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Regional arts projects' \$250k boost

Minister for the Arts Don Harwin has announced that regional and rural arts organisations from around NSW are to benefit from \$250,000 in small-grant funding.

The *Country Arts Support Program* (CASP) will fund 86 organisations to support community arts and cultural development.

Minister Harwin said that the annual *Country Arts Support Program* (CASP) funding brought essential support to a wide range of community productions, projects and installations and improves the quality, reach and strength of short-term, locally-initiated activities.

“Large or small, this funding will strengthen regional and rural arts and cultural engagement, provide new training and employment opportunities across the state and create even more ways for areas to support their diverse local communities,” he said.

“From classical, jazz and blues performances to community murals from young artists and touring theatre productions in schools, our Country Arts Support Program is a valuable initiative that gives back to an incredible range of audiences and ages.”

The CASP fund is a devolved grants program administered each year by Regional Arts NSW on behalf of Create NSW. Funding of up to \$250,000 is available with applications assessed by 14 regionally-based panels coordinated by the local Regional Arts Development Organisations.

Regional Arts NSW CEO, Elizabeth Rogers said, “This was an outstanding round of applications with innovative and creative projects from all across the state, many working in partnerships to address the issues facing regional communities” .

For further information on the Create NSW *Country Arts Support Program* funds and other opportunities, including targeted support, visit www.create.nsw.gov.au or email arts.funding@create.nsw.gov.au.

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A full list of successful Regional Arts Fund applicants is attached.

Country Arts Support Program Recipients

Carinda Sewing Group: The OLD teaching the YOUNG craft skills (\$2,000)

Carinda sewing group will hold a series of workshops to teach the younger generation craft skills that are being lost to this generation. The workshops will include knitting, crocheting, macramé & sewing.

Canowindra Arts Incorporated: THE 1ST GIANT STEPS (\$1,511)

The project will operate during 2020 in the Village of Canowindra & will progressively introduce new artists to the base skills & knowledge required to become confident new artists. We will move participants from absolute beginner to basic competency by introducing the techniques & other basics skills required.

Byron Youth Theatre: How on Earth (\$5,000)

Byron Youth Theatre will consult with local and national ecological, health and wellbeing organisations to create an original production focusing on the complex issues of eco-anxiety and ecological despair. The production will be delivered to local schools in the region and a public forum and performance provided.

Leeton Art Society Incorporated: The Penny Effect (\$2,500)

The Leeton Art Society will develop a video resource that portrays Penny Paniz and her contributions to the Western Riverina arts community. The art prize in her name is a significant event and recognises the contributions of women who were also central to the establishment of the local arts board.

Southern Cross University: LabX Environmental Arts: Speaking with the River (\$4,989)

"Speaking with the River" is an exhibition curated by the LabX environmental art collective. Across art and science this project explores capacities of transdisciplinary study to develop new understandings of rivers and river systems as simultaneously environmental, cultural, historical and economic phenomena, supporting communities to connect to natural water systems.

Creatives Collective ARI Inc: Artist in DeVries-idence (\$3,000)

Aboriginal artist Travis DeVries will spend a week in Coonabarabran - during that time he will create a work/s that tell us something about ourselves, and run a workshop for young people to tell their stories through contemporary practices, and be visible while making his work in SPACE.

Tumbarumba Artists on Parade Co-Op Ltd: Winter Concert Series (\$2,442)

The Tumbarumba Artists on Parade Co-op has created an excellent performance space for a winter series of 4 concerts. We aim to bring musicians to Tumbarumba to present a varied concert program at an affordable price that can include school students, Centrelink clients and Nursing Home patients.

Baradine Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Association: Roll Up to the Circus Arts Workshop at the 2020 Baradine Show (\$2,785)

A one day circus workshop from First Light Entertainment. This entertaining workshop/performance includes fun activities such as learning hoops, juggling, poi twirling, plate spinning, rhythm sticks, clowning and more at the 2020 Baradine Show on Saturday, 14 March 2020.

Outback Theatre for Young People: Creative Culture at Tirkandi Inaburra (\$5,000)

Outback Theatre for Young People will work alongside Aboriginal community run residential centre for young men, Tirkandi Inaburra, and local artists from the Murray/Riverina region, to provide creative workshops that promote identity, self-confidence, and cultural pride.

