Brigid's College's VET students delivered creative activities as did students from Horsham College. Artists, Dave Jones shared emerging technology with FACE OFF: an animated experiment and Mary French's activity



surrounded shadow play -all sessions were fully subscribed. Pinch pots, rockpainting, fabric painting on locally made "Boomarang" bags and some good old fashioned colouring in was also on offer and when it all got too much the library (WRLC) had a lovely reading corner.

The performance for the latter part of the afternoon was from Asking for Trouble. A festival favourite who had developed their premier performance of Pick up Sticks as part of the Art is... Encounter program.



In 2018 we had large concerns around photography consent. We were able to

improve somewhat at this event and are still working on an easier method.

Art Play Sunday's fruit kebabs were made possible due to a successful small enabler grant from the Wimmera Primary Care Partnership.

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Encounter

A three stage program consisting of comprehensive art making experience for artists, educational professionals and young people incorporating creative exchange, project planning, professional development, art making and performing/exhibiting. 2019 saw Encounter enter its seventh year.

Achievement of objectives:

The following responses represent key excerpts from the feedback received that relate to the achievement of the identified objectives of the program.

Objective 1 – Engage with a professional regionally based theatre company in the making of a new touring work.

"Not only did Encounter provide us with the opportunity to create a new work and premiere it at the Art is... festival but Regional Arts Victoria also experienced the work on Encounter day and have picked up the new Pick Up Sticks work for next year's Schools Touring program. Encounter is a valuable opportunity to create ongoing work for us as a regionally based theatre company. "Asking For Trouble"



Objective 2: Increase local artist's creative capacity and exposure to new skills, methods and practice.

"One of the most valuable opportunities Encounter presents for me is the insight and generosity of being exposed to other professional Artists performance making processes... (this)...experience informs my own practices" Jillian Pearce Creative Producer Encounter Project.

Objective 3 – Provide employment opportunities for local artists that encourages them to stay in the region as practitioners- benefiting the whole community.

"As a practitioner with a predominately visual art practise, the chance to work in a theatre and performance space was extremely valuable, and the students were a treat in opening up my eyes to the new ideas and possibilities. " Hannah French Artist





Objective 4 – Develops the professional skills and project planning of our teachers in quality engagement, relevance and delivery of an arts experience within their profession

"I always find Encounter collaboration a meaningful and deeply engaging experience for my teaching practice and the students I teach. Each year I am exposed to new skills and ways of doing things that add to the quality of my teaching for years to come" Mary French Dimboola Primary School teacher.

Objective 5 —Provide high quality Theatre arts making and performing experiences for young people across the region and Objective 6—Provide high quality Theatre experience in a theatre venue for young people across the region

"St Arnaud has been targeted by Creative Victoria for its absence of live arts but much is limited as art is mostly organised by volunteers. Student's feedback particularly noted the ease with and that they were able to create theatre. Encounter was an excellent use of the Horsham Town Hall & Gallery. For students from an outlying small town to take work they had created to a large regional centre and share with other students is an outstanding opportunity. The exposure to theatre culture, professional lighting, sound and production was great." Jacinda O'Sullivan Artist St Arnaud.

Student feedback responses:

"I felt really proud" "We got to have a go" "I was nervous but was ok when I got up there"







Rebecca – "We practiced our performance on the stage, I liked trying out new things like gymnastic tricks."



Kiarna –"I enjoyed when we did our performance and we got to come to the front of the stage and do a pose.

Hamish – "I loved how lots of schools came, did their performances and didn't look scared when they were up on stage. I liked watching the drain pipe boy because he had good contact with the crowd and he made us laugh."



Challenges and solutions



- 1) In one school, the visiting artist was left alone with groups of
 - students for whole sessions while the teacher had been timetabled to a completely different class. In future, the Art is... festival will tighten processes in the way we communicate the expectation of what an artist/teacher collaboration looks like.
 - 2) Schools allocate their budgets and time a year in advance, as funding for the program is not confirmed till the end of the year which, with Summer break for schools. To address this, Art is... festival and Horsham Town Hall are developing a model that isolates different aspects of the Encounter program into what can be funded independently of any application.



