

INFORMATION SHEET

Young and Emerging Artists Initiative Support for Artist-Run-Initiatives

THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS EMBARGOED FROM PUBLIC DISCUSSION UNTIL 17 December 2007.

As part of the Australian Government's Young and Emerging Artists Initiative, funding for artist-run-initiatives translates as direct and indirect support for hundreds of young and emerging artists across Australia. This is the tenth year the Visual Arts Board is able to offer a special initiative to support the program costs of artist-run-initiatives.

The purpose of this initiative is to provide young and emerging artists with greater opportunities for public exposure and career development. While support is directed at assisting emerging artists, the program of activities contributes to the development of contemporary visual arts in general.

Notice of the initiative was sent in September 2007 to artist-run-initiatives across Australia calling for expressions of interest. A total of 38 applications were received by the 1 November 2007 closing date. Applications were assessed at the meeting of the Visual Arts Board on 3 December 2007.

Part of the program is supported by the Visual Arts and Craft Strategy, a joint initiative of the Australian, State and Territory Governments. As a result of their commitment to the Strategy, the Australian and Victorian Governments agreed that an additional \$50,000 should be allocated to Victorian ARIs. Visual Arts and Craft Strategy funding was granted to Blindside Artist Run Space Inc. (\$20,000), Conical Contemporary Art Space (\$20,000) and West Space Incorporated (\$10,000).

Successful applications

Approved applications	Amount	State
Blindside Artist Run Space Inc.	\$20,000.00	VIC
Bus Studios	\$17,000.00	VIC
Creation Development Pty Ltd (Gaffa Gallery)	\$10,000.00	NSW
Conical Contemporary Art Space Inc.	\$20,000.00	VIC
Darwin Visual Arts Association Inc.	\$10,000.00	NT
Firstdraft Incorporated	\$10,000.00	NSW
Half Dozen Ltd.	\$10,000.00	NSW
Inflight Inc.	\$9,922.50	TAS
Raw Space Galleries	\$9,000.00	QLD
Sticky Institute Inc.	\$15,000.00	VIC
Watch This Space Inc.	\$10,000.00	NT
West Space Incorporated	\$10,000.00	VIC

Number of applications received: **38**

Number of applications approved: **12**

Amount requested: **\$515,308.50**

Amount approved: **\$150,922.50**