



Creative Victoria Grant Success

South Gippsland's vibrant creative arts sector has been given a major boost with South Gippsland Shire Council successful in securing a \$120,000 VicArts grant from Creative Victoria. The grant will be used to further develop the work of *(it's no) drama*, an inclusive theatre group involving people with and without disability.

South Gippsland Shire Council's Access and Inclusion Officer, Alisha Gilliland is pleased that the funding application was successful.

"This funding will help the *(it's no) drama* ensemble develop their skills and create and perform new works. The group's last production *Real. Not Real.* was extremely successful, attracting participation from a wide range of people with and without disability, and huge audiences. It will be exciting to see what the group can develop with this new level of funding support," said Ms. Gilliland.

(it's no) drama was the brainchild of Emily Ardley who recognised the need for an all-abilities theatre group in South Gippsland. Emily worked with Council and Rawcus Theatre Company to help bring the idea to fruition.

"It is wonderful to see *(it's no) drama* continue to grow and succeed. So many people have joined the ensemble. We can't wait for the next production to come together," said Ms. Ardley.

For more information on *(it's no) drama* and you can get involved, please contact Alisha Gilliland on 5662 9200 or alisha.gilliland@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

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