Cessnock City Library: Upcycling (\$2,800)

Cessnock City Library will run 6 workshops in the Cessnock LGA for people of all ages focusing on the use of recycled materials. Classes will be held in schools and the public libraries, with the teacher from Casscar Art Studio, library staff, and volunteers from 'In The Loop' Craft Group.

Murray River Council: Indigenous Mural in Mathoura (\$2,412)

The project will involve engaging local Indigenous artist, Norm Stewart, to consult with the local Indigenous community to create a mural design to paint on Council's water treatment plant, located in the beautiful natural setting by the Gulpa Creek, in Mathoura.

ALBURY CITY COUNCIL – Retro Youth Programs: LGBTQI+ Laneway Project (\$3,000)

An artist will be engaged to mentor young people within Albury's LGBTQI+ community in the development of artworks -photography, painting, poetry, short stories, etc. Images of the artwork will be displayed in light boxes alongside Albury Library Museum, leading down to Retro Lane Youth Café, during Pride Month (June 2020).

Southern Women's Group Inc – Women's Resource Centre: The Wisdom of Women (\$3,000)

WRC will run a series of workshops and an exhibition celebrating the incredible experience, diversity, courage, resilience and, of course, wisdom of the women of the Bega Valley. The workshops will be facilitated by a local creative arts therapist and will engage participants who've experienced adversity, trauma or cultural marginalisation.

Kempsey Shire Council: Dunghutti Dolls – Kempsey Young Women Arts Project (\$2,996)

The project aims to help young women reconnect with their culture through art using both traditional and new art forms, and encourage young women to participate in art-based activities to share and build cultural awareness in the community as a whole ,develop a social enterprise from the artwork that they create.

Edward River Art Society Incorporated: Murals for Deniliquin Children's Centre (\$4,000)

Production by local artists from ERAS Inc of double-sided mural panels for Deniliquin Children's Centre. The murals will fit onto the fence at the Centre. Murals facing into the grounds of the Centre will be different to those facing out to the newly constructed Deniliquin Lagoon Town Walk.

Northern Rivers Community Gallery: Change MAKERS (\$3,922)

Change MAKERS, an Ignite Studio incubator for young people with a cause and a passion for social impact art-making. An 8-week mentoring program for young people to explore how their ideas and art can create social and environmental change.

Hastings Choristers Inc: Hastings Chorister's 30th Birthday Performance (\$2,650)

The Hastings Choristers and Invited Artists to perform a concert and present an exhibition at The Glasshouse Port Macquarie on Saturday 29th August 2020.

Albury Chamber Music Festival: Albury Chamber Music Festival 2019 Lior (\$2,411)

Albury Chamber Music Festival will bring Lior, an independent Israeli-Australian singer-songwriter, to be featured performer at our 2020 Chamber Music Festival. He is a rare Australian musician and performer who has successfully bridged the gap between Classical/Art Music and mainstream contemporary styles.

Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival Inc : Taste Coleambally Art Workshop 2020 (\$3,000)

Taste Coleambally Food & Farm Festival Inc will run a workshop conducted by an experienced artist for people in the local area and its surrounds prior to the Festival. The workshop will be held in Coleambally - 3 suitable venues are available. Artwork produced at the workshop will be exhibited at Festival.

Samaritans Foundation: All in for Arts (\$2,500)

A series of mixed medium art workshops in Taree, facilitated by a professional arts worker, providing people with intellectual and physical disabilities with an opportunity to learn new skills and participate in art.

Biralee Preschool Finley Inc: Indigenous Art Mural (\$3,500)

Biralee Preschool will incorporate an Indigenous art project into our newly developed play space to invigorate cultural awareness within our curriculum and broader community. We would like to utilise the services of local Aboriginal artist, David Dunn.

St Vincent de Paul Society – North Coast Settlement Service: Making My Place (\$3,000)

North Coast Settlement Services will create an art therapy program for refugee women settling in the Coffs Harbour area. The program will provide a forum for these women to explore traumatic issues affecting their daily lives and challenges related to their settlement in Australia in a culturally-appropriate and trauma-informed way.

Bogan Shire Council: Hometown Workshops and Community Engagement: Since the Flood (\$3,420)

Local artists will return to Nyngan to host a series of multi-discipline and community focused art workshops with a focus on youth engagement, educating and reflecting on the 1990 flood. The work developed will be exhibited across empty shops fronts in the streets reinvigorating the rural community of Nyngan.

