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NEW MEMBER



This month we have been focused on understanding the material impacts of changes announced by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIPB). Members would be aware that LPA has been advocating with respect to proposed changes for some months. Of primary concern are the removal of the 'bulk discount' and the extent to which previous fee exemptions will continue to apply. LPA will be writing directly to the Minister for Immigration this week seeking an urgent meeting to discuss both matters. In the meantime, we will continue to update Members as we get greater clarity from DIPB on the implementation of the online system for the new 408 Temporary Activity Visa (which replaces the current 420 Entertainment Visa) taking effect on 19 November.

Members would be aware that sadly Charlotte St Clair Wilson, LPA's Workplace Relations Advisor, leaves us this week to head to the US to follow the US presidential campaign. We will miss her greatly and sincerely thank her for her tireless efforts on behalf of Members over the past three and a half years. The good news is that we have appointed someone to fill her boots and he will start with us on Monday 31 October. We will be introducing him to Members once he comes on board.

Our annual *Ticket Attendance and Revenue Survey 2015* is currently being completed and will be released mid-October. The report will include supplementary data on ticket attendance and revenue data from Key Organisations of the Australia Council and Australian Performing Arts Centres Association (APACA) members. This supplementary dataset has been compiled to provide a representation of the small to medium sector, as well as regional and metropolitan (non-capital) venues.

And finally, I was very pleased to attend the [AAPAC Conference](#) last week in Adelaide. Congratulations to Douglas Gautier AM and his team at the Adelaide Festival Centre on bringing together industry people from all over the Asia Pacific to discuss the significant role and contribution of arts centres in our communities. The conference marked 20 years since the Association of Asia Pacific Performing

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MUSICAL CHAIRS



Arts Tasmania

David Sudmalis has been appointed as the new Director of Arts Tasmania.

NIDA

Kate Cherry will leave her role as Artistic Director of Black Swan State Theatre Company to step into the role of Director and Chief Executive Officer at NIDA from November 2016.

Arts Centres was formed. It also marked the 10th anniversary of Adelaide Festival Centre's OzAsia Festival, a remarkable achievement. Congratulations to LPA Life Member and former President, Sue Natrass AO on being awarded the AAPAC Lifetime Achievement Award. It was terrific to see Sue there to accept the award and recount the genesis of the association back in the 1980/1990s, reflecting on how our community and industry have evolved during those decades. The conference provided an opportunity to explore and discuss future opportunities, models and ways of engaging with our Asia Pacific neighbours more collaboratively. Despite the unforeseen weather conditions, the AFC team did a wonderful job in responding with professionalism and humour in the face of a state wide power outage, not an easy task!

As always, if there are industry issues you would like to discuss or raise, please contact us on 03 8614 2000 or via [e-mail](#).

Kind regards,

Evelyn Richardson

Chief Executive



The deadline for registration to become a Peer Assessor for the Australia Council for the next three year term from 2017 –2019 is fast approaching. Register before it's too late!

The Australia Council are particularly encouraging applicants from the following focus areas:

- First Nations people
- Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory and South Australian representation
- People from regional and remote areas
- People under 30 years of age
- People who identify with a disability

Nominations to become a Peer Assessor are open until **3 November 2016**.

[Click here for more information](#)

VICTORIAN CHILD SAFE STANDARDS - METROPOLITAN AND REGIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

New Victorian law requires organisations that provide services for children to meet Child Safe Standards by 1 January 2017. This includes organisations that employ children in Victoria.

The Commission for Children and Young People is holding Child Safe Standards information sessions across a range of metropolitan and regional locations from 3-17 October. These sessions are intended to provide businesses and organisations that work with children with an introduction to the Standards and to help organisations make preparations.

Details of the time and location of these sessions can be found on the [Victorian Commission for Children and Young People's website](#).

LPA is currently in the process of updating our *Guide to Child Safety in the Live Performance Industry* to incorporate the new Victorian standards. This will be made available to Members shortly.

Should you have any queries in regard to child safety in live performance, please do not hesitate to contact the LPA Policy Team via [email](#) or call (03) 8614 2000.

NEW 408 TEMPORARY ACTIVITY VISA

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) has advised that it will be implementing a new temporary activity visa framework that will abolish the existing *Temporary Work (Entertainment) (subclass 420)* visa and create a new *Temporary Activity (subclass 408)* visa ("408 Visa").

The changes come into effect on 19 November 2016.

Please see [Circular 10-16](#) and [Circular 11-16](#) for more detail.

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA'S NEW BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE FOR LPA MEMBERS

Virgin Australia has announced a new baggage allowance for individual artists in our industry. When booking flights for artists, LPA Members can now access a generous **64kg of checked baggage totaling 4 pieces of baggage** (increased from 32kg across three pieces), when travelling domestically within Australia. Further details can be found [here](#).

The Virgin Australia Baggage Deal was originally introduced in 2011. LPA in conjunction with a number of other Australian Music Industry bodies, reached an arrangement with Virgin Australia to alleviate the costs borne by touring artists and companies. The new Baggage Deal provides a valued benefit to LPA Members, and we are pleased that Virgin Australia continues to support our music industry and the live performance industry more broadly.

Should you have any queries in regard to the Virgin Australia Baggage Deal, please do not hesitate to contact the **LPA Policy Team** via [email](#) or call (03) 8614 2000.

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