Some Other Events

Galleries on the side, an exhibition by local artists, established, emerging and youth displayed in the windows of participating local businesses returned under the supervision of two of our newer committee members Alistair Shaw and Tim Dunmill who together rallied thirty four artists into participating in 2019. First Prize went to Cath De Vaus who took up watercolour two years ago.

Michelle McFarlane Photographer exhibited in Moulding at the Goat – A series of microscopic landscapes of mould and fungus. Our very own festival director provided much of the mould that was photographed and a whole host of mouldy samples to view. Local mould Expert Elizabeth Sheedy from DELWP spoke about her project on the fungus in crop research in the Wimmera. The Community was also asked to contribute to this exhibition and we had several community exhibits entered including a mummified cat discovered under the old school house. Hannah French was curator.



30 years of Victorian Writing- We collaborated with Writers Victoria and the Redrock books and Gallery to deliver this event. A panel discussion with four Victorian authors.

Art trail By Di Dale – An initiative from the committee and delivered by a festival volunteer this is a permanent activity that can be completed at any time and is available to download at the website and available at several places in town including the Visitor Information Centre. We had 50 coffee vouchers linked to this activity and all 50 were given out during the festival on completion of the trail. Massive thanks to Di Dale who researched and created this activity – available to download at

Grey Matters – Simone Dalton created a model Wimmera of the future out of food and lollies and delivered a thought provoking forum with the help of emerging homegrown academics from Federation University.



Trees Tell Tall Tales – Public art meets literacy, a permanent story telling trail through a partnership with the catchment management authority, Local Learning and Employment Network, Regional Library, Council and local radio station 3WM and Mixx FM.

Five native trees along the Wimmera river and two trees in the botanical gardens were chosen and matched with children's books. The stories, read by locals, including the Mayor Mark Radford and our member for the Mallee Emma Keely, were recorded and signage created that is scanned and linked to an audio file enabling listeners to hear the story from their own smart device. Rae Talbot from the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority delivers tours of the



river to school groups and has a wonderful relationship with the river and it's flora and fauna, was enlisted to add nature and place to the audio and also to share her knowledge of the river to all that complete the trail. She speaks about the five native trees along the river and what animals you might be able to see near the tree. The trail is a 365 days a year permanent and accessible art tour. We hope to add more trees and stories to this project in the future.

The location map for the trees can be downloaded at https://www.artiswimmera.com/tttt

Art is... for you to create- The ongoing support of GrampianArts as a partner and funder over the previous few years led to some conversations between our two committees enabling the establishment of a new project arm of Art is... using the skills and knowledge of GrampianArts to deliver a series of workshops during the festival. The goal of the workshop program is to offer opportunities for our local artists to access high quality tutors over a weekend so that they may build their skills and enable professional development without leaving the region. We advertised seven workshops and were able to fill and run five of the classes. This promising start for the program will ensure that it will run in the future. Interestingly the two classes that did not fill were artists that were from within the Wimmera — one of whom had delivered a similar workshop recently. This program will work on a self-funding ethos which has potential in the future to turn a slight profit which potentially can be used in the following year towards activities such as potential scholarship program for local youth or some other worthy avenue of deliverables that fit with our aims and objectives.



Performances	
Self-entrepreneured events	Attendance
Official Opening	30
8x12 Competition	7
Grey Matters	30
Art Play Sunday	167
Walking the Wimmera	30
Buskfest	160
Encounter day	184
Encounter Workshops	480
Encounter PD Workshop	13
Spring into Winter Workshops	1600
Under the Milky Way Workshops	427
Winter Warmer	250
Art is for you to create – workshops	50
Co-productions/co-presentations	
Art Matters performance	53
Rotary Art Fair Opening	150
The Studio	100 (Estimate based on 10 per class)
Dinner at Baa 3400	30
Poppet Bendigo screening	26
Palais de Pixel – The Divine Order	37
Simply Music Concert	47
Asking for trouble – Pick up Sticks	128
Storytime with Dale Baker	112
30 years of Victorian Writing	27
Sound healing	20
Horsham Cinema Film Festival	203
	bitions
Self-curated/Initiated (Event opening not total	audience over exhibition)
Galleries on the side	55
Moulding at the Goat	43
Art matters	54
Casting the yet to come	43
8x12 Photo exhibition	100
Trees tell tall tales	50
Art trail	50 (coffee vouchers given out)
Labyrinth	250
Under the Milky Way	250
Spring into Winter	400
Total Attendance	5770
Self-curated / initiated exhibitions	No. of Exhibition Days
Galleries on the side	15
Moulding at the goat	5
Art matters	5
Casting the web yet to come	15
Spring into Winter	32
Under the Milky Way	1
Labyrinth	1
Trees tell Tall Tales	365 Permanent
Art trail	365 Permanent
Total	804