Coonamble Arts Alive Inc: Fired Up (\$2500)

2 experienced high school art teachers will teach intermediate level students forms of ceramics and surface decoration and design with a strong emphasis on developing an original personal style. Weekly 4 hour lessons for six weeks for each teacher that will be held in an established studio.

White Cliffs Music Festival Incorporated: Pete Denahy for White Cliffs 2020 (\$4,210)

This will be our 11th annual music festival held on the third weekend of May annually at White Cliffs in Far Western NSW. The three day festival showcases a variety of quality performers in a weekend of activities including concerts, workshops, poets' breakfast, street party and church service.

Deepwater Progress Association Inc: Woodfired Raku Kiln Workshop (\$2,000)

A 2 day workshop on history of Raku and glaze making for woodfired Raku pottery and how to use steel rubbish bin kilns to fire the participants work.

Cobar Shire Council: Crafting Cobar: 150 years of our town (\$5,000)

Workshops in different art and craft areas will give participants the opportunity to develop new skills using the theme of Cobar's 150th anniversary in 2020. Each workshop can be stand-alone, but can also be used progressively to build towards work that can be displayed in a celebratory exhibition.

Quirindi Preschool Kindergarten Incorporated: Biochrome – Children, Nature, Art and Science Collaboration (\$2,450)

Artist Dr Renata Buziak will conduct a 3-day workshop. Educators, children and families will explore one of the earliest historical photographic processes: the cyanotype. Using botanical specimens, found objects and sunlight, participants will create unique photograms on cotton with flat natural vegetation within the preschool/children's homes to use in their own composition.

New England Regional Art Museum: Winter Blooming Festival (\$3,000)

Winter Blooming is a festival that celebrates Indigenous, multicultural and LGBTIQ arts, culture and communities. The festival is an inclusive event that supports diversity and it open to all occurrence.

Goolma P&C: My Art My Story (\$5,000)

Funding Peter Swain, Cultural Educator and Artist , to lead students from 6 small schools. Each student will have a canvas to record their story using techniques taught by Peter. 1 day workshops at Hargraves PS and Lue PS leading to camp at Red Hill Environmental Education Centre in March 2020.

Barooga Little Athletics Centre: Cartoons & Caricatures at the Mulwala Show & Shine (\$500.00)

The Motorbike Muster Show and Shine is held annually in February at Mulwala Water Ski Club - Mulwala. The motorbikes line up in Model/Make and compete for Category Trophies. Cartoon & Caricature artist - Adrian "Oz" Osborne, will be our "Artist in Residence." Those attending may have their portrait drawn alongside a motorbike.

Albury Wodonga Ethnic Communities Council: Living Room (\$3,000)

"Living Room" is a digital art project that explores stories of local community members from Refugee backgrounds. Presented at the Albury Library Museum as part of refugee week in 2020.

Wollondilly Arts Group Inc: Curating an Exhibition – from Idea to Success (\$2,990)

Professional development in exhibition curation for Wollondilly Arts Group and others, for 'Illuminate Festival' and 'Annual Member's exhibition', with professional expertise from the Campbelltown Arts Center curatorial team and visiting artists. The purpose is to improve local exhibitions presentation, attract professional artists, a more competitive art prize and audience engagement.

James Fallon High School P&C: Black Border Re-Imagined (\$4,000)

Acclaimed theatre performer and director Kamarra Bell-Wykes (Yagera/Butchulla/European) will return to Albury to work with young aspiring Koori theatre students and Black Border Alumni to create a new devised performance. The performance will be showcased to the public and will be part of the re-imagining of Black Border Theatre.

Leeton Community Care Development Inc: Fivebough at the Heart of Leeton (\$2,750)

Leeton Community Op Shop will work with local artist Jason Richardson to develop a temporary art installation that celebrates an important landmark to coincide with the 2020 Easter street parade.

Got Ya Back Productions Pty Ltd: Project gYb (\$3,000)

The project will provide young people in the region with the means to tell create and tell their stories by a wide of art forms including, writing, theatre, dance and film. It will equip them with the skills to do so whether in structured and group settings or individually.

Gulargambone Community Organisation Co-Operative: Pave the way to Gulgar Street Art Festival (\$2,500)

This festival continues on from our April 2018 festival. The project will feature five artists painting murals on prominent sites around town. Artists will arrive up to 2 weeks prior, finalising their murals, along with workshops & markets at an "Arty Party" weekend in June showcasing the next instalment of Gular Art.

