Regional Arts Fund Grants to support 18 community art projects across South Australia

Minister for the Arts, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, has announced that $153,440 from the Australian Government’s Regional Arts Fund will support 18 new projects across regional South Australia.

The successful projects, which commence after 1 July 2014, cover a wide range of arts practices from performance arts, music, mosaic, public art, digital projections and comedy, as well as professional development opportunities for artists.

Country Arts SA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Steve Saffell said “The Australian Government’s Regional Arts Fund has given people in regional and remote areas the chance to develop their artistic ambitions and start building a career as working artists. These grants will help to enrich these communities and uncover new talent.”

The applications received were predominantly from the outer regions and remote regions of regional South Australia with 12 applications received from first-time applicants. Seven of the projects target young people as the main beneficiaries.

The Regional Arts Fund is an Australian Government program that supports sustainable cultural development in communities across regional and remote Australia. The funding is targeted at activities that will have long term cultural, economic and social benefits for individuals and communities through the development of partnerships and cultural networks, by providing artists with professional development and employment opportunities, and by supporting arts and community development projects that provide local communities with the opportunity to participate in, and access cultural activities. The Regional Arts Fund has an emphasis on youth, disadvantaged, remote and Indigenous communities. Country Arts SA delivers the program in South Australia on behalf of the Australian Government.

The next funding round closes on 15 August 2014 for projects that commence after 1 January 2015. More information about the Regional Arts Fund is available from Country Arts SA on 08 8444 0400 or visit www.countryarts.org.au

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Please see attached for a full list and description of all recipients.
REGIONAL ARTS FUND – LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED – MARCH 2014

Streaky Bay Youth Advisory Committee

SK8 Park Aerosol Art - STREAKY BAY
This project will encourage youth aged 12-25 to hone their street and aerosol art skills through participation in a two day workshop with artist Seb Humphries to design and create a mural at the local Streaky Bay skate park.

SA Rural Women's Gathering Association

Jamestown Welcome Mosaic Structure - JAMESTOWN
This project will see the creation of a ceramic mosaic sculpture while providing rural women in the Jamestown area with an opportunity to work alongside a professional artist to develop their skills in depicting the local landscape and industry.

SA Country Carers Incorporated

Connecting Young Carers to Performance Arts - BALAKLAVA
A fun and active musical performance workshop for young carers to develop new skills, have fun and to socialise with others from the Balaklava area.

Global Care

Makin’ Music - ADELAIDE HILLS
This project is a community activity developed for people living with mental illness. Experienced community artist Robert Petchell will mentor Robby Bowler in creating a group music experience with clients and the Adelaide Hills Mental Health team to increase self-expression through music, drama, relaxation and movement.

Port Augusta Cultural Centre - Yarta Purtli

Cirkidz Skills Workshops – PORT AUGUSTA and WHYALLA
Cirkidz will deliver a series of workshops over three days to the rural communities of Port Augusta and Whyalla. The students involved are committed to learning new skills and will acquire further opportunities to enable them to strengthen and grow as performers.

Country North SA Medicare Local Ltd.

Recycleart hPA - PORT AUGUSTA
Through a series of workshops artist Craig Ellis along with the Port Augusta Headspace staff and Youth Crew will engage young people aged between 12 and 25 to design and construct permanent sculptures from re-cycled materials to enhance the garden areas of Headspace, Port Augusta.

Barossa Council

Barossa Illuminated – TANUNDA
Participants will be encouraged to bring images of existing art works and with the guidance of a projection artist and animator from multimedia company Illuminart and will learn how to create digital artworks suitable for projection. This will culminate in an exhibition utilising the Barossa Council's newly developed projection space at the regional gallery in Tanunda.

Glenda Rowett

Mentorship with Nona Burden – MURRAY BRIDGE
Through a mentorship with professional artist Nona Burden, Glenda Rowett will research and explore new and contemporary techniques that will culminate in a solo exhibition at the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery.
Jennie Lee $10,000

**Big Stories, Small Towns: Coober Pedy – COOBER PEDY**

Acclaimed documentary film makers Jenni Lee and Sieh Mchawala, will undertake a digital storytelling, video and photographic project with community members in Coober Pedy. This will culminate in an innovative screening event in the community as part of 2015 Centenary Celebrations. The stories will also be featured on the award winning Big Stories website and multiple exhibition spaces.

Robe Arts Advisory Committee $20,000

**Robe Art Walk Stage 1: Implementation - ROBE**

Eight professional artists will conduct a series of workshops with community members to impart skills to design and create site specific artworks that will form an educative art trail along the foreshore of Guichen Bay in Robe.

Springton Progress Association Inc. $10,000

**Springton 150th Anniversary Public Arts Project - SPRINGTON**

Artists Alison Halliday and Trent Manning will work together with members of the Springton community to create a three dimensional mural to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of Springton.

Strathalbyn Players Inc. $5005

**Laugh Out Loud Comedy Festival - STRATHALBYN**

The Laugh Out Loud project aims to encourage youth from the Strathalbyn area to become involved in a series of workshops where they will begin to learn the craft of comedy and performance.

Nangwarry Community Hall $12,253

**Growth Rings – LIMESTONE COAST**

Artist Mark de Nys will work with community members to create Growth Rings, a public artwork depicting the growth of Nangwarry and the forestry industry in the Limestone Coast region.

Riverland Youth Theatre Co. Inc. $11,900

**Tread on my Dreams - RIVERLAND**

A contemporary performance work with award winning theatre maker Emma Beech and Riverland youth. Through performance, lecture and photography, participants will have an opportunity to voice their dreams and look at ways to make them happen.

Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre Inc. $10,000

**Banggarla: Stories of Resilience – PORT AUGUSTA**

Lead artist Heather Shearer assisted by artist Colleen Taylor will interpret the stories of resilience of the Banggarla peoples from the Port Augusta region. The Banggarla people will be invited to participate in a two week collaborative art making workshop where they will interpret stories into large scale paintings.

Riverland Creative Community Committee $19,000

**Riverland General Hospital Arts and Cultural Enhancement Project - RIVERLAND**

The project will involve the design, development and implementation of Aboriginal art and design into the Riverland General Hospital’s redevelopment project.

Tumby Bay Drama Club $11,150

**Act Out Loud – TUMBY BAY**

This is a performance-based community project driven by young people and visiting artists working with senior members of the community.
Port Lincoln Health Services

*Interactive Community Art Installations - PORT LINCOLN*
This project will see a large scale interactive community art installation including enamelled art screens and a reflective garden being installed in the grounds of the redeveloped Port Lincoln hospital.