



Thank you for your interest in becoming a member.

Subject: Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated membership

Membership is open to organisations and businesses that have an interest in Belconnen, defined as the suburbs comprising the Ginninderra electorate. Members will be required to nominate a delegate as their representative to act and speak on their behalf and receive information on Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated.

Each year, members via their delegates will be invited to attend the Annual General Meeting and to nominate for the Board of the organisation. There are four (4) member places on the Board along with three (3) appointed members who will, in the first instance be Ministerial appointees having appropriate skills to govern the organisation.

All member organisations will receive VIP invitations to activities and events and the opportunity to assist with growing the strength and capacity of Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated to deliver on its vision;

***To be the centre of arts and cultural activity in Belconnen***

Its objectives are;

- *to create a welcoming space for engagement in arts and cultural activity.*
- *to support artists and the development of the arts in Belconnen.*

The organisation will shortly sign a Licence and a Deed of Grant with artsACT to manage and operate the centre.

The Interim Board made up of seven stakeholder representatives are currently responsible for preparing the organisation, recruiting staff and overseeing the preparation of the program of activities that are to take place in the centre. This work is being carried out by a specialist Development Team employed by artsACT in the Chief Minister's Department.

Members are also invited to join the developing Ambassadors Program by volunteering time or services in kind, mentoring, donating and forming partnerships with the organisation.

### Further Background and Information

You will be aware that the ACT Government had made a commitment to the people of Belconnen in 2004 to design and construct an arts and cultural centre. In 2007 the design was undertaken by Melbourne based, Williams Ross Architects who have experience in the design and construction of cultural centres.

Project Coordination Australia P/L began construction in mid 2008 with completion due mid July this year.

Information on the Belconnen Arts Centre and the spaces it contains is attached with this letter and further information on the centre's dedicated website [www.belconnenartscentre.com.au](http://www.belconnenartscentre.com.au).

This is the first new purpose built arts facility built by the ACT government in more than 12 years and presents an exciting and long overdue opportunity to highlight and foster the creative talents of those living in Belconnen.

**This is an ACT Government Arts Facility**

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### Spring Program and beyond

Expressions of interest have been received from a very wide field of local artistic practitioners and have demonstrated the need for the centre and the spaces it has to offer. So much so, not everyone can be accommodated immediately. These have been collated and a first Spring Program is almost finalised and ready to be launched. It includes exhibitions, workshops, and regular classes for all ages in various visual arts, writing and dance techniques, children's and school holiday programs.

Belconnen Arts Centre is due to be officially opened by Minister Jon Stanhope at the end of August with formal activities on a Friday and open public day on the Saturday. The centre will otherwise operate on a seven day, varied operational basis.

Please find attached the application for membership. All memberships approved in the first year become Founding Members of the organisation.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the development team or the Interim Chair of Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated Ms Roberta McRae on 0414 470 295

Yours sincerely



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### Belconnen Arts Centre Interim Management arrangements

Belconnen Arts Centre is in an interim management phase. ArtsACT are completing construction, certification and initial maintenance contracts with the architects Williams Ross Architects, Procurement Solutions and the builders Project Coordination Australia P/L.

Belconnen Arts Centre Incorporated through the Interim Board is establishing its registrations with relevant authorities. It also signs off on all contractual arrangements with venue hirers artists, subcontractors and service providers when and as appropriate.

The current Development team staff employed by artsACT will continue to undertake all duties acting as appropriate for the set-up of the logistics, hiring agreements, community liaison, coordination of the future program, media and marketing and preparing the Strategic Plan in close consultation with the Interim Board. The team is based at Nara House until such time as it is possible to move into the new centre, once appropriately equipped and furnished. Contact details will remain as identified herewith until such time.

All correspondence regarding the Belconnen Arts Centre is to be directed to the Development Team who may refer on to the Interim Board or other relevant parties.