CMS Productions: PRIMA FACIE (\$1,121)

PRIMA FACIE - a gripping, award-winning, one-woman play by Suzie Miller, starring Sheridan Harbridge, produced by Griffin Theatre Company. The work examines the shortcomings of the Australian legal system in regard to justice for women in rape, and sexual assault and harassment.

Dubbo South Public School P&C Association: Using Art to Promote a Growth Mindset in Students (\$657.00)

To inspire students through art by decorating the toilet block interior with growth mindset adages and the exterior with a new bright design. We will use a professional local artist to work with our students to design and paint the block in the first semester of 2020.

Coona Writers: Short Story Skills Workshop with renowned Australian Author (\$2,076)

Coona Writers will engage renowned author, Felicity Castagna, to conduct a one day short story writing workshop in Coonabarabran. Improving writing skills, feelings of wellbeing and acknowledging that rural voices matter, it will be available to interested writers of all ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds from Coonabarabran and surrounding areas.

The Artspace Urunga : NAIDOC Week Exhibition (\$3,000)

This event will be an Art Exhibition including an Indigenous cultural opening of local and regional performing artists. It is following our very successful 2019 Naidoc week show titled: Darruyay-Junyirrigam,Ngindayjumi. This exhibition will include local and regional indigenous Artists creating a visual showcase of their talents for Naidoc Week.

Leeton Art Society Incorporated: Landscape Exhibition (\$2,998)

The Leeton Art Society (LASI) will work with curator Jason Richardson to develop an exhibition of local landscapes, which will be displayed in Narrandera, Leeton and (potentially) Griffith shires.

Singleton Council: Stories from Singleton (\$3,000)

Singleton Council will employ Hip/Hop artists to produce a Hip/Hop track with young people of Singleton. The track will tell positive stories of young people overcoming personal hardships and adversities. All music is written and performed by young people and made available as a free resource for the wider community.

Dungog Primary School Parents & Citizens Association: Cultural Connections (\$3,000)

To enhance cultural understanding for students through traditional dancing and cultural experiences. Utilisation of Indigenous elders to hold cultural immersion learning experiences across a number of days for Dungog Public School students to understand culture and enhance traditional aspects of respect.

Upper Hunter Youth Council: Creature Creation (\$3,000)

Two 1 day art workshops for young people aged 10-17. Attendees will explore and create artworks of mythical/science fiction based creatures out of recyclable materials. This will give the young people the opportunity to participate in our creative activity, meet new people and obtain pride and ownership in their work.

New England Writers' Centre: Leaf, Stone, Beetle: Storytelling through metaphor and visual narrative (\$3,000)

Presented by multi-award winning author Ursula Dubosarsky and acclaimed publisher Margrete Lamond of Dirt Lane Press, this imaginative, innovative project, centred around Ursula's book Leaf, Stone, Beetle (published by Dirt Lane Press) is a follow-up to our successful Stories Connect program (2019), and will involve a community workshop, public talk, and school presentations.

Deniliquin Kolety Lagoons Landcare Group: Lagoon Life Sculptures (\$4,000)

A commissioned sculpture by a local artist, of a native fish that emerges from the lagoon water into the air, within the lagoon system in the middle of Deniliquin. In Brown Park or Mc Faulk Park.

Arts Gunnedah Inc: Workshops to be held by Professional Artists during the year of the 50th Annual Art Exhibition Celebration in 2020 (\$3,000)

To run visual art workshops, encouraging local artists of all ages from Gunnedah and the surrounding district. These workshops will assist beginners, and experienced artists in all mediums to learn new skills, and come together to facilitate learning and encourage community involvement.

Moree Cultural Art Foundation Ltd: The Painted River Project (\$3,000)

Two professional artists will lead an "en plein air" workshop at the Gwydir Wetlands in Moree in collaboration with University of Western Sydney, local Moree artists and the Local Lands Services in April 2020. Artworks by artists will be exhibited as part of the BAMB Art Fair 2020.

Cobar Shire Council: Metalsmithing in a mining town (\$1,990)

Artist Skye Bragg will teach a series of workshops in jewellery making with metal and found metal to be held in Cobar. Participants will be invited to exhibit their completed work in an exhibition to celebrate 150 years of the town during our annual community festival in October.