Financials

Horsham Art is...Festival Inc P O Box 323 Horsham Vic 3402

Profit & Loss Statement

1/01/2019 through 19/12/2019

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Income	
EARNED INCOME	
Audience Sales box off/ent fee	\$2,276.50
Fees & Servs Workshop Fees	\$4,825.00
Total EARNED INCOME	\$7,101.50
PRIVATE SUPPORT	41,123.22
Sponsorships	
Wimmera PCP	\$500.00
Philanthropic	\$8,000.00
Grampianarts	\$10,000.00
Red Rock Books	\$1,000.00
Other sponsorships	\$880.00
Total Sponsorships	\$20,380.00
Total PRIVATE SUPPORT	\$20,380.00
OTHER EARNED INCOME	2722.05
Bank interest	\$738.95
Total OTHER EARNED INCOME	\$738.95
GOVERNMENT FUNDING	
State	675 000 00
Creative Victoria ann op Total State	\$75,000.00
Local	\$75,000.00
HRCC	\$14,100.00
Total Local	\$14,100.00
Total GOVERNMENT FUNDING	\$89,100.00
Total Income	\$117,320.45
Total Industria	9111,020.10
Expenses	
SALARIES WAGES & FEES	
Artists Fees	
Major Artists	\$12,900.28
Local Artists	\$8,060.79
Photographic artist	\$2,000.00
Project Manager	\$1,000.00
Creative Producer	\$4,100.00
Total Artists Fees	\$28,061.07
Management/Admin	625 000 00
General Manager	\$25,000.00
Special projects and volunteer Finance Officer	\$8,000.00 \$1,525.00
Total Management/Admin	\$34,525.00
Fees/Allowances/oncosts	\$34,323.00
Accommodation	\$104.55
Touring Travel & allowances	\$940.16
Total Fees/Allowances/oncosts	\$1,044.71
Total SALARIES WAGES & FEES	\$63,630.78
PRODUCTION	400,000
Venue/Exhibition Space	\$2.700.00
Equipment lighting audio	\$1,601.68
Scenic, Staging, Materials	\$2,902.23
Catering	\$646.59
Total PRODUCTION	\$7,850.50
MARKETING PROMOTION	
Advertising all media	\$5,818.18
Prom material (logo Signage)	\$875.00
Print Costs	\$3,868.91
Design Logo Web Programme	\$581.92
Mark/PR Sponsor support	\$181.82
Launch	\$319.89
Total MARKETING PROMOTION	\$11,645.72
ADMINISTRATION	



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Office Running costs & Rent	\$1,871.33
Office Consumables	\$92.32
Communications	\$140.76
Insurance Licences subs	\$2,045.45
Legal/finance/governance	
Bank Charges	\$43.00
Committee Support	\$507.06
Total Legal/finance/governance	\$550.06
Fotal ADMINISTRATION	\$4,699.92
al Expenses	\$87,826.92
t Profit/(Loss)	\$29,493.53

Please note that due to an administrative error the amount received from HRCC is accounted on this statement from two years. The amount that HRCC funded for 2019 was to the amount of \$7,350, \$6,750 for a community Grant and \$600 towards signage for the Trees Tell Tall Tales Project. And then for the 2020 festival they have provided us with \$6750 the error was to do confusion with which festival the HRCC community grant actually funds. This had not been recorded accurately in the past.

Don't worry the festival will be back in 2020... Art is... Unexpected.



The theme of the 2020 Art is... festival is Art is... Unexpected.

Unexpected: a surprising disruption to the everyday....

For a brief moment in your busy life, pause and see something as if for the first time. In the 25th year of Art is... we dare you to be surprised, delighted or challenged.

Join us in observing the unexpected in the everyday, exploring the world with a childlike sense of wonder and excitement as we make footprints through our land.