

Dear Friends of the Trust,

Just alerting you to a few upcoming events:

VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TRUST E-BULLETIN EARLY MAY 2008:

- ◆ Mothers Day Rally
- ◆ Big Business
- ◆ An Afternoon with Susan Hawthorne and Suzanne Bellamy

MOTHER'S DAY RALLY

Mother's Unite to Clean Up Our Climate!

WHEN: Date & Time: 12.15-12.45pm, Mother's Day, 11 May 2008

(immediately following the Mother's Day Classic)

Venue: Federation Square

We recently witnessed the collapse of an ice shelf the size of a small country fall into the Southern Antarctic Ocean. We're sure millions of mothers had the same reaction: what does this mean for the future of our children and for all those who come after us'?

When Coni Forcey, mother of three and Co-Founder of the Bayside Climate Change Action Group met up with Deborah Hart, mother of two and Founder of the City of Port Phillip based LIVE (Locals into Victoria's Environment), the two decided that with Mother's Day coming up, they'd tell their families and partners to forget breakfast in bed, or flowers or candy: What they really want is to see the climate crisis solved now!

To raise awareness and galvanize action around the solutions to global warming, the duo have put out the call to others to come together at Federation Square for half an hour 12:15pm 11th May 2008. Brigitte Duclos, co-host of Mix 101.1FM's breakfast radio program, *Two Women & A Metro*, will host, and keynote speakers will join us to voice their concerns about the impacts of climate change on future generations.

Coni Forcey: "I don't know about your family, but in ours: "if momma ain't happy, AIN'T NOBODY HAPPY. And I won't be happy until the government gets real about the serious threat that is climate change and starts taking the advice of the leading scientists and environmental experts about how to solve it".

Deborah Hart adds "We have the solutions... use less energy and switch to renewable energy. We don't need more roads, we need better public transportation. As a community we ought to be ashamed that Australia is among the world's worst per capita greenhouse gas emitters because over 90% of our electricity comes from burning coal. Why are our decision makers so married to polluting coal when Australia is arguably the sunniest and windiest nation on Earth?"

Coni Forcey: “Harnessing the power of women is a positive way of getting the urgency of the message across on an issue they feel strongly about. Participating in something like this makes people feel empowered – that they’re voicing their concerns about a serious issue, especially on behalf of their children.”

Deborah Hart agrees “*While women make up 52% of the population* the fact remains that women are under-represented in parliaments where environmental policy is largely determined. Further, our governments are vastly underestimating the depth of women's concerns about the climate crisis. That is going to have to change.”

You don't have to be a mother to join us, it's enough to have had one! Attendees are asked to bring along a large photo of their children to hold up for a group photograph with the message “Save the planet for their sake!”

Supported by Federation Square, The Victorian Women's Trust, Environment Victoria and Greenpeace, the rally should only take about ½ an hour. “And then you can take mum off for lunch”, Deborah Hart suggests.

Visit details at www.live.org.au

Contact Details:

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Coni Forcey 0419 598 066

FULL TILT at the Arts Centre in association with The Business present:

BIG BUSINESS



Paul, Barry, Ray and Pierre live and work together in delightful dysfunctional harmony. Into their finely balanced society comes the staggering discovery – we can have more! The Boys set off on a calamitous, slapstick journey towards disaster! Life will never be the same again.

Constantly surprising, brilliantly absurd. Don't miss it.' *Herald Sun*

'Brilliant purveyors of physical comedy, dexterously employing detailed characterisation and slapstick...well honed physicality and precise theatricality is

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'What a brilliant slapstick adventure! They are bloody clever at clowning. I've not seen better. Norman Gunston, Groucho marx and Charlie Chaplin would be mightily proud of these women.' *MCV*

'If clowning is your bag, this will be a riot...this talented foursome prove themselves silent but deadly.' *Chortle UK*

The Business are Glynis Angel, Clare Bartholomew, Penny Baron and Kate Kantor. Direction Ian Pidd

**When: 07 May 2008 - 17 May 2008
Wednesday - Saturday 7.30pm
(17 May 2pm & 7.30pm)**

**Pricing: \$28 / \$23 (Preview \$20)
Groups 6+ \$20**

Where:

• **Fairfax Studio**
The Arts Centre

To Book, go to:

<http://www.theartscentre.com.au/what's-on/event.aspx?id=1174>

Or phone the Arts Centre on: 03 9281 8000

“COMMUNITY OF SELVES” AN AFTERNOON WITH SUSAN HAWTHORNE AND SUZANNE BELLAMY

“Friends and supporters of each other’s creative work for 30 years, Susan Hawthorne is a writer and aerialist, Suzanne Bellamy is an artist and writer. Each will present a performance monologue on choices, fusions, and work pathways. Their common influences are multiple, Stein, Woolf, language, fire, flying, archeology, activism, sounds, lesbian culture, geography, spirit, place. Each is a unique artist, each a community of selves within, each part of a community of amazing women and intergalactic cows, all in transit. Aerials, artwork, theatre of ideas – discussion and community. MC Renate Klein.”

**WHEN: Sunday 4th May 2008, 2-6pm
WHERE: 35 Whalley St Northcote, Vic
Door Charge: \$10/\$5 (conc)**

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