



Community Workshop: Exploring possible futures for the Cooroy Butter Factory

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Introduction



- The following slides are:
 - designed to stimulate thinking about future uses for the Butter Factory
 - based on real case studies
 - by no means exhaustive
 - not indicative of council's thinking
- Remember it is possible that the Butter Factory could have more than one of these uses

Home for a visual arts collective



- Darwin Visual Arts Association (DVAA) formed in 1983 still going strong
- Community based arts organisation
- Membership
 - \$45 per year
- 2 Gallery spaces for hire
 - \$165 & \$88 per week
- 4 studio spaces
 - Six months lease
 - \$50 per week
 - requirement for volunteering



Factory space for a social enterprise

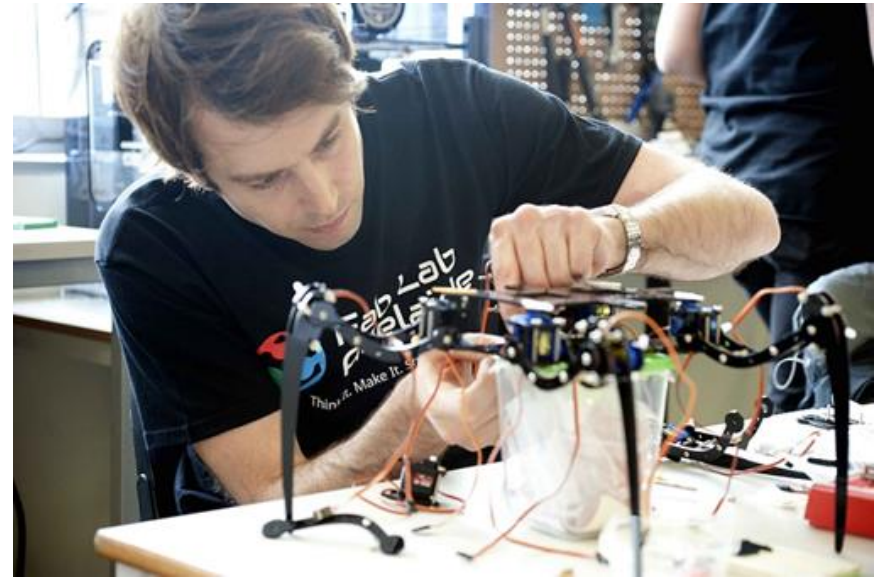


- Lazy Dog Tees is a social enterprise run by Integrated Family Youth Service
- Based on Homeboy Industries started in LA in 1988 by a Jesuit priest
- Homeboy Industries comprises a bakery, café, silkscreen and embroidery workshop
- Employs 300 staff
 - ex gang members
 - minimum wage
 - employed for up to 18 months
- 3% of \$14m budget from government

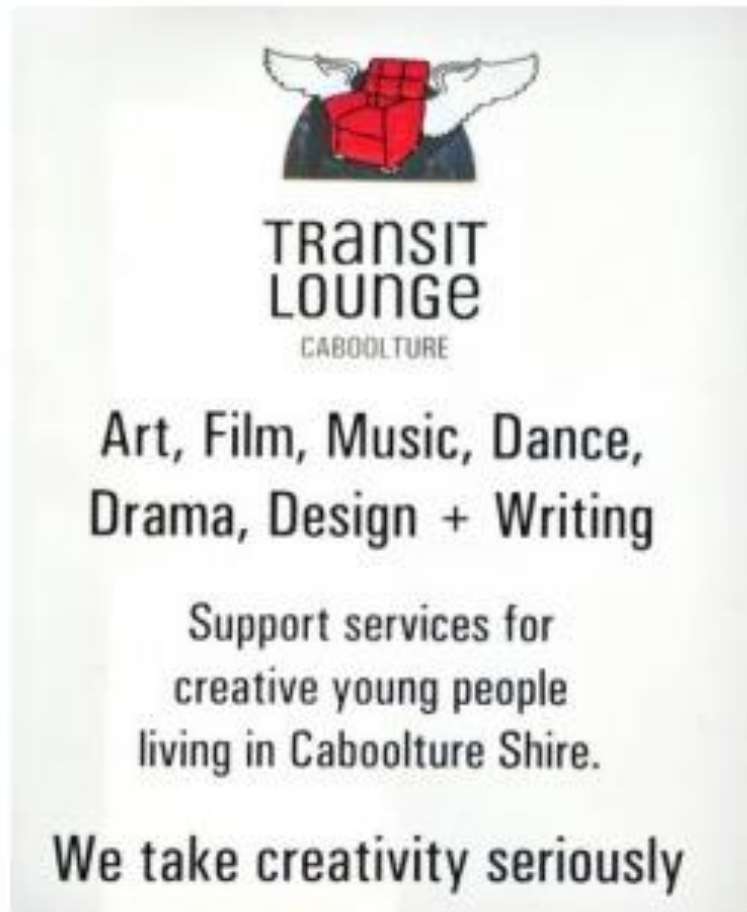
Makerspace



- Makerspaces are do-it-yourself community spaces where people can explore their creativity
- Often have close links to libraries
- Fab Lab Adelaide is a community 3d printing and fabrication workshop
- Low cost access to equipment, expertise and training



Young People's space



- Transit Lounge Caboolture provided support services for creative young people in Caboolture run by Youth Arts Qld
- Programs included:
 - industry development programs,
 - networking events,
 - professional development initiatives and workshops,
 - links to practitioners in the local area and beyond,
 - individual advice and consultations, and
 - resources, up-to-date information and profiling opportunities
- Ceased operating in 2014 due to loss of government funding

A funky museum



Cherbourg Ration Shed Museum

- tours and educational programs for schools
- a Keeping Place and archive
- ‘The Memory’ – an interactive archive documenting family and clan histories
- a community gallery
- a corroboree ring



Craft and or design centre



- Sturt Contemporary Art and Design Centre established 1941
- Centre of excellence for promotion and teaching of craft
 - Craft courses
 - Summer schools
- Shop, Gallery, Cafe
- Won the 2013 Australian Craft awards: Craft retailer category

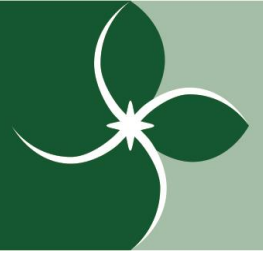
Arts incubator



- in.cube8r is a fun interactive gallery
- open to anyone who makes things by hand
- no commission - artist receives 100% of the retail price
- run like a long term market
- gallery is divided into glass cubicles which artists lease



The complete makeover



- The heritage status of the Butter Factory would allow a complete interior makeover
- This would require a significant capital investment
- Australian history full of quirky adaptations of old buildings into theatre spaces eg Belvoir St, the Pram Factory, Brisbane Powerhouse



Final thoughts



*Logic will get you from a to b
imagination will get you everywhere ...*

Albert Einstein

For more information



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Thank-you to everyone for participating and we look forward to
the ongoing conversations