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## **Regional Arts Fund Grants to support 15 community arts projects across South Australia**

Minister for the Arts, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, has announced that **\$159,986** from the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund will support **15** new projects across regional South Australia.

The successful projects, which commence after **1 January 2015**, cover a wide range of arts practices from performance arts, dance, mosaics, public art, photography, as well as professional development opportunities for artists.

Country Arts SA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Steve Saffell said: "The Australian Government's August 2014 Regional Arts Fund has ensured that many talented regional South Australians are now able to build on their artistic ambitions and establish themselves as working artists. These grants not only benefit the artist but give them the chance to enrich the cultural and artistic aspects of their communities."

The applications received were predominantly from the outer regions and remote regions of regional South Australia with seven applications received from first-time applicants. Four of the projects provide mentoring opportunities for up skilling regional artists. Six projects target young people as the main beneficiaries.

Successful initiatives in the new round of funding include:-

**Southern Flinders Rough Riders Association** - This community led public art project will create a sculpture to celebrate the fusion between Melrose heritage and its future in cycle tourism. Community art workshops, led by a local recognised artist will design and create the sculpture. The completed three dimensional artwork will reflect the regions cycling history and natural landscape.

**Ananguku Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation** - Senior artists from the Hermannsburg School of Painting will mentor local Indigenous artists in a two week landscape painting workshop culminating in an exhibition presented by Ananguku Arts and the Coober Pedy District Council celebrating the 2015 Centenary of Coober Pedy.

**Riverland Youth Theatre** - A progressive site specific performance piece will be developed and presented in three parts over the course of one day and night in late July 2015. The experience will begin in Loxton; head to Berri and onto Renmark. A 20 minute combined theatre and contemporary dance devised works will be intertwined with food and conversation.

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 March 2015 for projects that commence after 1 July 2015. More information about the Regional Arts Fund is available from Country Arts SA on 08 8444 0400 or visit [www.countryarts.org.au](http://www.countryarts.org.au)

**A full list of funded projects can be found below.**



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## REGIONAL ARTS FUND – LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED – AUGUST 2014

- JoJo Spook** **\$3,500**  
Mentorship in Silver Smithing  
South Australian artists/silversmith/jewellers Sue Garrard and Tracey Chambers will hold workshops which include techniques in cold joining, surface patinas and the manipulation of precious metals including gold and silver. Studio based programs have been designed for one on one training and the opportunity to enhance existing skills to develop as a professional artist. On completion mentorship skills will be taught in workshops to community and within schools.
- Kingston District Council** **\$3996**  
Kingston Lions Park Mosaic  
This project will engage an artist to work with community volunteers to design and create a colourful and attractive tile mosaic that will be the backdrop to an outdoor shower in the Kingston Lions Park.
- Southern Flinders Rough Riders Association** **\$4,300**  
Creating Outdoor Community Sculptures  
This community led public art project will create a sculpture to celebrate the fusion between Melrose heritage and its future in cycle tourism. Community art workshops, led by a local recognised artist will design and create the sculpture. The completed three dimensional artwork will reflect the regions cycling history and natural landscape.
- Cindy Durant** **\$4980**  
Mentorship with enamellist Jenny Gore  
This project will allow the artist to learn new techniques and develop personal style in enamels on metal both small and large scale.
- Riverland Multicultural Forum Inc.** **\$2700**  
The World in One Town  
A series of photography workshops delivered to Afghan youth in partnership with Riverland Youth Theatre's Heywire project. Workshops will be facilitated utilising the skills of project managers working with the artists. The workshops will engage youth in the photographic process of composition, point and shoots, focus exposure and post processing. Through these photographic essays Afghan youth can share their culture, stories, celebrations and occasions to the wider community.
- Country Health SA Local Health Network** **\$4940**  
Clare Inclusive Dance Project  
An all-inclusive four day workshop run by dancers /choreographers Tanya Voges and Matt Shilcock with a performance held at the Town Hall in Clare. The project will partner with community groups and schools.
- Ananguku Arts and Culture Aboriginal Corporation** **\$20,000**  
Coober Pedy Centenary Art Project  
Senior artists from the Hermannsburg School of Painting will mentor local Indigenous artists in a two week landscape painting workshop culminating in an exhibition presented by Ananguku Arts and the Coober Pedy District Council celebrating the 2015 Centenary of Coober Pedy.



