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## Health Promotion South, Links to Creativity Update August 2020

This issue contains cultural activities and consultations to support our wellbeing,

*'As we come blinking out into the light, now is the time to leave a space in our lives to make art, whether we join a choir, a writing group, a quilting bee, a dance class, set up a studio in the shed or make funny videos on our phones. Make a little nest for your feelings about being alive, nurture them that they may fledge and fly.'*

Grayson Perry – *The Guardian*

**Support Act is able to offer its Wellbeing Helpline** services beyond the music and theatre industries to the broader arts sector. Support Act CEO Clive Miller said any music or arts worker concerned about their mental health is able to call the Helpline. The Helpline is a free confidential service available 24/7, staffed by professional clinicians familiar with issues faced by people working in music and the arts. It can be accessed by calling 1800 959 500 or **via email**. Zoom video calls are also available.

**Junction Arts Festival is seeking Expressions Of Interest for positions on the Board of Directors. Application close Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Now in its tenth year, Junction Arts Festival is an intimate celebration of Tasmanian community and creativity, inspiring audiences through exciting and diverse performances of art, music and dance.

Membership of the Junction Board is stimulating, fun, challenging, and very rewarding - you get to make a difference to the Tasmanian community and be a part of a collaborative and creative team. For more information about Meetings and time commitments:

<https://www.junctionartsfestival.com.au/get-involved/expressions-of-interest-board-of-directors>



😊 **Need a smile?** Start designing your t-shirt.

😊 and listen to the Royal Melbourne Hospital Scrub Choir sing [Count On Me](#).

**Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra (TSO) Daily Dose.** A new video posted to TSO's YouTube channel every day.

**Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG)** Visit the [virtual TMAG museum](#). Stay tuned to TMAG's social media channels for upcoming virtual tours, such as *Live Mystery Tour*, *catch up with a Curator* and *Visit with a VSO*.

## **Premiers Economic & Social recovery Advisory Council Interim report**

The Interim report provides an overview of the economic and social impacts of COVID-19 and outlines the Council's recommendations with regard to the recovery journey and its immediate priorities. **One of the recommendations is to implement and fund the Community Arts and Cultural Development Strategy (page 57)**

In preparing the Interim report, the Council has had the benefit of considerable data and information from Tasmanian businesses, individuals and the broader community.

The Interim report has been informed by:

- published and unpublished data and information available to us;
- our targeted consultation with Government agencies and peak bodies; and
- additional information contained in other submissions provided to us.

View the [consultation undertaken and the submissions received](#) during phase one.

[Provide feedback on the Interim report.](#)

**Local government and cultural development – healthy, safe and inclusive communities** <https://culturaldevelopment.net.au/outcomes/social/>

## **LAUNCESTON**

**- A social, inclusive and fair City** Council is invested in our whole community's long-term health and wellbeing.

Our challenge is to work together to address issues of social isolation, disparity and unfairness, to create a Launceston that is welcoming and healthy for all.

Through our **Tomorrow Together** engagement program we are collecting information around the following four key themes:

1. Strong communities
2. Supported communities
3. Connected communities
4. Thriving communities

**Get involved and help us understand how we can foster and promote Launceston as a safe, welcoming and healthy place for all by:**

1. Completing the [online survey](#)
2. Signing up and staying informed as a registered member of [Your Voice. Your Launceston.](#)
3. Completing the survey **and** registering will make you eligible to win family passes to our Launceston Leisure and Aquatic and Village Cinemas!

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## **HOBART**

**-Keep Creative and Engaged** - The City of Hobart invite you to turn the current challenges into an opportunity to get creative and connect with creative activities around you. Includes:  
The Bloody Unknown story telling project <https://thebloodyunknown.com/share-your-story>  
The Smarter Hobart Challenge - Bus shelter and integrated digital Interface Design Competition. Entries being accepted until September 3<sup>rd</sup> <https://www.hobartcity.com.au/Community/Connected-Hobart/Bus-Shelter> Help make waiting for the bus a reliable safe accessible and socially connective experience.

