

# Nebula art open studio strengthens pride of place

## Media release

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***Art About*, a group of artists with a lived experience of disability welcomes people to their Open Studio, on Saturday 9 December, 2017, 11am to 3pm. A screen printing open studio to promote a sense of pride and belonging in the local Rosebud community will be held in Nebula, a fully accessible mobile art studio initiated by Arts Access Victoria. Nebula will be positioned outside Seawinds Community Hub, 11a Allambi Avenue, Capel Sound.**

This is the first time that Nebula will appear on the Mornington Peninsula.

The screen printing open studio will be run by participants of *Art About*, an Arts Access Victoria (AAV) art group that meets monthly in Seawinds Community Hub. The group has been proudly working on the *Flags and Bags* project, a collaboration between AAV, Mornington Peninsula Shire and Seawinds Community Hub. The group received a \$5,000 grant from Mornington Peninsula Shire to help develop their screen printing skills. Cloth flags and bags will be screen printed with designs on the day. People from the local community are invited to attend and to take a bag with them.

The project is about 'placemaking' by creating artwork that affirms a sense of connection to place. This open studio is a culmination of the group's hard work over four years as the only supported studio space on the Peninsula.

The flags represent a way to mark the place as 'home' for the *Art About* group participants. The bags are to encourage sustainability as part of the *Boomerang Bags* movement where cloth bags are donated to local shops, encouraging people to avoid the use of plastic bags.

Established in 1974, Arts Access Victoria (AAV) is the peak body for disability in the arts. As a not for profit organisation AAV advocates for inclusion within the arts, valuing the lived experience of people living with disability.

Art transcends barriers, allowing people to connect through an artistic process by sharing skills and learning from one another. The project acknowledges International Day of People with a Disability (Dec 3).

Relevant links: <https://www.artsaccess.com.au/art-about/>

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