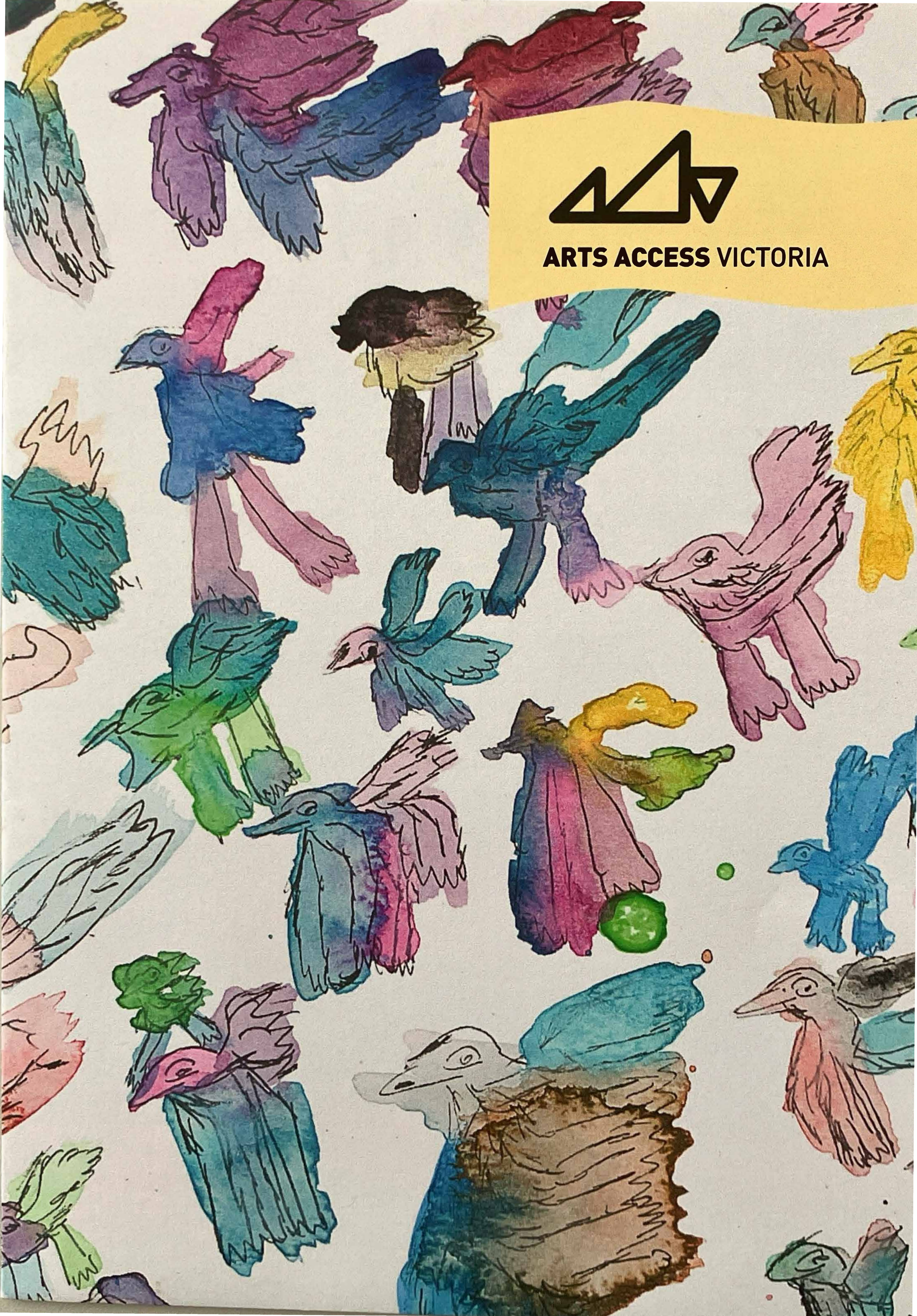
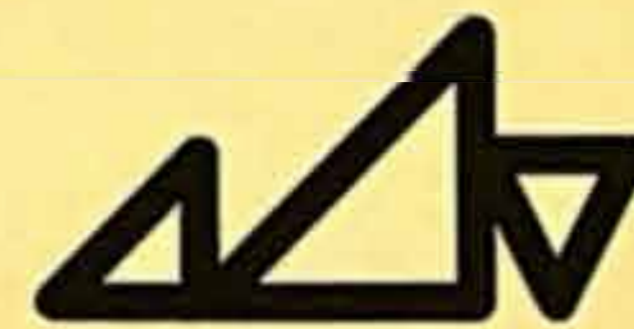


