



MEDIA RELEASE

2008 Araluen Arts Centre Visual & Performing Arts Program Launch

Be inspired and come along to the 2008 Araluen Arts Centre Visual & Performing Arts Program Launch at the Araluen Arts Centre in the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct at 2.00pm this Sunday 9 March 2008.

Director of the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct, Tim Rollason, said the launch, officially opened by Karl Hampton, MLA, Member for Stuart in the Araluen Theatre will include a visual preview of this year's exciting program, with live entertainment throughout the afternoon.

"We'd love to see everyone in the community come along and see what's on offer throughout the year," Mr Rollason said.

"As well as the launch of the 2008 program, we have the opening of *Colliding Worlds: First contact in the Western Desert 1932-1984*, which is an exhibition that presents a series of first contact episodes between Europeans and Pintupi people over the past 75 years."

Colliding Worlds will be opened by Dr Philip Batty, Senior Curator Anthropology, Museum Victoria, and was developed by Museum Victoria and Tandanya – National Aboriginal Cultural Institute.

Mr Rollason said other guest speakers on the day include, Her Worship, The Mayor of Alice Springs, Fran Kilgariff, Dr J Patrick Greene, CEO, Museum Victoria and Mr Jeremy Long, a former Government welfare officer.

"Other exhibitions on display include an exhibition by Waltja Tjutangka Palyapayi, "Celebrating 10 Years", in Witchetty's, *Recoil: Change and Exchange in Coiled Fibre Art* and *Meander II: A Reflective Path*, featuring works by Helen Geier," Mr Rollason said.

"For the film buffs Araluen Art House Cinema returns for 2008 with the 7.00pm screening of *As it is in Heaven*, a Swedish film based on a successful international conductor who after suffering a breakdown, abruptly interrupts his career and returns to his childhood village, Norrland, Sweden where he is convinced to assist the small church choir, and manages to change their lives as well as his own."

Another feature of the day will be live music from accomplished local musician, Tony Gribble, in the Araluen foyer, from 4pm to 7pm.

Live music by local musicians and performers will now feature each Sunday afternoon when Art House films screen in the Araluen Theatre during 2008.

For more information about the days activities, call the Araluen Box Office on 08 8951 1122, or visit the Araluen website at: www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

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