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Your invite to the Brucedale Twilight Concert and Picnic

SUNDAY MARCH 6. Gates open 4pm. Concert 5pm. Brucedale, 1361 Sofala Road, Peel
(Just before Peel when travelling from Bathurst. Look for the balloons on the gate post)



A concert to remember

Music concerts in the grounds of historic Brucedale Homestead have been a tradition since the 1970s. These annual concerts have been held in the current format since 1995.

The tradition continues this March when guests will spread out on picnic rugs in the warm Autumn air listening to some of the region's finest music drift over the magnificent gardens and lawns of Brucedale Homestead.

Performers this year will include:

- Bathurst City & RSL Band
 - Cantora
 - jazz music from Dale Tuckey and Friends
- Annie's Icecream and the LongPoint Coffee Cart will also be there plus there is the chance to win great prizes in the Bathurst Arts Council raffle.

Bring your friends, a picnic supper, picnic rug and chair. A huge thanks to the Suttor family for opening the gardens and grounds of their beautiful home each year for the Bathurst community to enjoy.

Tickets

Ticket \$15 Adults, \$10 concession (including Bathurst Arts Council members - bring your membership card) or \$40 for a family (2 adults and 2 kids). Tickets are available from 4pm on the gate.

Wet weather? Listen to 2MCE or call 6338 6588.

Brucedale concert raffle

Prizes in this year's Arts Council raffle are:

- Italcaffe espresso coffee machine and supply of coffee
- A night at Mary's Place B&B in Bathurst
- 2 x signed copies of Henry Bialowas' new local history book 'Ten Dead Men'

Look out for Arts Council volunteers selling tickets to this year's raffle at the Stocklands shopping centre on Thursday 24 February and Thursday 3 March. Tickets will also be for sale at the concert, with winners drawn at the concert. If you have spare time to help sell raffle tickets on the above dates contact Miriam Ledger at ynluvr@bigpond.net.au



From the President

Welcome to the February 2011 Bathurst Arts Council Newsletter. A special welcome to all our news members especially those who took part in Arts Alive 2795.

Bathurst Arts Council was set up to encourage arts activity in Bathurst, commencing with the establishment of the Bathurst Memorial Arts Centre and subsequently promoting all kinds of related activities in Bathurst.

We had a very busy, and very successful, year in 2010, working towards our Arts Alive 2795 Expo at the end of the year. On April 19th we are convening a meeting of

anyone interested in future activities of the many kinds featured in Arts Alive 2795.

We are also currently focussing on our annual picnic/ concert at Brucedale homestead on March 6th.

Planning is also underway for the BAC AGM where all office holders and committee positions are up for election. If the Arts in this region are important to you, please consider joining the Committee.

Jenny Barnes
President



2011 Arts Council Strategic Plan

The committee of Bathurst Arts Council met for our annual planning meeting on Sunday February 6. The very successful meeting was a chance to throw around ideas, talk about what is needed and important for the arts in the Bathurst area and plan our activities for the next year.

Seven priority areas were identified, some that will continue on for the next 3 or 4 years.

Priority areas for the Bathurst Arts Council:

- MEMBERSHIP – promote and explore ways to add value to memberships with promotions, access to information for artists.
- PROMOTION OF BAC – weekly column, displays
- INSURANCE COVER FOR ARTISTS - explore options for offering insurance cover under BAC banner to individual artists.
- ARTS RETROSPECTIVE PROJECT - Develop a

history of BAC – 2011: collate archives, stories.

2012 and beyond: collate/ contribute to a history of the Arts in Bathurst for 2015.

Subcommittee will explore resources, funding, exhibition spaces and links with 2015 committee.

- BRC CULTURAL PLAN - Support council in promoting cultural plan and request presentation of plan for community/ BAC
- BRUCEDALE CONCERT - Major fundraising event
- PROMOTING ARTS - encourage arts nominations for local Australia Day awards and other opportunities
- GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE – Review constitutional requirements under new Dept Fair Training rules; Balance income with expenditure.

BAC will also support activities that arise from the Arts Alive 2795 committee., funding permitting.



Arts Retrospective Project - do you have archives?

With the Bathurst Bicentenary coming up in 2015, Bathurst Arts Council is keen to develop an exhibition around the history of Arts in the city, including a history of the Arts Council itself.

We're keen to hear from people who

- have archives of Arts council or arts activities
- have compiled histories of their arts group
- or are interested in being involved in this long term project in any way at all,

A series of exhibitions and histories might happen in stages, building up to something bigger in 2015.

Archive gathering day

Bathurst Arts Council are beginning by getting our own archives in order.

We're having an archive gathering morning

When: Saturday 12 March 10am-12noon

Where: Meeting room (Studio C) in building W9 on the CSU Campus (next to the Arts OutWest office)

If you're looking after any old Arts Council info, documents, bits and pieces bring them in for cataloguing on this date.



For more info on this retrospective project contact **Christine Sweeney on 63681054, media@artsalive2795.com**

Arts Alive 2795: Wrap and where to next...



Arts Alive 2795, held November 20-22 2010, was a HUGE undertaking by the Bathurst Arts Council and an exciting new venture for Bathurst.

In addition to the expo at the Showground, the Art Trail and the history walks there were competitions in visual arts, film and writing.

