

Heidi Victoria MP

Member for Bayswater District

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier & Assisting the Premier with the Arts

2/40 Station Street, Bayswater 3153 | Ph. 9729 1622 • Fax. 9729 0912
E. heidi.victoria@parliament.vic.gov.au | W. www.heidivictoria.com.au



9 August 2012

Inviting Diversity to Arts Victoria Advisory Panels

Heidi Victoria, Member for Bayswater encourages people in the Bayswater District who have a range of skills and backgrounds to play a role in the arts funding process, by nominating to be part of the Arts Victoria's Advisory Panel Register.

Arts Victoria, the Victorian Government's arts funding and advisory body, manages a range of arts funding programs that provide support to both emerging and established artists and arts organisations across Victoria.

Arts Advisory Panels assist in the grants process by assessing applications and making recommendations to the Government on which should receive funding.

In addition to representatives from within the arts sector, Arts Victoria is seeking panel members with a broad range of skills that are complementary to the arts such as business, education or research, legal or community affairs.

"Being part of Arts Victoria's Advisory Panel Register is a chance for representatives from all sectors of our diverse community to have a say in how arts funding is allocated and ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent in ways that provide the best results for the Victorian community," Mrs Victoria said.

Indigenous persons, people with a disability, young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and those living in regional areas are encouraged to nominate.

Premier and Minister for the Arts Ted Baillieu said: "Just as art can have impacts across a wide variety of sectors, including, health, education, justice and community development, it is important that these sectors also feedback to the arts."

Arts Victoria staff use the Advisory Panel Register to recruit panel members – usually between 4-10 members at a time – to assess applications across a range of artforms.

Online applications for Arts Advisory Panel Register open today and close on Monday 17 September 2012. For more information, or to apply, visit www.arts.vic.gov.au/panelregister.