



BELCONNEN ARTS CENTRE

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## **NEW ASSOCIATION TO MANAGE *BELCONNEN ARTS CENTRE* INVITES MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS**

Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated became registered as a not for profit community association on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Established to manage and operate the new Belconnen Arts Centre currently nearing completion on Emu Bank, the association is now inviting membership by organisations and businesses that have an interest in Belconnen.

“We have waited many years for this time and are very pleased to see the building nearing completion” said Ms Roberta McRae, chairperson for the Interim Board. “This is a now a great opportunity for local organisations to assist us in making the future of Belconnen Arts Centre sustainable”

The Vision for the association is to be the centre for the arts in Belconnen by making it a welcoming place for the community and by nurturing the development of the arts and artists of Belconnen”.

Over the next month the association will finalise the program of activities and its business plan and sign-off on the Licence and the Deed of Grant with the ACT Government.

“A considerable amount of work has been going on behind the scenes in consultation with the previous Advisory Group, the arts community and key stakeholders” “We are now keen for businesses, arts and community organisations, schools and other agencies to get behind the centre and join the association to make this an amazing centre for the arts in Belconnen”.

Membership of the new association is open to arts and community organisations and businesses only. Members may appoint a delegate to represent them and to nominate to the elected Board.

“By having arts and community organisations and business members, Belconnen Arts Centre can have a wide reach across the arts and throughout the communities of the Belconnen and the wider ACT region.”

Individuals keen to support the Belconnen Arts Centre are invited to become involved as artists, as students of a wide range of creative and performing arts or as volunteers and supporters. Contact the Development Team by visiting the website or give them a call to receive more information.

“The Belconnen Arts Centre is on track to open to the public at the end of winter this year,” Ms McRae said.

For information and to arrange interviews on Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated, please contact Ms Roberta McRae mobile 0414 470 295

All other enquiries may be directed to; [belconnenartscentre@gmail.com](mailto:belconnenartscentre@gmail.com)

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