



Creative
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Creative Brimbank Arts and Culture Unit

Annual Report Card 2021-2022

Major Successes

SIDNEY MYER FUNDING

The Bowery Theatre was successful in attracting two years of funding support to assist artists and the local arts scene.

With support from the Sidney Myer Fund's Arts & Humanities Committee, Council has provided additional directed support in response to the hardship that Victorian artists and arts organisations have experienced since 2020.

Priority is given to organisations that address disadvantage and that increase the representation of new voices in Australia's arts sector.

To date this has allowed for additional support to our Be Bold residency artists, Be Bold Blakout event and for Western Edge Youth Arts.



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SYDENHAM MEMORIAL MURAL

The Sydenham Memorial mural near the Sydenham Library at Watergardens Town Centre was designed to complement the existing memorial as a site for contemplation.

Painted by local Brimbank artist Heesco the mural depicts the men and women from the Sydenham district who left their farms to serve their country in the various branches of the armed services. These figures are surrounded by vivid red poppy flowers and historic imagery of the farm life that the people left behind.

The work was created with support from Watergardens Shopping Centre, Sydenham Historical Society and East Keilor RSL.



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YOUNG BLAK & DEADLY

This initiative explored employment pathways for young Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students into the Arts. Students attended a series of weekly workshops to learn aspects of Theatre work including lighting, stage management, filming, editing, music and more.

As part of the work a resource of 15 professional Aboriginal Artists talking about a career in the Arts was created and livestreamed to the schools.

This was funded by Everyday Creativity through VicHealth and supported by the Koorie Education Support Officers and Schools.



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BE BOLD BLAKOUT FESTIVAL

The Be Bold Blakout festival was a great success in its first year as a standalone event. It ran during Council's NAIDOC week activities and was held at the St Albans Community Centre. Through the event the local Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander community showcased a feast of market stalls, basket weaving, indigenous plants, kid's art stalls, workshop activities and traditional food.

The festival was delivered through direct consultation with the Brimbank Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee and local filmmaker Lisa Maza.

A special feature of the festival was the launch of Blak Voices of Brimbank held at the Bowery Theatre. The film is a unique collection of recordings with the local indigenous community by filmmaker Lisa Maza.



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Arts and Culture Programs – Fast Facts

Artists' Support

79

Participants

in Infuse artists networking events

15

Artists

supported through the studio program

Bowery Theatre

6,233

Audience attendees

to performances

4

Performance artists /groups

Supported through the Be Bold Residency program

Youth and Freeza Events

2,365

Attendees

at Youth and Freeza activities

2,064

Views

of online music events

Exhibitions

11,630

Visits

to exhibitions

4

New murals

across the municipality

2

Major Public Artworks completed

Community Cultural Development Programs

4,850

Attendees

at workshops and Community Cultural Development events

120

Attendees

at our inaugural Midsumma Pool Party delivered in partnership with Sunshine Leisure Centre

Community Festivals

280,822

Attendees

at community events

47

Events

delivered safely

5,400

Hours

of community volunteer time donated in support of community events

Creative Brimbank - Online Stats

2,178

Facebook followers

173,749

people reached through social media

446

YouTube subscribers

1,268

Instagram followers

158,851

actions taken on our website

2,798

Creative Brimbank subscribers

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