ARTS ACCESS VICTORIA





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Art. For every body.

We make art, we advocate, we ignite change,
we make noise, we are artists.

Our programs

Art About

Art Day South

Get Out!

Echo Collective

Nimbus

SRS Studios

Way Out West

Pathways program

The Lesley Hall
Scholarship

Connecting the Dots

Art, NDIS and You

Open Your Mind training

Open Your Eyes training

Bandmates Victoria

The Other Film Festival

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Kristy Sweeney, Watercolour birds no. 1 (detail), 2017

The story of our year 2017



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We make art

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.

As the National Disability Insurance Scheme takes effect throughout Australia, AAV is committed to helping individuals include arts programs within their individual NDIS plans. AAV is a registered NDIS provider.



At a glance

21 KPI'S

Arts Access Victoria exceeded or met all 21 of our KPI's

1941

artists supported

11

research projects

43

exhibitions and performances

101,209

website page views

240

strategic partnerships

13,751

information requests

890,815

audience members engaged

465

creative workshops for people living with disability

Ned Fagan, pencil on paper, 2015

Our supporters



We advocate: We shake things up, we call out discrimination, we expect inclusion.

We reflect: We provide training, to understand ourselves and others, to grow and ignite change around us.

We connect people: To art, to resources, to each other.

We deliver: Inclusive and accessible programs to engage people with disability to pursue their individual arts practice and lead creative lives.

We make art: Because we have to, we need to and then the world makes sense.



The Get Out! Crew, 2015



Kate Niddrie in *Fortune* by Way Out West, 2017
Photo by Daryl Gordon

Strategic goals

#1 Produce and present artistic work made by and with people with disability that reflects best contemporary and inclusive arts practices.

- Artists exchanged gifts with their audience in the form of artwork, music or creative experience in Way Out West's *Fortune* interactive performance.
- Nimbus mobile art studio began its residency on the grounds of Bundoora Homestead offering artists with disability

an opportunity to create work under the guidance of practicing contemporary artists.

- Echo Collective presented *Voyage*, a short self devised show at the Arts Centre Melbourne to an audience of community, family, friends and industry.

#2 To facilitate meaningful career pathways within the arts and cultural community for artists with disability.

- As the NDIS rolls out across Victoria, AAV has provided information and advice to artists with disability, their families and carers.
- The Lesley Hall Scholarship was awarded to an artist for an arts project that highlights advocacy, providing a twelve month mentorship and \$5000.

- The Pathways program supported artists with disability to pursue their creative practice by participating in AAV's ACTIVATE professional development series.

- We employed Lived Experience Consultants to examine access and inclusion for a number of arts organisations, contributing to comprehensive access audits.

#3 To transform the way the arts and cultural sector engages with people with disability, as practitioners and audiences.

- Our ARTfinder inclusive and accessible online arts program database listed over 70 organisations with 260 arts programs, with plans for a national platform.
- We created the *Connecting the Dots* resources including books and films to help young people living with mental health issues advocate for the arts in NDIS plans.

- AAV's Open Your Eyes disability awareness training workshops assisted individuals and organisations to build skills and confidence to prioritise access in the workplace.

- In partnership with City of Maribyrnong, we codesigned *Bandmates Victoria*, matching people with disability and volunteers to see live music in Melbourne.