**Platform and Creative Culture** - The City of Hobart is looking for creatives, aged 12 to 25, who are interested in contributing to several new and exciting creative opportunities. These opportunities will celebrate the skill, passion and creativity of young people in our community, including podcasts, film making, animation and interviews. Platform is a program of Youth ARC. [www.platform-youthculture.com/](http://www.platform-youthculture.com/)

## **Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) is open and bookings are required**

[https://www.tmag.tas.gov.au/whats\\_on/exhibitions](https://www.tmag.tas.gov.au/whats_on/exhibitions)

Lots of exciting an inspiring activities now available to see including:

- Extinction studies performance artist Lucienne Rickard will draw and then erase different recently extinct or animal species every day.
- West: Out on the edge a captivating exhibition exploring Tasmania's distinctive and compelling West coast.

[https://www.tmag.tas.gov.au/whats\\_on/newsselect/2020articles/covid-19\\_stories\\_project](https://www.tmag.tas.gov.au/whats_on/newsselect/2020articles/covid-19_stories_project)

## **CLARENCE**

**Arts and Events** <https://www.clarenceartsandevents.net/> lots of exciting opportunities to participate and share your creativity including:

### **Textile and Fibre: Stitch On Exhibition at School house gallery. 11 am- 5 pm Wednesday 28**

**August -September 20 Tickets FREE.** In these unprecedented times of social distancing, we look for comfort, connection and things to nourish our imaginations. Making and mending with our hands is healing, making do with what we have is important, and sharing our thoughts connects us to one another, helping us to work through disruption and change. So for this year's annual **Textile & Fibre** exhibition, we invited our creative community to reflect on their current thoughts and feelings during isolation, and **stitch on**.

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**Expressions of interest from those wishing to participate in its 2021 exhibitions program** at the Rosny Farm Arts Centre. Clarence City Council aims to present a diverse program that offers a balance of emerging and established artists as well as a diversity of age, background, gender, culture and ability. Practitioners in any field of creative endeavor are eligible to exhibit, including (but not limited to) visual arts, new media, design, craft, and fashion. **Apply online here** *If you would like help developing your proposal, need assistance to submit it, or need to apply in a different format please contact our gallery staff: [rosnyfarm@ccc.tas.gov.au](mailto:rosnyfarm@ccc.tas.gov.au) or 6217 9607*

**Applications close 5pm Friday 28th August.**

**Applicants will receive notification of the outcome of their application by the end of September 2020**

**Music Tasmania - Stay Home Stream Local** You can't stop the music. Here is the perfect isolation soundtrack, helping support local artists whilst staying home. Includes: Clarence council Two Sides Stories and Music from Home, for more info, check out the **Clarence Arts and Events website:** <https://www.clarenceartsandevents.net/events/two-sides-stories-and-music/>

## **GLENORCHY**

**- Moonah Arts Centre is open Tuesday to Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-3pm!!**



The MAC is open and welcomes you back to enjoy and be inspired by the 3 new exhibitions just open, and a free workshop for ages 3-6 Small Stories@home

To keep informed about future events visit

<https://www.facebook.com/MoonahArtsCentre/>

<http://www.moonahartscentre.org.au/>

**The Not So Silent Choir at Glenorchy Carols, What's Christmas in Glenorchy like for you?**

When tradition meets fun, music and hundreds of voices combine, dance and sing-alongs are aplenty and we all share the joy of Christmas at the annual Glenorchy Carols. The 2020 Carols will take a new direction to be COVID-19 friendly and will be a series of pop up events and a recorded video streamed to the masses in December 2020.

For years now, Moonah Arts Centre and Glenorchy City Council have worked hard with local schools to create a choir for our special Carols event in December: A Not so Silent Night.

Last year working with Springfield Gardens primary school we began to write a Glenorchy Christmas song. Which asks the question: what's Christmas in Glenorchy like for you? We want to write more and perform it this year. But we'd like your input. We would love to hear your stories.

