

## Lights, Camera, Action with (it's no) drama

The (it's no) drama group will be performing their first show this month as a result of eight collaborative movement workshops for people with and without a disability.

*Unreserved* is a collection of stories, images and random thoughts told through contemporary theatre.

Two performances will be held on Friday 27 October 2017 in Memorial Hall, Leongatha, with sessions at 2.00pm and 7.00pm.

Everyone is invited to attend, no tickets or bookings are necessary as both sessions will have free admission.

The project was made possible with a \$5,975 grant received from the Federal Government's Regional Arts Fund that supported Council's \$3,000 funding contribution and additional in-kind support.

Key founder of the arts initiative, Emily Ardley was excited to see her idea of creating inclusive drama opportunities in South Gippsland come to life. Emily, a Leongatha local, had travelled to Melbourne for many years to participate in drama and movement theatre and wanted to see those opportunities available for local people.

Emily says "It has been inspiring to see so many people coming along and enjoying this experience of creating drama. It has come a long way, because of the support from everyone who has come and been committed to the project".

South Gippsland Shire Council's Access and Inclusion Officer, Alisha Gilliland acknowledges the role that the arts play in connecting people, building skills and confidence in those involved, and most importantly, allowing for the showcasing of the creative abilities of people with disabilities to their community.

"We want to get the word out about this fantastic initiative, started by a local performer and supported by Council, Regional Arts Victoria, Rawcus theatre and, most importantly, our community. This is a wonderful example of how an idea, when given support and commitment, can become a reality."

"The (it's no) drama ensemble are excited to present this showing to their community" said Ms Gilliland, "We would love to see the community come along to these shows, which will be a fantastic experience for both the performers and the audience".

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