

Who Are We?

Ballarat Arts Alive is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation. Our committee & sub committees meet regularly. We organise events for members to meet up, share info & explore opportunities.

We were founded by local artists who want to connect with other artists as well as and raise the profile of arts & culture in the region. We welcome new artists, invite them to network with us to help them feel less isolated locally. We advocate for 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 Facebook page has 2,000+ members, it is well-used and the 'go to' reference for local arts.
www.facebook.com/groups/BallaratArtsAlive

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.

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, it's impressive contribution to the history of the arts in Australia and its future as a high-profile, leading & creative 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, projects and advocacy on behalf of artists
- 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 over 2,000 online members, 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. **We now manage (and will grow) the Artist's Profiles and Events sections of the website on behalf of Ballarat City Council.**
Check it out: <https://www.artsatlas.com.au/>
- **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, Art Sales, online exhibitions, workshops, etc
- **Membership social evenings & events** – casual get togethers where we meet each other, chat and show our work via projections, performance, etc
- **Advocacy at all levels Australian government** - (1) Assisted in the reversal of funding cuts to the Australia Council and the current funding increases to University courses, which include Art, History and the like. (2) Influenced Council's decision to abandon demolition and restore the Civic Hall.
- **Advocacy in regards to the development of the Creative City Strategy** in its initial stages, in regards to the documentation and record keeping of Public Art and then with its response to the pandemic, etc.
- **Auspicing the grants of an increasing number of artists and their projects each year**

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.*

- We 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
- 10% discount at **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 on the page 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/ballaratarthsalive/>

Insurance

BAA has the following insurance policies:

- ***Public Liability Insurance** - *This can be used by members to cover projects auspiced by BAA 2)*
- ***Personal Accident Insurance for Voluntary Workers**

Membership of 'Artshub'

BAA pays an annual membership to 'Artshub'. As a member of Ballarat Arts Alive, you will be able to access everything, including advertised jobs by using BAA's Username and Password. **As a financial member**, you are given our **username and password** with which 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 and advice from that organisation.

BAA Committee

BAA's Committee of Management meets once a month (*in person or ZOOM*) on the last Monday of the month (*not December or January*). Members are welcome to attend meetings If they choose to discuss a topic or input information with the committee, or to present a project. (*Via prior arrangement with the committee, 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 (4) Craft

BAA Membership Fees

Concession Membership – **\$15.00**, Individual Membership – **\$30.00**, 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

You can use this Trybooking link to join: <https://www.trybooking.com/BRUSV> (*Just hold down control and click on it*)

Our contact details

President (& Vice Pres) & Secretary: info@ballaratartsalive.org Membership Officer: BAAmembers18@gmail.com

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