Who knows, you might be hearing one of your ideas when we record this song and perform Pop ups around Glenorchy in December! **Fill in this survey** to tell us what Christmas in Glenorchy is like for you.



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### **New Child & Family Learning Centre coming soon to Glenorchy**

We're very excited that Glenorchy will be the site of one of Tassie's newest [Child & Family Learning Centres](#). The Centre will be co-located with Glenorchy Primary School.

Get along to the community workshop at the school Mon 31st Aug 9:00-11:00am - [register here](#)

Click the survey link [Child & Family Learning Centres](#). to **have your say on the new Centre** and please share with the families you work with!

### **Glenorchy Council wants to hear from you. Beyond the Curtain Facebook link for more information** <https://www.facebook.com/whatsbeyondthecurtain/>

'The flannelette curtain' is a phrase entrenched into our local language. And despite perceptions of the slow but steady gentrification of the area, a cursory Google search of the term shows that it's very much alive and well and embraced by many locals.

But simply identifying with this phrase isn't enough. **We want to go further, deeper and find out the truths of the Glenorchy area. We want to go Beyond The Curtain.**

"Beyond The Curtain" is aspirational. It's an exploration into the deeper meaning behind the cliché, behind the pre-programmed definitions. And it's a call to find out what makes people in the area tick. Importantly, "Beyond The Curtain" is future-focused. It asks questions of who and what Glenorchy will be down the track, and how, with insights that we can measure against, we can move forward with

## **HUON**

- **The Huon Valley Artists and Makers Directory** is a place for Huon Valley based artists and makers to promote their works to visitors and locals alike

<https://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/region/activities/artists-list/?highlight=arts>

**Huon Beings** celebrates local culture, identity and a sense of place through a series of digital stories, interviews with people who call the Huon Valley home. You can currently see the stories at the Huon Valley Council Youtube channel. Here is an example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bDIUrIWIPw>

**For more information about arts in the Huon** <https://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/?s=arts>

## **DEVONPORT**

### **- Devonport Regional Gallery**

Here is this weeks online art activity from the Devonport Regional Gallery... Up Up and Away! We might not be able to travel at the moment, but we can always pretend to float above the clouds in our hot air balloons! Check it out on the galleries Creative Learning and Public Programs page at:

<https://www.paranapleartscentre.com.au/events/home-is-where-the-art-is-up-up-away/>

There are quite a few steps involved in this one, so it's a good task for those rainy days ahead.

Once again there are free art materials packs to help you complete this project available for collection from the gallery or the Devonport Library.

There are still some materials packs left for past activities: Winter Woolly Yarn-Scapes, Paper Portraits, and My Mixed Media Family so it's not too late to do these activities too.



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Also, keep hydrated and collect your free drink bottle when you collect your free art materials from the gallery!!!

Don't forget to send me images of your work to share and keep your masterpieces safe for use in an upcoming Home is where the 'art is exhibition!

If you would be interested in displaying some of the work you have created through these online activities, please register your interest by replying to this email or emailing: [artgallery@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:artgallery@devonport.tas.gov.au)  
I hope you enjoy creating your hot air balloons in this week's Up Up & Away!

### **Devonport City Council Seniors Week - 12-18 October**

Devonport City Council wants to build a calendar of events for seniors that is inclusive of all walks of life. All events will be required to observe COVID safety plans. Please submit your [Expression of Interest](#) by **3 September 2020**. Completed forms can be emailed to [council@devonport.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@devonport.tas.gov.au) or dropped into Devonport Council Customer Service at Level 2, Paranaple Centre. Any enquires please phone 6424 0511.

### **BURNIE**

#### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo in Burnie – Call for interested stall holders –**

The Burnie Arts and Function Centre will host the first Mental Health and Wellbeing Expo on Friday, 9 October 2020 between 10am and 3pm. Organisations, services, community groups, associations or clubs interested in having a stall can register their interest with Debbie King on [king.debbie@gmail.com](mailto:king.debbie@gmail.com). Stallholders will be asked to talk for 3-5 minutes about who you are, and what you offer. Registration for stalls closes 5pm on Monday, 31 August 2020.

**Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Photography Competition** and events and to submit your event visit: <https://gsbc.tas.gov.au/local-events/upcoming-events/>

### **TASMANIAN ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANISATIONS – A snapshot**

#### **Kickstart Arts** <https://www.kickstartarts.org/>

The Kickstart Arts Centre is reopening according to government COVID-19 guidelines. All advertised events and activities are subject to these guidelines and may be cancelled at any time. Please [Contact Us](#) for more info or check our [Facebook Page](#) for current information. Helping people thrive through working creatively together.

Arts programs to enhance Social Connection, Wellbeing Programs, Co-designed Projects, Literacy - focused programs, lifelong learning & teaching, School partnerships, Explore your Heritage, Pakana artists and more

**The Derwent Valley Players** <http://derwent-valley-players.org/> whose main base is the New Norfolk Memorial Hall in Circle Street, although they have made outdoor performances for the New Norfolk Autumn Festival, including night performances at the historic (and some say haunted) [Willow Court](#)



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**Barracks**, formerly the oldest mental hospital in Australia. Performances include a wide variety of plays, pantomimes,

**Big Monkey Theatre** – <https://www.bigmonkey.com.au/about-us> Dynamic outdoor theatre for the whole family. Imagination and fun are hallmarks of our work, and the annual summer shows in the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens are a highlight for locals and visitors alike. The ever-changing ensemble – which includes some of Hobart’s best actors – is supported by a strong production team working to the highest possible standards.

**taswriters** 

*Encouraging, supporting and promoting Tasmanian writers and stories.*

Welcome to TasWriters, where writers connect for the latest information on Tasmania’s literary scene, get updates on events and find support. We are here to help, whatever your query.

**For guidance about books to read and new authors** etc visit <https://www.taswriters.org/news/>

### **Art from Trash postponed for 2020 –**

Start creating for the next exhibition with great images from previous exhibitions for inspiration.

<http://www.resource.coop/2017-exhibition-images>

**DoMaur Productions Incorporated** - Charitable Theatre Company based in Burnie.

<http://www.domauproductions.org.au/news/>

Its mission is

- To give special performances of plays which have a literary and artistic, rather than a commercial value, for Tasmanian communities.
- To provide opportunities for personal development and theatrical experience to individuals who are aspiring actors or who wish to be involved in the performing arts in any role, at any age.
- DoMaur Productions assists other organisations by investing in them with the proceeds of ticket sales. This is an important part of how we do business. We believe that when the community gives to you, you should give back.

### **How to help young adults navigate mental health, bullying, alcohol and other drugs & more –**

Lynsey McLeod, TINO’s (Tune in not out) Project Officer, introduces the mission behind [tuneinnotout.com](http://tuneinnotout.com), a place where young people can go and find information and help on a range of issues in this [video](#) shared by the DEN. With over 350 on-demand videos (growing weekly) across 60 topics such as: mental health, bullying, sexual health, relationships, body image and alcohol and other drugs. These videos are supported by factsheets, music, real stories and music. TINO helps young people figure out how to open a difficult conversation with friends.

### **The Connection #39 | Drug Education Network is the Drug education network Newsletter.**

With the focus on **Overdose Awareness Day** on 31 August, it is an opportunity to think about alternate options to medication for managing pain. DEN's **'More Options for Managing Pain'** is a handy resource

for practitioners and individuals to find good information on how opioid type substances work, what to look out for, how to minimise the risks and also have additional options to consider for helping to manage pain.

In the lead up to **Overdose Awareness Day**, DEN is again participating in this year's **ATDC crane initiative**, where they are calling on members of the Tasmanian community to share tributes to remember Tasmanians lost to overdose and wish for a community free from the harm of overdose.

[Click here for all the info you need to get involved](#)

[Check out Facebook for our Overdose Awareness campaign during the month of August](#)

### **Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) 2020: Climate Change**

TYF 2020 Climate Change will be held online on Friday 18 September. This is a free, state-wide event for young people to express their thoughts, opinions and ideas on Climate Change. Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) is in the process of forming a working group for young people aged 12-25 to inform the design of TYF 2020. Please contact Jo at YNOT for more information: [tyf@ynot.org.au](mailto:tyf@ynot.org.au) or call 0488 235 511.

