

Who Are We?

Ballarat Arts Alive is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation that provides a flexible forum for discussion, development, advocacy and action supporting the arts and artists of Ballarat and surrounds.

Our Committee & sub-committees meet regularly. Our Facebook page is well-used and we organise regular events for members to meet up, share info and explore opportunities.

Why Are We?

Founded by local artists who wanted to connect with other artists and raise the profile of arts & culture in the region, we welcome new artists, invite them to network with us and help them feel less isolated in this busy world in which we live.

We promote local arts & culture events to regional audiences. We want art and artists to be at the forefront of planning and decision-making because we know that creatives make a vital contribution to healthy, vibrant & sustainable communities.

Our Vision:

We envision a creative culture in Ballarat and surrounds, and in doing so, provide a flexible forum for discussion, development and action around arts and culture based in Ballarat and surrounds.

We work towards a friendly, vibrant, visible arts presence that reflects Ballarat's creative culture, acknowledging its First Nations story, its colonial gold rush past and its future as a high-profile regional city in Victoria.

Our Aims

- Promote local arts events, activities and opportunities
- Connect the arts community through networking, promotion and discussion.
- Foster opportunities through events and projects
- Contribute meaningful positive input into the development of local Arts and Culture policies and strategies and encourage their implementation in a timely fashion.

Our Achievements

Ballarat Arts Alive's moderated public Facebook forum is the best place to learn about arts activities around the region, with almost 2,000 online members and many lively discussions and Lots of input from the community.

- * BAA was instrumental in developing a website called Arts Atlas which acts as a portal for artists and arts organizations in our region. It offers free artist profiling, event and venue listings, and other avenues for participation in the arts
- * Arts Events (Like 'Inner Nutshell' – *short talks by artists about their projects*, 'Lounging 'Round' – *longer, more in-depth casual interviews with local artists about their arts practice*) Art Bus trips to featured artists' studios, Arts Ball and Art Sales, etc
- * Monthly Membership Social evenings – casual get togethers where we meet each other, chat and show our work via projections, performance, etc
- * Advocacy to the Australian government assisted reverse funding cuts to the Australia Council and the current funding increases to University Humanities courses, which include Art, History and the like.
- * Advocacy influenced Council's decision to abandon demolition and instead restore the main complex of the Ballarat Civic Hall
- * Advocacy in regards to the development of the Creative City Strategy, response to the Pandemic, etc.
- * Advocacy in regards to the documentation and record keeping of Public Art

Benefits

How can we help you? *We can auspice grants, showcase your events, advocate for your arts area and help bridge the gap between artists, the market and the gatekeepers.*

- Regular fortnightly email newsletters to members in regards to events, fundraisers, promo of projects of other members, important local news, activist happenings, etc
- Opportunities to be showcased at an event or online
- Auspicing of grants through various bodies
- Letters of Support from BAA when applying for Grants
- Online access to Arts Hub through our Incorporated Association Membership
- Discount tickets to any paid BAA events
- Access to a 3 sample contracts for artists per year (due to BAA's membership of Regional Arts Victoria)
- 10% discount at **both Riot Art Supplies** in Bridge St Mall & **Radmac Office Choice** in Armstrong St Sth
- Logo acknowledgment on website (for organisation memberships only)
- Joining our Facebook page means you'll find out about all sorts of stuff (*Please read the description and answer all three questions – we have to monitor who joins because of spammers & hackers*).
- Ability to show your work online in various virtual exhibitions on our Facebook and Instagram pages:
<https://www.instagram.com/ballaratartsalive/>

Insurance

BAA has the following insurance policies:

- **Public Liability Insurance** - *This can be used by members to cover projects auspiced by BAA*
- **Personal Accident Insurance for Voluntary Workers**

Membership of 'Artshub'

BAA pays an annual membership to 'Artshub'. As a member of Ballarat Arts Alive, you can now access everything, included advertised jobs by using BAA's Username and password. **As a member**, you are given our **username and password** and you can gain access to the entire Artshub site.

Membership of 'Regional Arts Victoria'

BAA's Annual membership of Regional Arts Victoria provides us with dialogue to that organisation. A side benefit is that each year, we can choose three sample contracts for artists - to share amongst the membership. However, 2020 might be the last year this is available as the Arts Law Centre of Australia has ceased this agreement with RAV.

BAA Committee

BAA's Committee of Management meets once a month on the last Monday of the month (not December or January). Members are welcome to attend meetings if they choose to, wish to discuss a topic or input information with the committee or present a project. (via prior arrangement, so details can be included on the agenda).

BAA has a number of sub-committees

If you wish to participate in any of these, you can join them or help out without having to be a member of the BAA Committee of Management. The current sub-committees available are:

(1) Membership & Communications (2) Events (3) Legal/Advocacy

BAA Membership Fees

Individual Membership – \$20.00 Concession Membership – \$10.00 Organisational Membership – \$100.00

Memberships are due from July 1st each year - enquiries via: BAAmembers18@gmail.com

Membership will aim to reflect: Locality / Age / Occupation / Cultural / Gender diversity - People of all abilities

Our contact details

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