Here are the award winners from across the weekend:

Harris Farm Art Award

Winner of the Harris Farm Markets \$5000 Art Prize:
NICOLE WELCH

Winner of the Harris Farm Markets People's Choice Award: LISA DAVIS

Runner Up in the Harris Farm Markets People's Choice Award (equal winners) LISA DAVIS AND KAY CHAPMAN

Winner of the Harris Farm Markets Community Art Prize
ALLEGRA SALTER

Winner of the Little Bathurst Art Gallery Prize
MARK LESLIGHT

Arts Alive 2795: 2011 and beyond Public Planning Meeting

Thank you to all those who came along to the Arts Alive 2795 debrief meeting at the end of last year, and to all those also who contributed feedback via the surveys or in person.

The consensus at the debrief meeting was that Arts Alive 2795 was the beginning of something very good for Bathurst. The next step now is to decide, as a community, where the event goes from here.

A public planning meeting will be held for anyone interested in any of the elements explored through the first Arts Alive 2795.

The meeting will be facilitated by experienced facilitator Hedy Bryant from CSU.

When: Tuesday 19 April, 5.30

Where: Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre

Contact: Mary Cuppaidge 6332 3356

SCREEN STORIES Audience Choice Award

The Arts alive 2795 SCREEN STORIES Audience Choice Award was won by Jacob Fitzgerald with his short film Nightfall. Jacob has been presented with a pass to attend SPAA Fringe 2011 in Sydney and his is currently screening at Metro Cinema before the feature in selected sessions over the next four weeks. Congratulations also go to Jacob for being accepted to study the Foundation Course at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School in the new year.

Arts Alive Children's Writing Prize

The Arts Alive 2795 Children's Writing Prize asked local children to write a one to two page story set in the past or present, about ANY TOWN WITH A 2795 POSTCODE (there are 96 of them!). Grace Egan, Harry Begg, Martin Rudgley, Sandy McIntosh, Luke Mutton, Ben McCrossin, Brodie Gay, Denzel Fros, Macy Hunter-Knight and Rosie Forsyth all received book prize awards of excellence sponsored by Toni Daymond of the Benjamin Bookworm Club and joint overall winners Will Schoenmaker from Bathurst and Jakiya Whitfeld from O'Connell each received \$25 book tokens from Kathryn Bancroft ABC Booksplus for their work.



Arts Alive 2795 directory

Additional copies of the Arts Alive 2795 directory are available from Art Gallery, The Little Bathurst Art Gallery George St, The Blue Barrow in Keppel St, The Library, or call 6332 3356, or find a digital copy on our website at: www.bathurstartscouncil.org.au

Bathurst Art Trail meeting

There has been lots of enthusiasm for developing some kind of formal arts trail for the Bathurst region. There are lots and lots of possibilities. Just *some* of the thoughts people are mulling over are:

- An annual trail? Something more regular,? Something permanent?
- A trail that links arts makers, heritage and local produce?
- Links with Sunny Corner Sunday
- How to coordinate and promote such a trail
- What models or examples can we look at?

If you're interested in being involved, or have ideas of your own, come along to this meeting:

When: Thursday 4 March at 5pm

where: The Hub, Keppel Street Bathurst

Contact: Mary Cuppaidge 6332 3356

Youth Arts Awards - Seeking a coordinator

Bathurst Arts Council is looking for someone to take on the role coordinating the Bathurst Youth Arts Awards. These awards recognise young artistic talent across all artforms in the Bathurst region. Monthly monetary awards are made as well as an annual overall winner. Nominations are submitted by the community for the awards.

The role of the coordinator involves:

- Promoting the awards to schools and young people

- gathering nominations and distributing choices to the BAC committee
- Organising awards cheque from sponsor
- Sending articles about winners to newspaper
- Presenting awards to winners (eg: at school)
- coordinating an end of year concert

To find out more about this very rewarding volunteer role please contact Fiona Thompson at Mitchell Conservatorium on 6331 1108 .

Bathurst Arts Council calendar

Thursday March 4, 5pm	Arts Trail meeting, The Hub, Keppel Street
Sunday March 6, from 5.30	Bruce Dale Twilight Concert and Picnic
Saturday March 12, 10am-12pm	Arts retrospective BAC archive collection, building W9 CSU
Tuesday March 22, 5.30pm	BAC Meeting, RSL Club
Tuesday 19 April, 5.30	Arts Alive 2795 Public Meeting, BMEC
Tuesday May 24, 5.30pm for 6pm	BAC Annual General Meeting

Bathurst Arts Council

President - Jenny Barnes
Secretary - Libby Loneragan
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Youth Arts Awards - Vacant
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Committee - Julie Priddle, Tony Hatch, Judy Rutherford,,
Monica Morse (BRC rep), Kylie Shead, Christine Sweeney.

New members of the committee are *always* welcome!

Weekly Western Advocate column

Bathurst Arts Council has a column each Wednesday in the Western Advocate (make sure you pick up a copy each week!) . Here you can catch up on latest shows, exhibitions, workshops, talks, special opportunities and other arts events. To submit an event for inclusion send details two weeks in advance to:
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Bathurst Arts Council Memberships due

Bathurst Arts Council membership are now due. Memberships run on a calendar year January-December. Membership is (tick)

\$10.00 - Student/Concession \$15.00 - Single \$20.00 - Household \$30.00 - Organisation

Name/s: _____

Postal address: _____

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