### **Service Provider's Networks State-wide.**

Are you an artist or arts organisation interested in finding out what is happening locally?

Would you like to find out the needs of the community and share information about your arts and cultural events and social programs.

The following links might be helpful:

### **What happens on the West Coast in health and social services?**

Contact [Lyn O'Grady to get in touch with](#) West Coast Service Providers. Next meeting: Tuesday 11 August, Tullah Chalet (TBC) 10.30am – 12.30pm (meal at participant's expense).

### **What happens in Circular Head in health and social services?**

Contact [Amber Power](#) to send a message to the Service Providers Access Network (SPAN)

### **What happens on King Island in health and social services?**

Contact [Robyn McKinnon](#) to send a message to King Island Service Providers

### **Working with young people in the NW?**

Get in contact with North-West Action for Youth (NWAY), a network of youth workers. [nway@burnie.net](mailto:nway@burnie.net)

### **Connect with service providers across the NW**

Ask to be put on the email list and hear about the next meeting: [nwspf@AOHTAS.ORG.AU](mailto:nwspf@AOHTAS.ORG.AU)

### **Connect with Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health service providers across the NW**

Ask "Nanc" to put you on her email list: [nancy@yfcc.com.au](mailto:nancy@yfcc.com.au)

**Brighton Alive** <https://brightonalive.com.au/>

A great source of information about what's happening in the Brighton community. The Brighton Alive network meets regularly and produces minutes which are available on the website. Activities can be added to the site if they are appropriate. Arts, Education, Entertainment, Social and Sport are categories.

### **STOMPIN Dance Primary Show Call 2020 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

<http://www.stompin.net/whats-on>

Stompin invites upper primary school students aged 8-12 years to join Stompin for a dance creation and performance project!

The Primary Stompin Project is an inclusive dance experience that invites young people from Northern Tasmania to join us at our Studio to make a work about what's important to them over a 9-week period.

Primary Stompin is a way to introduce the values and aesthetics of creating dance performances to young people. It is a fun process with a social conscience and a celebratory outcome.

Join us for a free inductors session to discover Stompin's creative process, find out more about the project and see if dancing with us is right for your child.

**Southern Midlands** <https://www.centreforheritage.com.au/heritage-education-and-skills-centre/>

**Lower Midlands Arts (LMA)** <https://www.greenpondsprogress.com/lower-midlands-arts> is a group previously known as the Greater Green Ponds Branch Tasmanian Regional Arts (TRA) and was launched on Saturday 15th of July 2017 at a bonfire at Lauriston, Kempton. The Lower Midlands Arts vision is to promote and support the arts in the Southern Midlands region through offering a wide range of events and workshops to suit the varied tastes of our membership. **LMA** also administers the **Lower Midlands Collection** - a collection of artworks that aims to celebrate the Southern Midlands and its artists with works by local artists or artworks representing the local area. The artworks of this collection are available to organisations and individuals to lease on an annual basis. [Lower Midlands Collection - click](#)

### **Reconciliation Tasmania – Youth Speakout**

Do you feel passionately about issues affecting First Tasmanians Past, Present & Future?

**Share your Art & Words on this year's theme: 'In This Together'**

[More info and registration](#) or email: [info@rectas.com.au](mailto:info@rectas.com.au) Entries close 25 September.

Look out for the ExhiBitioN @ UTas Burnie Makers Gallery, 23 Oct - 6 Dec 20.

### **Inspiring Youth Awards – Celebrate a Young Person Who Inspires You**

YFCC are excited to announce the [Inspiring Youth Awards](#) celebrating the many contributions made by young people on the North West. This is a great opportunity to highlight the positive, everyday things many of our young people do. [Nominations](#) close 31 August. The winner of each category will receive a \$300 prize.

