

**6.8 hectares, 11 heritage buildings,
20+ venues, 1000+ events annually,
4 places to eat, 2 galleries, 100+ studios
and 1 million+ visitors every year.**



15 August 2017

Creative Victoria
31/121 Exhibition Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Dear Selection Panel,

I am writing to offer our in principle support and interest in the hosting of *The Republic of Trees* by Dan Mitchell for a 2019 Autumn Season presented at Abbotsford Convent.

The Abbotsford Convent, situated on 6.8 hectares of green, open space, is a cultural and artistic hub where ideas are born, nurtured, developed and presented. With a creative community of over 75 resident artists, designers and makers, as well as attracting over one million visitors annually, we see *The Republic of Trees* as a fantastic addition to our annual public program. I am confident Dan Mitchell and his professional team of artists, in consultation with our Head Gardener, can navigate the considerations in regards to the care for our Heritage trees.

If successful in sourcing the funding the project requires, the Abbotsford Convent can provide support through subsidised venue hire, as well as support from the ACF's Producer and Marketing and Communications Team.

I am excited by the opportunity to present *The Republic of Trees* at Abbotsford Convent. Should you need to discuss any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact me. I urge you to look upon their application favorably.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Collette Brennan".

Collette Brennan
CEO
Abbotsford Convent Foundation