

HATS! END of YEAR BALL



Ditaglio Minore play beautiful music



A night at the Ball – Ian, Sheree, Karina, Emlynn

The Ball was held at the Platinum Room at the Foundry Hotel on the 18th November. Everybody came with a hat. Many of them were created especially for the occasion. The night was a great success. While people enjoyed their dinner Ditaglio Minore, a string quintet (5 performers) from Bendigo South East College played a range of classical and contemporary music, including covers of pop songs (we recognised a tune from Cold Play). Their performance was highly skilled while making music that was both engaging and relaxing. They had everyone listening intently. Following the quintet we had a magnificent set of songs sung by Terri Mackay which included some commonly known songs which got everyone up dancing. DJ Vinnie did a great job managing the sound and DJing for the evening. It was great to have him back in Bendigo again!

CREATE 2011 VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION



Untitled collaborative sculpture, concrete and found objects

The Saturday Morning Art Group had their end of year exhibition of work at the La Trobe University Visual Arts Centre in November. An opening event was held on Thursday 3rd November. It was well attended and guests were able to enjoy a balmy evening viewing work on display in both the Access Gallery and courtyard. Maree Tonkin, Co-ordinator Arts and Culture with the City of Greater Bendigo officially opened the exhibition. The work demonstrated further extension and growth of each artist's work with many people commenting on the excellence and strength of the exhibition.



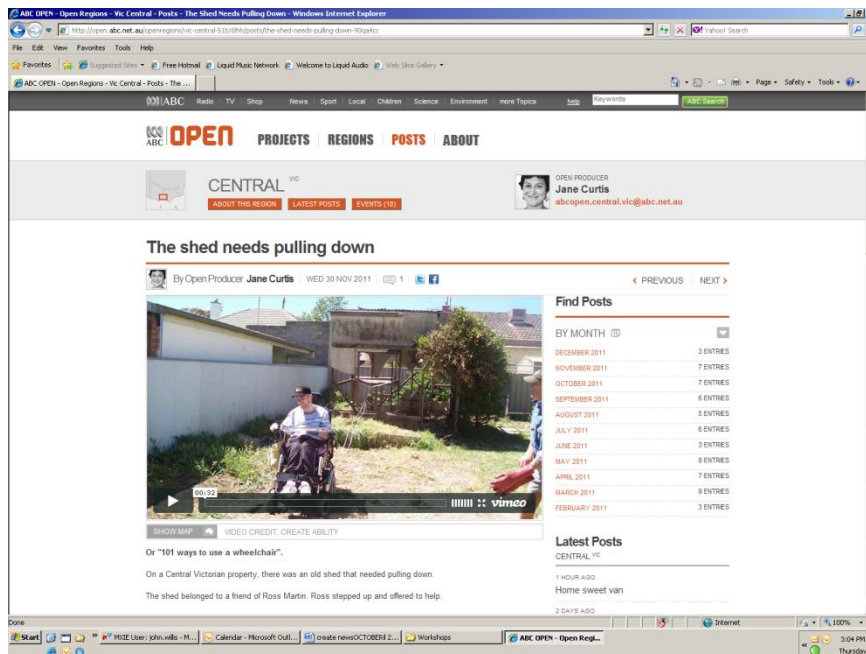
ABC Online Digital Storytelling Workshops

The project title is: The Moment Behind the Photo. Six people enjoyed participating in the workshops and learning a new skill. The workshops were offered to CreateAbility by the ABC's online unit. Jane Curtis is the Producer for this project in Central Victoria and she facilitated the workshops. For three weeks participants worked, producing a digital story from a photo that has sentimental value. Photos were displayed, projected on the wall to show everybody, then each person was recorded speaking about their photo. The voice-overs were edited using a software program. The finished video has the photo with the person's voice telling the story behind the photo. Thank you to Jane Curtis for running the workshops.

To access the finished stories visit:

<http://open.abc.net.au/openregions/vic-central-51bX8hh/posts/the-shed-needs-pulling-down-90qa4cc>

or – visit the ABC website, go to OPEN, go to Central Victoria and look for The Moment Behind the Photo



DRAMA GROUP NEW WORK & PERFORMANCE AT OFFICE FOR COMMUNITY SUMMIT, BENDIGO

The CreateAbility Drama Group was invited to present a short performance for the 300 delegates to the Office for the Community Summit held at The Capital in Bendigo on 18th October. They showed an excerpt from work they are developing for a larger performance next year. The work is called *Life and Death in Quarry Hill* (this is the working title currently – it might change). It has scenes that the drama group members have been creating themselves, building from ideas about things lost and found, truth or lies and mysteries. The performance of the complete show will be at the Old Fire Station in April 2012.

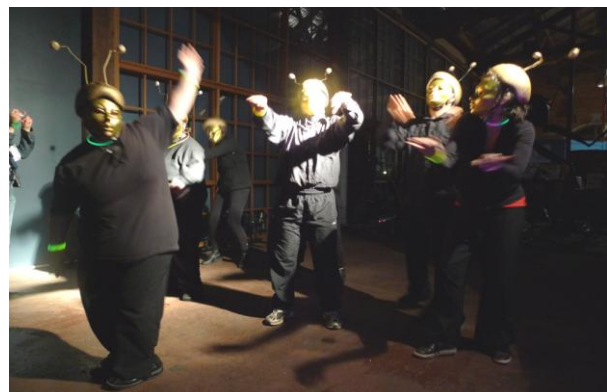
They will also perform and run a drama workshop at the Having A Say conference in Geelong in February.

SPACE DANCE

A report on the dance party that missed out on the last newsletter: On Saturday 21st of May CreateAbility put on another great dance party at the Discovery Centre with the theme being space. The night began with some music played by DJ Justin as people began to arrive and get into the dancing mood. Following that some people experienced a visit to the planetarium while others began eating tea which was pizza of many different varieties. Then the fabulous band Moon Rockit took the stage. Many different classic hits were enjoyed by everyone as they danced the night away. Another great highlight of the night was a wonderful performance from the Soap Box Performers from Amicus. Congratulations to everyone on their efforts in the creation of costumes. A big thank-you to DJ Justin, Moon Rockit, John, Jane and CreateAbility Events Team for another fantastic night.



Entering the Starship CreateAbility



The Soap Box Performers from Amicus

Having a Say 2012



Deakin University Waterfront Campus, Geelong
8th to 10th February 2012

This conference gives people opportunities to branch out and express their skills and abilities. It focuses on people with disabilities having a chance to talk about things that are important to them. To find out more or to register for the conference visit: www.valid.org.au
phone: 9416 4003

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE
Have a happy and safe Summer

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