### **SYC Top Tips to Healthy Mind Habits – youth resources**

Over 12 weeks we will be sharing a poster and video via the [YNOT Facebook page](#) at approximately 2pm on a Monday and Wednesday - top tips for healthy mind habits.

All posters can be found on the [YNOT website](#) and can be printed A3 or A4 for your office and waiting areas.

We will also be sharing the link for the blog posts (for parents and caregivers) via [the Healthy Tas facebook page](#) on a Friday. Questions to Kat Fraser [Kat.fraser@health.tas.gov.au](mailto:Kat.fraser@health.tas.gov.au) ph 61 66 0630.

### **Libraries Tasmania – get back to your local library!**

- Browsing and borrowing - All libraries open for Click & Collect, and Browse, Borrow & Go.
- Home Library Service - Home Library Service available to housebound library members.
- Access to computers and internet - Modified access available at most libraries, including printing and scanning services.
- Programs - Modified individual and small group learning; also Rock & Rhyme and Storytime.
- Book groups - Book sets available to registered groups.

[Browse and place a hold online](#) or go and browse in person! Questions? Phone 6165 5600.

### **Neighbourhood & Community Houses:**

[Find a house](#) or check out facebook to view the monthly calendars online.

[Burnie Community House](#)

[Devonport Community House](#)

[East Devonport Community House](#)

[Rosebery Community House](#)

[Ulverstone Neighbourhood House](#)

[Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre](#)

[Phoenix Community House \(King Is\)](#)

**Goodwood Community Centre spectacular newsletter** is full of creative and wonderfully connecting activities such as “Our Place”. Dust off the pictures stories and mementos of Goodwood. Some of the local gems that have already surfaced includes early pictures of boatbuilders, people catching the bus home from work, and children swimming in the Prince of Wales Bay. There are also pictures of the mudbrick community centre being built. To request a copy of the newsletter contact [goodwood@bigpond.net.au](mailto:goodwood@bigpond.net.au) or to read on line visit <https://www.facebook.com/GoodwoodCommunityCentreTas/>

### **Bloke’s Book – 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, updated and revised!**

Contact information for you and your mates in Tassie. Download an electronic version of the [new Blokes Book](#). For hard copies, please email [Men’s Resources Tasmania](#).

**FindHelpTAS** provides a central website that connects Tasmanians to local services and activities that support their health and wellbeing. Visit [www.findhelptas.org.au](http://www.findhelptas.org.au)

**Add your Arts not for profit organisation:** sign up for a free account at [this website](#)

Questions to Leah at [admin@findhelptas.org.au](mailto:admin@findhelptas.org.au)

Watch videos to learn how to better navigate the directory: [5 mins on FindHelpTas](#) or [16 mins](#).

**Connecting Care** Do you provide services to Central Coast? Or groups / activities / supports for people’s health and wellbeing such as Community Arts activities and programs?

Are you on the [Connecting Care Portal](#) yet? Send your details to [support@connectingcasetas.com.au](mailto:support@connectingcasetas.com.au)

## **NATIONAL LINKS**

**Australian Musical Theatre festival – May 19-23, 2021 in Launceston** <https://www.amtf.org.au/>The festival is a non-profit event held annually the musical theatre industry and the Tasmanian Community

**Culture goes online UPDATED** - The ABC’s Ben Law handy list of arts and culture now online **has been updated on 16<sup>th</sup> June – ABC**



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**The Australian Museum and Royal Botanic Garden Sydney** invite children and families across the country to the free, month-long, virtual quest.

**Sydney Science Trail** has launched across the country for National Science Week 2020, and the country's biggest names in science are joining to talk about the hottest topics in Australia right now. From 21 August, hear from a panel of scientists and artists who join forces to discuss the interconnectedness of art and science, and how creativity and precision overlap in the creation of innovative work in both fields in **Why Science and Art Can't Live Without Each Other**.

**Register for Sydney Science Trail and join the mission to help planet Earth today.**

Visit [www.sydneysciencetrail.net.au](http://www.sydneysciencetrail.net.au)

**Why Science and Art Can't Live Without Each Other** – online from **Friday 21 August** hosted by ABC Documentary Manager **Stephen Oliver**.

