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COUNTRY ARTS SA WELCOMES NEW ARTS OFFICER FOR PORT LINCOLN

The New Year is off to a good start for the arts community on the Eyre Peninsula, with Country Arts SA happy to announce local artist Jenny Silver taking on the role of Creative Arts Officer based in Port Lincoln.

The main focus of Ms Silver's work will be community engagement and development of innovative projects to rejuvenate the region.

"Port Lincoln has been my home for over 12 years and is a place I'm very passionate about," said Ms Silver.

"This is an exciting, challenging time for regional arts and I am experienced, skilled and equipped to excel as a Country Arts SA Arts Officer. My vision for this region is to collaborate with the community to provide creative opportunities and skills development for artists and volunteers to build a dynamic and vibrant community, which in turn provides increased ownership and pride for the region."

Ms Silver has had extensive involvement with arts in the region as artist and coordinator on a number of significant projects, including the development of the Port Lincoln City Council Public Art Policy.

Country Arts SA CEO Steve Saffell welcomes the appointment.

"Ms Silver's peer assessment role on the Country Arts SA Grants Panel has given her a good position to start from by providing her with an excellent understanding of how the organisation works, the grant process and goals for the future," said Mr Saffell.

"We are pleased to be able to bring a resident with local knowledge and networks into such a community-focused role."

Ms Silver will begin her role with Country Arts SA on Monday, January 18. She will continue to work at Port Lincoln High School as the Aboriginal Arts Program Project Officer with talented emerging artists.

The part time appointment follows the departure of much-loved Arts and Mental Health Officer Simone Gillam who finished in her role in December. The new role is a temporary one at this stage until the 30 June 2016.

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