



Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning



# Biodiversity in Your Backyard 2018 Art and the Environment Report

This years Biodiversity in Your Backyard event showcased six presentations featuring local, national and international artists and covered a diverse range of art forms including sculpture, poetry, soundscape, painting, photography and dramatic performance.

12 Artists



145 Guests

The theme for this years event was 'Art and the Environment'. Each artist presented their piece and shared stories about the creative journey behind their works and their connection to the Bellarine's natural environment.



"It was lovely to meet and mingle with the artists...very inspirational" – Tracey, CCMA representative

There is only one Planet. Our love for it is expressed through our desire for sustainability. Thankyou for finding so many heartfelt expressions through your art. Jim Mason, Councillor City of Greater Geelong

"The...presentations were amazing and really highlighted our amazing environment" – Eva, guest

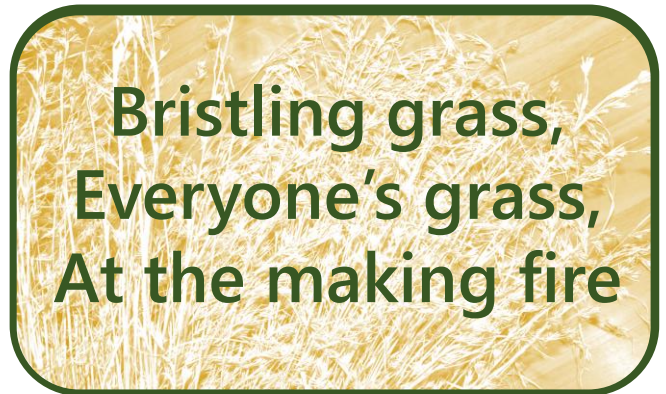
"It was a positive and enriching experience" – Gillian, artist

"A collaborative event showcasing our region's great artists and natural environment" -

Kaz Paton, Manager Arts and Culture, City of Greater Geelong



Guests were kept entertained between presentations by Joel Carnegie, who hosted the Program. Joel Carnegie is a radio and TV presenter, performer and musician.



*Words from 'Grass Song' by Simon, Barry & Rose*

This event marked the third occasion that the Potato Shed have hosted a Biodiversity in Your Backyard event. Bellarine Catchment Network were proud to bring together over 30 groups and organisations across the environment and arts community. This highlighted the biodiversity values of the Bellarine and why we need to protect them.



Both staff and volunteers from various organisations provided assistance and support to ensure the event ran smoothly.

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