

Regeneration – Free Art Workshops for Older People in Bushfire Affected Communities

Local residents aged 50 years and over are invited to participate in a range of free art workshop series taking place in Churchill, Boolarra, Callignee and Mirboo North.

The workshops are targeted at communities affected by the 2009 bushfires and are an initiative of Senior Victorians, Department of Health with funding from the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund. The workshops are hosted by Monash University Gippsland with the assistance of the Community Recovery Committees and local councils.

Each workshop series will take place over a number of weeks to enable participants to develop their skills and create their own unique masterpieces. Each workshop will include a break with light refreshment provided. It is expected that the works produced by our budding local artists will be exhibited at one or more public displays in the region.



The following free workshop series are available

Location	Topic	Duration	Day	Time	Start date	Finish date	Workshop Leader
Mirboo North Community Shed	Pottery	6 weeks	Mon	1.30pm - 3.30pm	20 Feb	2 April	Michelle Murden
Boolarra Multi Purpose Building	Drawing	6 weeks	Tues	1.30pm - 4.30pm	28 Feb	3 April	Kate Zizys
Churchill Neighbourhood House	Photography	6 weeks	Wed	1.00pm - 4.00pm	29 Feb	4 April	Werner Theinert
Callignee Community Hall	Drawing	6 weeks	Thu	1.30pm - 4.30pm	1 March	5 April	Kate Zizys
GCAD, Monash University, Churchill	Printmaking	4 weeks	Fri	10.00am - 2.00pm	2 March	23 March	Kate Zizys



Workshop evaluation: Researchers at Monash University are keen to assess the outcomes of the different workshop series and will invite all workshop participants to complete some simple questionnaires and participate in a brief discussion. This will help develop better programs targeting the needs of older residents in the region. Participation in the assessment of the workshop outcomes is entirely voluntary and you are welcome to participate in the art workshops without completing this assessment.

Registration: To register for a workshop series please contact Barbara Dungey on 03 5122 6206 or barbara.dungey@monash.edu

Getting to the workshop: Free community buses may be available to assist those without access to transport to travel to and from the workshops. Contact Barbara Dungey (above) to discuss.

More details: For more information on the workshops, community buses etc please go to www.gippsland.monash.edu.au/research/lifecourse/artworkshops.html