

Our Vision is that Bacchus Marsh will become a regional hub of cultural vitality where arts and culture connects community through education, participation and creativity

Welcome

Welcome to this first issue of the BMAC Newsletter. What have we been doing you ask? Hopefully, this newsletter will help to answer that question.

Last year, your committee circulated to all registered members the 2014–2018 Strategic Plan that would guide the early activities of BMAC. Since then, your committee has been active in developing how to achieve the plan's objectives. Earlier this year we mounted a small exhibition in the foyer of the BM Public Hall as part of the 2016 Harvest Festival. In itself the exhibition made little impact. However out of that experience has grown the concept of holding an arts and craft **Maker's Market**. This event will be held as part of the November Strawberry & Cherry Weekend—see the story below.

We are currently negotiating with the Village Centre to establish a **Pop Up Gallery** displaying high quality local art pieces. The Village Centre has generously agreed to let us use currently unoccupied shop space. We also see the opportunity to run various workshops using this space — see the story on page 2. One of our Committee members, Ri Van Veen, is negotiating with the Village Centre for an opportunity to occupy a stand in the public area **demonstrating her sculpting skills**.

Finally, our signature **Placemaking Project** continues to be developed –see the story on page 2

Art & Craft Makers Market

When: The Strawberry & Cherry Weekend 19th & 20th Nov 2016

Where: BM Public Hall



The **Bacchus Marsh Arts & Craft Market** will be a feature of this year's Strawberry and Cherry Festival. Don't miss this fabulous opportunity to **P**eruse, **P**urchase and **P**onder the creative wonders of some of the most talented artists in our region. During the two day event, over 30 hand picked artisans will be offering an extensive variety of unique work for sale in the comfort and warmth of the newly renovated Bacchus Marsh Public Hall. Entry will be free to the public.

Are you a creator of high quality art and craft work? Don't miss this fabulous opportunity to capture the attention of an established audience of over 25,000 festival visitors with your high quality creative wares. This event will be extensively promoted, included in all festival advertising and programming and bill boarded at the venue. It will even have its own festival tour bus stop directly in front of the venue.

Potential Market Stallholders can Email secretary@bmaci.org.au for an Application Form and copy of the Governing Rules & Conditions. **Applications close 19th September 2016**

Placemaking Project

This is our signature project and underlines our intention as an Arts Council to serve our community. The programme will be developed in three phases, commencing with the commissioning and installation of a Public Art Piece. This will be followed by a mapping programme of our locality and the communities that make us who we are. Finally we will establish an ongoing activity of generating markers and waymarkers for significant locations that the community have identified. At the 2015 AGM, Anu Patel outlined the project and presented the concept of the initial Public Art Piece as shown here.

We have identified and the Village Centre have agreed that the most suitable position for the initial public art piece is the Main St concourse of the village Centre entrance.

We are now reaching the point where we have sufficient definition of the initial piece to build a formal funding application. Watch this space



Pop Up Gallery

Bacchus Marsh lacks a dedicated visual art display space. Over recent weeks we have had some exciting discussions with the Village Centre management and they have very generously offered BMAC use of one of the currently empty shops. We hope to use the space to display works created by local artists and crafters.

The aim is to have the gallery up and running by November 2016 to coincide with the official opening of the redeveloped Village Centre. There is still a lot of work to be done such as providing display infrastructure (lighting, hanging, supports etc). The Village Centre will provide basic finishing.

All this requires money for which we are actively seeking grants from funding bodies. You can donate to this project at <https://www.chuffed.org/project/bmacgallery#>

Any donation of \$50 or more will give the donor one year paid up membership to BMAC.

Other News Items

Resignation of President

It is with regret that we advise Ray Newton has stepped down as president of the BMAC. The position of President will remain vacant until an appointment is made at the AGM in October

Successful Grant

BMAC has received a grant of \$1150 from the Moorabool Shire Council towards developing an arts space in the foyer of the public hall. This money will be put towards providing an arts piece hanging system. We thank the Council for this contribution to support community art in Bacchus Marsh





Nomination for Committee

I hereby nominate

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For the position of (please tick ONE of the boxes below. Use a separate form if nominating for more than one position.)

President	
Vice President	
Treasurer	
Secretary	
Ordinary Committee Member	

Proposer Name	Proposer Signature	Date

I accept the nomination

Candidate Name	Candidate Signature	Date

Please note that under the rules of BMAC Inc :

- (I) A candidate may nominate themselves.
- (II) A candidate may nominate separately for more than one position. (Rule 51 (3) states :-A candidate who is nominated for a position and fails to be elected to that position, may be nominated for any other position for which an election is yet to be held)

Please send the completed form to **The Secretary, Bacchus Marsh Arts Council Inc, PO Box 126, Bacchus Marsh , VIC 3340**

OR

You may present the completed form at the Annual General Meeting prior to the meeting being declared open.