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**Ngura Yadurirn Children and Family Centre**

**\$13,200**

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The Ceduna Aboriginal Parent Advisory Group (PAG) will involve the Aboriginal community in an art project that will produce three new and innovative art elements created in the community garden.

**Riverland Youth Theatre**

**\$20,000**

Welcome, Please Come In

A progressive site specific performance piece will be developed and presented in three parts over the course of one day and night in late July 2015. The experience will begin in Loxton; head to Berri and onto Renmark. A 20 minute combined theatre and contemporary dance devised works will be intertwined with food and conversation.

**Coober Pedy Multicultural Community Forum Inc.**

**\$20,000**

Songbird the Magpie

2015 will see Coober Pedy celebrate its centenary. To coincide with the Opal Festival, a project called 'Songbird the Magpie' will engage residents to help create an Inflatable Magpie.

**D'faces of Youth Arts**

**\$3250**

That was then ...

Whyalla Aged Care Lifestyle Officer, Robert Golding, will match the elderly participants with youth members of D'faces. Each pair will be involved in six workshops to create artwork facilitated by local artist Olivia White.

**Michael Richards**

**\$8750**

The Illuminations Project

A professional development opportunity for Uraidla emerging photographer Michael Richards, who will work with Photographer Denis Smith and artist Cameron Edser in light painting and long exposure photography at Lake Eyre.

**Alexandrina Council - Goolwa**

**\$13,070**

Nature Playspace Art Integration

The Bristow Smith Reserve (BSR) Nature Playspace Art Integration Project proposes to engage three artists working with textiles, visual arts, Indigenous art and community development and will integrate art features into the playspace that celebrate our community's history and culture.

**Cirkidz Incorporated**

**\$20,000**

Community Circus Program 2015

Riverland Youth Theatre (RYT) connected with Cirkidz in 2014 to build a partnership that aimed to bring Cirkidz to the region for a weeklong circus intensive. Cirkidz trainers will connect locally with RYT to up skill and encourage local continuation of basic classes.

**Port Augusta Cultural Centre - Yarta Purtli**

**\$17,300**

Port Augusta - Our Mob 2015

Yarta Purtli are collaborating with Art Gallery of South Australia's 2015 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Festival and other strategic partners, to deliver a series of professional development workshops to regional Aboriginal artists, leading to a regional Our Mob exhibition at Yarta Purtli Gallery alongside Our Mob in Adelaide in 2015.



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## **COUNTRY ARTS SA SKILLS DEVELOPMENT – LIST OF PROJECTS FUNDED – AUGUST 2014**

### **Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre Incorporated \$2,120**

Port Augusta Installation Art Workshops

South Australian installation artist Meg Wilson and International Namibian installation artist Kirsten C. Wechsberger will host a day long workshop in the Port Augusta Cultural Centre in May 2015, for community participants.

### **Tjutjuna (Ceduna) Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre \$1,850**

Making Muna

Aboriginal artists and community members will partake in a three day 'Muna' (beanie) making, skills development workshop in the rural, remote and regionally isolated township of Ceduna in Western Eyre, South Australia.

### **Mid Murray Support Services \$2,734**

Pieces of Mannum

Establishing the Mannum Community Hub as a vital community facility this project aims to awaken the community garden with vibrant works of art. Youth designed art, will be transferred to mosaic pieces and affixed to raised garden beds. Community workshops will be conducted by local artist Heather Gordon.