Scientists and artists join forces to discuss the interconnectedness of art and science and how creativity and precision overlap in the creation of innovative work in both fields.

Hosted by ABC Documentary Manager **Stephen Oliver**. Panellists include natural history illustrator **Sami Bayly**, Senior Scientist at the Australian Synchrotron ANSTO **Dr Daryl Howard**, UTS visual artist **Joyce Hinterding**.

**Dear Australia: 50 playwrights send postcards to the nation.** At a time when a pandemic has forced reflection and change, 50 playwrights have responded to questions that get to the heart of where our nation is and where it might go.

“an astonishing Australian online work that all theatregoers should watch... a deeply impressive act of collective imagination and a polyphonic suite of dramatic shorts that holds a mirror to the national soul”. Thanks to you! The Age

These stories are postcards addressed to Dear Australia. Featuring Nathan Maynard, Willow S Weiland and Finnegan Kruckemeyer

**Dear Australia can Now be Experienced from the Playwriting [Australia YouTube Channel](#)**

**ArtsHub** - Australian art is finding new ways to go viral. Artists, museums, galleries, institutions, and more are exploring innovative ways to reach audiences, spreading some timely comfort and unity. Below is our ever-growing list of Australian art ready for you to discover. [ArtsHub Digital Art Guide](#)

**Creative recovery network Update** <https://creativerecovery.net.au/> As snow falls across Victoria and Tasmania this week we hope you are all keeping warm. The cold adds a further burden to many of our communities along with ongoing shutdowns and movement restrictions. It is inspiring to hear of the many actions that show people reaching out and finding creative and responsive ways of supporting, connecting and keeping each other strong.

We currently face the incredible challenge of learning how we can grow and engage each other through current online meeting platforms, often without prior knowledge of each other. **As a network that believes that relationship is the foundation of all impactful engagement**, we are grappling with how we can grow new practices of relational engagement as connected strangers in the online world. **It would be great to hear from you of any effective insights or ideas we could share.**

**Climate Reality Leader training** – online, 28 Aug – 3 Sept



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This training, now online, was initiated by former US Vice President, Al Gore to build a global movement for change. The training aims to develop skills such as lobbying, research and communication for engaging the wider community in tackling the climate crisis. Find out more about [Climate Reality Leader Training](#).

### [Cherishing First Nations arts and culture, Opportunities to support and fund First Nations practice](#)

To complement the range of opportunities now available through the [Australia Council](#), specific funding for First Nations arts practice is available through a variety of funds

### [The First Nations Emerging Career Development Award](#)

The **First Nations Emerging Career Development Award** is open to Australian First Nations artists between 18-30 years old, living in Australia or overseas. The award can be used for career development which may include:

- study/course expenses
- masterclass/workshops
- travel and accommodation
- materials
- living expenses
- conference attendance.

This unique opportunity is available to artists and arts workers in all disciplines including dance, literature, poetry, visual arts, theatre, community arts and music.

### [Find out more about the First Nations Emerging Career Development Award.](#)

Applications close Monday 28 September 2020.

[The Australia Council for the Arts](#) support artists and arts organisations through a range of programs, including news and events – to find out more visit

<https://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/news/>

[Australian Government 'Be Connected' grant program](#) has a number of funding opportunities that some of your organisations might be interested in applying for.

