

FREE EVENT
LUNCH & MORNING
TEA PROVIDED

FRI 10
SAT 11
JULY
2015

CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS

EVENT UPDATES



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WALLAN
MULTIPURPOSE
CENTRE
42 BENTINCK ST.
WALLAN

AN EXCITING LINEUP OF SPEAKERS,
PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS
CELEBRATING ART AS A TOOL FOR
HEALING & INSPIRATION.

THIS FREE EVENT IS A MUST FOR
ARTISTS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, SERVICE
PROVIDERS AND EVERYONE WITH AN
INTEREST IN BRINGING CREATIVE
THINKING INTO COMMUNITY SPACES.

FRIDAY 10 JULY 9.30am–5.00pm

MORNING

Welcome to Country; *Ian Hunter, Wurrundjeri Elder*

The Creative Recovery Network An introduction to a growing network of artists and cultural and community workers taking the lead in helping their communities recover from the impact of natural disasters through creativity. *Greg Ireton, Disaster Recovery Advisor & Chair, Creative Recovery Network*

Art Therapy Embracing the variety of roles art can play in health care with individuals, groups and communities. *Dr. Patricia Fenner, Art Therapist and Co-ordinator of the Master of Art Therapy, LaTrobe University*

The Magic of Post Traumatic Growth Groundbreaking research into the profound creative, personal and spiritual transformations that can occur after traumatic experience. *Assoc. Prof. Lou Harms and Rhonda Abotomey, The University of Melbourne*

AFTERNOON

Three Art Pieces Three remarkable creative projects that emerged following the 2009 Black Saturday fires. The artists will share their processes and challenges in engaging a traumatised community and creating meaningful artistic work.

The Blacksmiths' Tree A 10m high forged steel gumtree created by a collaboration of blacksmiths from 23 countries and local supporters
Kyneton Mosaic A mosaic mural made from personal treasures
Into the Light An annual candle-lit lantern parade that uses art as a tool for community engagement and recovery

Panel Discussion Share your questions on creativity, community and recovery with the speakers

SATURDAY 11 JULY 10.00am–5.00pm

MORNING

Working with Communities An introduction to working creatively with people and communities who have experienced traumatic events. *Shelley Hewson, Nexus Primary Health*

Singing Workshop *Kerry Clarke, Choir Leader*

AFTERNOON

The Work of our Neighbourhood Houses The uplifting and creative work of these important community groups. *Vicky Mann, Kinglake Neighbourhood House, Woodend Neighbourhood House, Megan Smithwick & Fiona Miller, Whittlesea Community Garden*

Lantern Making Workshop

Animal Felts Bring the kids! Making animal ears from felt, a paws-on workshop for beasties of all ages. *Barbara Joyce, Art Therapist and Project Manager of The Chook Project*

Art in Public Places The challenges and processes of creating art in a public space. *Kristen Cherry, Mitchell Shire Council & Sandy Caldwell, City of Whittlesea*

Creative reflection/ Sunset ritual

Creative Activities for Children with Art Facilitator, *Maria Dee* throughout both days



Accessible venue
Auslan interpreters available

5-7pm Mitchell Makers Exhibition Opening
Work from a vibrant informal group of contemporary artists from the Mitchell Shire.



Regional Arts Victoria's Creative Arts Recovery Facilitator positions are funded through the Department of Health & Human Services, via Creative Victoria.