



NATIONAL CAPITAL ATTRACTIONS ASSOCIATION

NCAA Newsletter - June 2010

NCAA Executive Committee Update

Dear Members

As the President, Trish Kirkland, is currently enjoying a mystery holiday somewhere in Asia, I will be bringing you the President's Report this month.

I'd like to start by welcoming our newest member, the Gallery of Australian Design. Welcome to the NCAA and we look forward to seeing you at future NCAA events. This brings our membership up to over 50 members, which is fantastic and we ask all our members to encourage new members where appropriate.

In other business, at our recent Executive Meeting, Jonathan Kobus from Australian Capital Tourism gave a presentation on a new autumn event to be held within the Parliamentary Triangle. The event will involve lighting the outside of the national attraction buildings and having a range of associated night time events, with a hub of activities at Commonwealth Place.

After much discussion, the Executive has decided that we cannot endorse this proposal to our members. While we regret not being able to support an initiative by Australian Capital Tourism, we feel that supporting this event is not in the best interest of our members due to an absence of funding for the participating attractions. The cost of holding night time events within attractions is very high and there seems to be limited potential to recoup the costs. If the ACT Government could support participation with funding direct to the attractions then we would be happy to reconsider our position.

Also discussed at the Executive meeting was; in light of the many proposals for advertising and other marketing opportunities, that the executive, would look at each major proposal or opportunity and report back to the membership with it's thoughts in relation to viability and worth. My fellow Executive members and myself would be happy to receive any feed back from members on this issue.

I'd also like to apologise to the team at the National Portrait Gallery for not thanking them for hosting the latest members meeting, it is a fantastic attraction and the hospitality they provided was much appreciated.

On a lighter note, I'd also like to welcome our new Secretariat Kathryn Scobie. Many of you may have met Kathryn hosting media visits to your attractions or through her work marketing Floriade for Australian Capital Tourism. We are very pleased to have someone with excellent industry knowledge and a passion for promoting tourism in Canberra filling this position.

Please note that we now have a new phone number and be sure to update your records. The new number is 02 6278 7785. Also, please be reminded that the email address is secretariat@nationalattractions.com.au

Regards

Mark Sarah
NCAA Vice President



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2010 NCAA Members' General Meetings - Diary Dates

7th JULY beginning at 12:00 noon – Australian War Memorial

(Door prize donated by Canberra Airport)

4th AUGUST beginning at 12:00noon – National Library of Australia

(Door prize donated by Australian War Memorial)

1st SEPTEMBER beginning at 12:00noon – Canberra Airport

(Door prize donated by Australian Institute of Sport)

6th OCTOBER beginning at 12:00noon (AGM + general meeting) –

Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

(Door prize donated by Questacon)

Monthly Member News

Australian Science Festival

The Australian Science Festival is back in 2010 with a fresh coat of paint and new outlook and would like to invite you to join the fun. The Australian Science Festival is on from August, 2 – 15 and is celebrating life with the International Year of Biodiversity. Join the fun today by hosting an event during these dates. *Please see the Australian Science Festival attachment for details.*

Apply online at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/208184/fringe-event>

www.sciencefestival.com.au

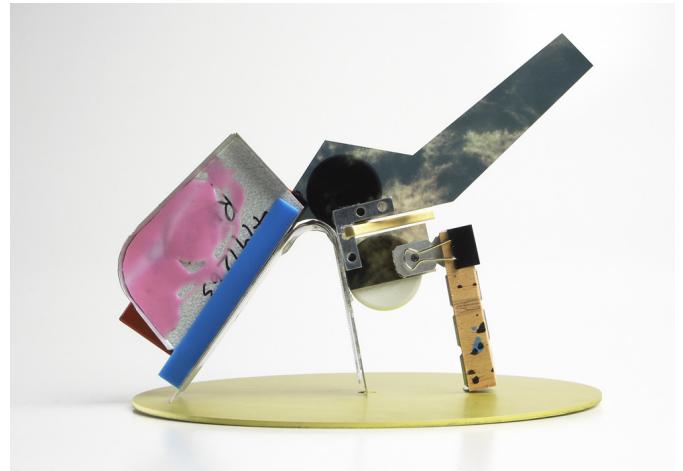
Gallery of Australian Design

Abundant Australia – Highlights from the 11th Venice Architecture Biennale

10am Thursday 1 July until 4pm Saturday 24 July

Following the phenomenal success at the 11th International Architecture Exhibition in Venice 2008, models from the Abundant Australia Exhibition will be showing at the Gallery of Australian Design (GAD) in partnership with the Australian Institute of Architects. The Abundant exhibition in Venice showcased over 300 interpretive models from abstract forms to architectural fragments, responding to the Venice Biennale Director Aaron Betsky's theme: 'Out there: architecture beyond the building'. The 'Abundant Highlights' exhibition will see over 100 of these models, from emerging and established practices around Australia. This exhibition uses models to demonstrate the breadth and depth of Australia's architectural practice, highlighting Australia's diverse architectural history and inspirational future.

Image: **Catherine Lassen Architecture in collaboration with Jasper Knight House Miles, Little Forest, New South Wales** Design team: Catherine Lassen, Anna Ciliberto, Natalie Miles, Jasper Knight Photo: Alex Kershaw





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Australian National Botanic Gardens

<p>Children's Day at the Australian National Botanic Gardens When: Friday 9 July Where: Education Lawn 10 am – 10.45 am Dale Huddleston - Performance by singer and artist Dale Huddleston - Free 10.30 am – 12 pm Caleb Jacob - 11 year old didgeridoo performer - Free 10.30 am – 11.15 am Lydia George - Children's singing performance and workshop - Free 11 am – 12 pm Jenny Dries - Traditional weaving techniques using spiny mat rush - Free 11.30 am – 3.30 pm Lyndy Delian – Painting workshop with local artist Lyndy Delian – Art materials payment required 11 am – 12.30 pm Aboriginal Black Mountain Walk (joint activity with ACT TAMS) from the car park below Telstra Tower - \$5 Bookings required as numbers limited/ (02) 6250 9540 12 pm – 1 pm Larry Brandy - Storytelling and artefacts - Free 1 pm – 2 pm Jenny Dries - Traditional weaving techniques using spiny mat rush - Free 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm Lydia George - Children's singing activity - Free</p>	<p>School Holiday Program: Making Music When: Monday 5 & 12 July Where: Education Building Cost: \$5, \$4 (Friends of the Gardens) Bookings/enquiries: Bookings not required / (02) 6250 9408</p> <p>School Holiday Program: Weaving Nature's Wonders When: Tuesday 6 & 13 July Where: Education Building Cost: \$5, \$4 (Friends of the Gardens) Bookings/enquiries: Bookings not required / (02) 6250 9408</p> <p>School Holiday Program: Wearing Nature's Treasures When: Wednesday 7 & 14 July Where: Education Building Cost: \$5, \$4 (Friends of the Gardens) Bookings/enquiries: Bookings not required / (02) 6250 9408</p> <p>Saturday 10 July 11.30 am – 12.30 pm Bush Tucker walks with ANBG Ranger Will Borowski - Free</p> <p>Sunday 11 July 11.30 am– 12.30 pm Bush Tucker walks with ANBG Ranger Will Borowski - Free</p>
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This Week in Canberra - The Ultimate City Guide

This Week In Canberra winter edition has now been relaunched, the new design has had very good feedback from our distribution outlets. Jacinta Scott our ACT and region Manager is now feeling better and is back with us to work on our next big spring edition. Please contact Jacinta to be included in the next edition on 0402 728 436 or email jacintascott@hardiegrant.com.au.

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