



Daylesford Foto Biennale Newsletter # 5

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Deadline for DFB'07 exhibition proposals approaches

Call for Proposals

The Daylesford Foto Biennale 07, which runs from June 2nd to July 1st 2007 is planned to be one of the biggest photographic events ever held in Australia with over 75 exhibitions, seminars, workshops and photo events at a host of venues throughout the Hepburn Shire in the Victorian Central Highlands.

The committee is calling for proposals from independent curators, photographers and photographic artists working in traditional and photo-based new media. Proposals are also invited for photographic workshops, seminar presentations and associated photographic events.

Closing date for proposals is June 30th 2006. You can download proposal information and criteria from the website www.daylesfordfotobiennale.org or call the DFB office on [03]5348 5703 or email to info@daylesfordfotobiennale.org

Message from the President

The '07 Biennale is only 14 months away and your committee are busy securing sponsorship, funding, locating exhibition venues and organising the workshop and seminar programmes. Most of us worked on the inaugural '05 Biennale and we bring the insight and knowledge from that experience to our current activities. However we are very happy for your input and support - whatever form that may take - so don't hesitate to contact us if you think you can help make the '07 event an even bigger success than '05. If there are specific seminar or workshop topics you are interested in, please let us know, we welcome your suggestions. Our Festival Director, Jeff Moorfoot, visited Foto Freo and his report on that event both inspired and excited us - it is definitely all systems 'go' here. We have also had two meetings of the newly formed Melbourne Advisory Group, and it is evident that this group will become a vital and valuable component of our infrastructure. We thank them for their enthusiasm and commitment. We have extended the '07 Biennale out to the surrounding towns of Creswick, Trentham and Clunes. This decision has been met with enthusiastic support from those small communities, and we hope you will be able to visit them during your visit to the DFB '07. Perhaps begin planning for a weekend in the Central Highlands during June of next year so that you can fully appreciate our extensive programme - in fact why not several weekends and a few weekdays as well?

Julie Millowick DFB President

DFB Inc membership renewals

This is a final call for all existing Daylesford Foto Biennale Inc members who have not renewed their membership of the association. If your membership fee has not reached the office by May 31st your membership will be deemed to have lapsed, and reinstatement as a membership will necessitate a brand new application. We really need the support of our members and subscribers to bring in some much needed finance to take us through until the anticipated sponsorship and funding support dollars start rolling in. Membership renewal is set at \$33 including GST, and carries through to July 2007.

If you would like to become a member of DFB Inc with full voting rights, as well as the \$33 biannual subs, there is a one off \$11 joining fee. To become a member of DFB Inc. you must be nominated and seconded by existing members and have your application ratified by the committee. Call or email the office for a membership application form or download from the info page at the website www.daylesfordfotobiennale.org

Melbourne Advisory Group

We have formed a group of Melbourne based supporters for those metro folk who want to lend a hand but don't fancy the drive up the highway for monthly committee meetings. The group meets bi monthly, and has just had it's second meeting. Established initially as a way of expanding our information networks, members of the group have taken responsibility for compiling databases for the following:

Camera clubs and other photography groups and associations

Secondary schools who offer photography as part of their curriculum

International photography groups and festivals of Photography

Victorian Galleries - public, private & commercial - who show photography

These databases will help us to better target the dissemination of information to potential visitors to the Hepburn Shire for DFB'07

Community Grant

The DFB was the grateful recipient of the sum of \$1000 from the last round of Hepburn Shire Council's Community Grants Scheme. The grant was used to purchase a data projector.

Funding Grant

DFB was also the recipient of a Quick Response professional Development grant to send the Festival Director Jeff Moorfoot to Fremantle for the opening weekend of Foto Freo 2006 on a fact finding mission. Jeff had a hectic weekend, taking in most of the exhibitions and a couple of seminars and projections, as well as meeting with various board members of Foto Freo. He also made lots of valuable contacts with international and west coast photographers as well as luminaries and curators from some of Australia's most important public and private galleries.

New committee members

We welcome Ellie Young on board as assistant secretary. She will also work with President Julie Millowick to oversee the DFB'07 seminar and workshop program. Some of you may know Ellie as the Director of Gold Street Studios, formerly in Collingwood, but recently located to Trentham East. Also co opted on to the committee is Robyn Lucas, a marketing consultant currently working for Coles Myer. Robyn brings an enormous range of skills from her background in marketing and communications as well as her project management consultant role with the Loreal Melbourne Fashion Festival and five years as Board President of Experimenta. Robyn joins the marketing, sponsorship and funding group.

Sally Van Rooden is another new face, both to Daylesford and the committee. A writer, Sally is relocating from Brisbane to Porcupine Ridge

Many hands make light work, so the DFB Inc committee welcomes interest from anyone willing to make a commitment skills in the areas of law, business management and advertising/

'07 venues

If you have a space in the Hepburn Shire that you think would be suitable to host an exhibition or event please give us a call on 5348 5703. DFB'07 venues will need to pass a risk assessment survey and enter into a memorandum of agreement regarding terms of usage and public access as well as conditions of prominence of display of works and signage.

Subscribers

The DFB is a not for profit organisation and runs by volunteer labour. Eventually we hope to get to the position where we can afford some paid staff, but until then we need a subscriber base to keep the machine ticking over. DFB 05 ran on a budget of around \$40,000. We finished in the black and put some of the surplus back in to the community by way of donations, and retained some seeding money for 2007. You can show your support for the Biennale by becoming a subscriber. Cost of subscription is just \$22 [inc. GST] and is valid for the duration of the Festival - in this case to July 1st 2007. For \$22 you are issued with a DFB'07 subscriber card which entitles you to discounts on seminar tickets, workshops, merchandise and a range of other DFB'07 benefits. But best of all you are helping us put on the show. So get yourself a warm and fuzzy feeling by downloading a supporter form from the website and becoming a DFB subscriber.

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