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ST LEONARDS

Laneway gets X Brand factor of creative arts

A BREATH of creative life will be pumped into St Leonards thanks to Brand X.

The independent arts organisation will convert a number of vacant commercial buildings between Atchison St and Chandos St in the newly created TWT Creative Precinct.

Brand X director James Winter said they planned to create artist studios, a rehearsal space, gallery space and creative retail for a proposed 18-months to two-year period.

“As soon as you give spaces to artists it really affects the entire community,” Mr Winter said.

“There’s a new interest in culture, which will encourage a lot of artists to come out of the woodwork and get some life into that street.”

Future activations within the precinct will include a visual arts residency program, a photography hub by Contact Sheet, bicycle workshop and an electronic music studio by B-side.

Brand X is also planning to curate a creative calendar of events for the people of St Leonards including month-



James Winter (Brand X) and Stephen Fitzpatrick (TWT).

CALLING ARTISTS

- If you are a north shore artist who wants to apply for an artist studio, go to brandx.org.au
- For more information about the TWT Creative Precinct and the upcoming calendar of events, visit: twtstleonards.com.au

ly arts activities and a laneway festival in October.

The new spaces will join the T1 Art Terminal gallery and the Me art space to form the TWT Creative Precinct.

Property developer Auswin TWT Developments has given the commercial spaces to Brand X to manage, with general manager Stephen Fitzpatrick saying arts play a huge role in communities.