



Celebrating a successful ARTmelbourne07 exhibition are Baw Baw Shire artists including (from left) Trav and Rhona Hendrick, Kerrie Warren, Ingrid Thomas, Laurel Foenander, Amanda Goodge, Christine Cochran, Leonie Ryan and Phil Henshall. Absent are Laurie Collins and Elisabet Smedbakken.

Artists sell themselves at Melbourne exhibition

A group of nine artists from Baw Baw Shire recently successfully participated in the prestigious ARTmelbourne07 event at the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton from April 20 to 22.

Baw Baw Shire Council cultural development officer Karen Whitaker-Taylor said the artists sold in excess of \$20,125 of artworks throughout the exhibition.

Artists participating in ARTmelbourne07 were Kerrie Warren, Phil Henshall, Laurel Foenander, Elisabet Smedbakken, Trav Hendrick, Chris Cochran, Laurie Collins, Leonie Ryan and Amanda Goodge.

This very diverse group of artists exhibited a wide variety of styles and mediums to show Melbourne

art buyers the wealth of talent in the Baw Baw region. It is also hoped that they will use www.gippslandartists.com as a means to view and purchase great regional art in the future.

Ms Whitaker-Taylor said all the artists were pleased with their results, with most gaining at least one sale or commission.

Kerrie Warren and Trav Hendrick had a great event, selling multiple pieces.

Ms Whitaker-Taylor said a debrief meeting will be held next week where they will "definitely" get the ball rolling to participate in ARTmelbourne08.

"The event was of great benefit for the artists as individuals, but also raised the profile of art in Gippsland," said Ms Whitaker-Taylor.