Visit their website for more information <https://www.beconnectednetwork.org.au/grant-program>

### [Singing sites bringing light during the Corona virus “physical distancing”.](#)

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-23/pub-choir-coronavirus-inspired-couch-event-draws-1000-singers/12080702>

### [World Art Day celebrated with online tours](#)

Australian galleries big and small are making their collections and programming available online. [Find out more >](#)

### [At Home with Ballet TV](#)

The Australian Ballet is bringing full-length performances of Australia's most loved and inspiring ballets to Australians at home for free. [Discover their digital season >](#)

**Supporting digitally disadvantaged families in Australia** The initiative is being partially financed by the education departments of NSW and Victoria and was born out of the broadcaster's partnerships with states and territories. The new program, which will be delivered from Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April - through one of the broadcaster's children's channels, will be separated in two parts – a morning program for primary students (10 am) and an afternoon program for senior school students. More detailed information is available from ABC's website.  
<https://www.abc.net.au/tveducation/>

**National Portrait Gallery – fantastic opportunities to view and learn the stories behind each portrait.**  
<https://www.portrait.gov.au/portraits/>

**Art Education Victoria** Art Education Victoria has been a leading voice in visual arts education in Victoria for over sixty years. In 1972 the Art Teachers Association of Victoria (founded in 1953) and the craft teachers association came together to form the Art Craft Teachers Association. Today we are known as Art Education Victoria. <https://aev.vic.edu.au/>

**National Advocates for Arts Education (NAAE)** <https://ausdance.org.au/network/details/naae>

NAAE advocates for arts education in schools, develops arts education policy, promotes quality teaching and learning in the arts, and works with government agencies, teachers, schools and tertiary institutions. As the recognised peak association in the arts learning area, the NAAE provides access to an extensive network of arts educators and artists, and represents the interests, concerns, values and priorities of arts educators across Australia. Member organisations include the following arts forms: Dance, Music, Media, Drama, Visual Arts,

## **INTERNATIONAL LINKS**

UNESCO Lincs

<https://en.unesco.org/news/poetry-takes-center-stage-dispel-mis-and-dis-information-covid-19>

*“Misinformation is a dangerous weapon;*

*for it takes one man to hit the trigger but a lot more are sure to hear the sound of the gun,*

*whether as pictures, as voice notes or in writing. Excitement or fear refusing us to let rationality's light in, we share.*

*Believing we are doing the right thing. Forgetting...*

*a half truth is worse than a lie.”*

26 year old, John Chiamama's voice carries through with rhythm and rhyme. He is a poet, a writer, a DJ and a future producer, and he has a social mission to inspire the youth of Nigeria and combat social ills. John, popularly known by his stage name, Mindsmith, is also a practicing psychologist. In May 2020, he collaborated with media creator and video editor Godswill Ezeonyeka, to participate in a UNESCO Abuja-led [Call for Jingles competition](#) aimed to empower young women and men in Nigeria to control the flow of COVID-19 related mis- and dis-information.

**Age & Opportunity Bealtaine Festival** whilst being postponed is still celebrating arts and creativity as we age and has produced a list of resources for arts and creativity online. Including watching opera to dance classes which you can take part in without leaving your house. Arts and craft activities that can be printed out and left on the doorsteps of friends.

[http://bealtaine.ie/news/show/17th\\_april\\_resources\\_for\\_arts\\_and\\_creativity\\_online\\_event\\_listings](http://bealtaine.ie/news/show/17th_april_resources_for_arts_and_creativity_online_event_listings)



working in health promoting ways

**Harvard university free Online Courses.**

<https://online-learning.harvard.edu/catalog/free>

**Google Arts and Culture** partnered with over 2,500 museums and galleries around the world to offer virtual tours of their spaces. Some of the options include New York's Museum of Modern Art and Amsterdam's Van Gogh Museum <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en>

The Louvre (Paris): <https://www.louvre.fr/en/visites-en-ligne>

The British Museum: <https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/>

**You can also learn about what museums around the world are offering virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic by following the hashtag #MuseumFromHome.**

**AccessArt uk** has many resources suitable for children, teenagers and parents to use at home. Focussing on drawing, printmaking, sculpture, painting and digital media, each resource guides you excellently through the process and new resources are added each week: <https://www.accessart.org.uk/art-resources-for-home/>.

**Arts in Education portal**, the key national digital resource of arts in education practice in Ireland. Contains lots of interesting resources , project examples and recognition of the incredible importance of arts in the lives of young people. <http://artsineducation.ie/en/home/>

**Random acts of Kindness**

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/random-acts-kindness>

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