



Blue Mountains City Council City of the Arts Cultural Grants

Funded Projects 2017/2018



!Ah-Hah! A little bit of Shhh

Grant \$7,000

Artist - *Stuart Christie*

Auspice *Blue Mountains Artist Network*

iAh-Ha! brought together up and coming, professional local, national and international performers. Three events were presented at the Blue Mountains Cultural Centre. There were multiple stages around the venue, all at different levels, performers hung from trapezes on freestanding aerial frames with musicians and acrobats set in the crowd, while supper was served to the audience.



City of the Arts Young Writers Program

Grant \$8,000

Organisation - *Varuna - The National Writers House*

This project aimed to inspire and enable the most talented young people from across the Blue Mountains to express themselves using the written form. Through a series of four one-day workshops in 2018, this project taught young people about the craft of writing, including structure, techniques and narrative voices. Varuna's theme is that of writing enables human beings to reflect and understand one another, to communicate ideas, make sense of the work and to be able to shape the world around us. Key to this project was that the workshops took place at Varuna, so that the young people got a sense of the continuous history of Varuna and its 27 years as a writers house.



Sensory Concert 2

Grant \$8,000

Artist - *Grace Kim*

Auspice *Blue Mountains Artist Network*

This series of high quality live classical concerts were made accessible to children and adults with sensory needs. Collaborating with a professional occupational therapist and psychologist, the concert space was divided into various sensory spaces that accommodated individuals with sensory needs. This included various seating options as well as 2 retreat rooms. The performers were musicians of international standing, each concert featuring a variety of instruments (ranging from the well known, strings and piano, to lesser known instruments such as the bassoon). The musical program was a sensory rich experience.





Blue Shorts Film Festival

Grant \$5,000

Organisation - *Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre*

Film and animation workshops were run for children and young people. Tutors ran two workshops in November 2017. The participants (as well as non-participants) were encouraged to enter their short films into the Blue Shorts 2018 competition. A short film will be made by the existing Blue Shorts Team, also incorporating local volunteers. The short film festival finalists' films were shown at 'Mount Vic Flicks' on Saturday 19 May 2018, and included works created at the workshops.
Website: www.banc.org.au



Observatory Latitude 33° 42' South, Longitude 150° 29' East

Grant \$7,300

Artist - *Miriam Williamson*

Auspice *Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre*

Observatory Latitude 33° 42' South Longitude 150° 29' East was a curated exhibition of contemporary art by three established Blue Mountains artists drawing on the history, technology and landscape of the National Trust listed site of the Linden Observatory. The event was held on Saturday 4 November 2017 from 5.30pm to 10.00pm. Artists produced works responding to this site as a location for observing the night sky as well as a place for tool making both in pre-colonial times and then from the 1930's by the former owner of the site Ken Beames, an amateur astronomer, telescope builder and creator of the observatory. Exhibiting artists: Michaela Gleave with Amanda Cole and Warren Armstrong, Michael Petchovsky, Graham Davis-King and Brad Allen-Waters with Jon Drummond.

