

**Creative Construct Forum
University of Melbourne
Tuesday 27th September 2011**

The Art Vault's Director Julie Chambers was invited to give a presentation and to be on a panel with Bob Waite (CEO Darebin Enterprises Centre Ltd), Jeremy Gaden (Director of the Substation), Claude Ullin (Councillor, former Mayor of Stonnington City Council), and Paul Smith (Executive Director, Community Development, Victorian Department of Planning & Community Development). The forum was on new directions for revitalising civic amenity and creating public value.

Approximately 85 people attended the one day forum held in the Woodward Conference Centre in the law building at Melbourne University. Participants included representatives from Victorian Councils, the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Arts Victoria, Department for Planning and the Community, The University of Melbourne and journalists from Melbourne City newspapers. Julie was asked to speak about a variety of issues including her rationale for establishing The Art Vault initiative and the economic, social and artistic benefits of our model.

Julie was informed by the organisers that they had received numerous complimentary comments from speakers and participants in relation to her presentation. In particular that people had been impressed with the overall Art Vault concept. The participants praised Julie for her commitment and courage in managing such a diverse and unique model. Also her generous and unassuming way of describing her success with the initiative.