Milparinka Heritage and Tourism Association Inc: A brush with Heritage: The re-telling of the Milparinka story through art and community participation (\$5,000)

Families from the wider Milparinka region will come together to learn about local history and art interpretation under the instruction of artist Jodi Daley, and then work with her to help create a large community mural depicting the town's history through indigenous times, exploration and settlement.

Broken Hill Potters Society: Sculpting a Bust (\$2,900)

Adelaide sculptor Leah Metaxa will present a 2 day Bust Sculpting workshop at the Broken Hill Potters facility in April or June 2020. Works from the workshop will contribute to an exhibition at the West Darling Arts Gallery.

Lismore Theatre Company: Lismore Theatre Company (LTC) 50th Anniversary Workshop Series (\$5,000)

A series of theatre-related workshops will be provided over the course of a week, at low cost to participants. The workshops will be facilitated by trained & experienced LTC members, in combination with professionals. The workshops will culminate in a public performance featuring the improvisation group ImproMafia and local workshop participants.

Narrandera Parkside Cottage Museum: Echoes of Narrandera (\$3,000)

The Echoes of Narrandera involves the development of a series of soundscapes capturing the essence of life past and present in Narrandera. This is a collaborative project involving a number of community groups and a short term residency with a Sound Artist. The final audio is to be published online.

Create Hub Riverina: Hub Tempo (\$2,980)

HUB TEMPO is a music development and mentoring program aimed at young musicians (12-18) that focuses on developing performance and song-writing skills and generating local performance opportunities. The program includes a workshop and mentoring program by local musician Leah Ellis, and a specialist song-writing workshop with Sydney artist, Danielle O'Keefe.

Spirit of the Land Lockhart Festival: A (\$3,000)

'A Maze of Art' is a four day community wide art workshop to design and create farm art sculpture panels for inclusion in the new maze at the Lockhart Outdoor Youth Space. This collaborative project will be undertaken in September 2020 prior to the Spirit of the Land Festival.

Riverina Summer School for Strings: Outreach with Cootamundra Strings (\$3,000)

To provide tuition and accommodation support for two Cootamundra Strings members to attend the January 2020 Riverina Summer School for Strings from 11 - 18 2020 as well as to produce a Sounds of Summer string concert in Cootamundra on Wednesday 15/1/2020.

The Cad Factory: New Technologies within Ancient Landscapes: Virtual Reality Discussion and Workshop (\$2,540)

'New Technologies within Ancient Landscapes: Virtual Reality Discussion and Workshop' will be led by Wiradjuri/Scottish artist April Phillips. It will contribute to the public program of The Cad Factory's exhibition 'Political Women: Overlaps and Divergences' held at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery during 2 – 15 November 2020.

Tumut Art Society: Workshops on Wheels (\$4,950)

A collaborative venture incorporating visual art workshops to be held in the rural communities of Tumut, Cootamundra and Temora. Three separate workshops delivered by professional artists who are leaders in their medium/genre to be provided to each community and supported by the other Art Societies.

Spiral Gallery: NAIDOC 2020 Exhibition (\$3,000)

NAIDOC 2020 exhibition at Spiral Gallery will showcase local indigenous arts and culture featuring local professional indigenous artists responding to the NAIDOC 2020 theme. The exhibition will showcase and recognise local culture, stories and the unique art of our region to work towards reconciliation within our community.

Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Project Incorporated: Ephemeral (\$3,000)

Pambula Wetlands and Heritage Project and Lonely Arts Club Pambula will collaborate to present Ephemeral – an annual one-day festival celebrating the ephemeral landscape of Panboola and the creativity it inspires. This vibrant program of art, musicians, creative workshops, demonstrations, market and food stalls will be held Saturday 13th April 2020.

Djurwali-ngal: Djurwali-ngal (We Grow) (\$3,000)

Djurwali-ngal is a hip-hop and Cultural exchange program for Aboriginal Youth living in Eden and Wallaga Lake, Thaua and Djiringanj Country of the Yuin Nation. It includes workshops led by Aboriginal and non-aboriginal artists and community exchange days. The project will finish with a performance at the 2020 Giiyong Festival.

FAR SOUTH FILM INC: Far South Film Regional Youth Workshop Program (\$3,000)

Far South Film will run 6 film making workshops for young people in the South East region of NSW in the school holidays between April and October with professional film makers. There will also be a screening in Merimbula, Narooma and Cooma of completed works, and later online.

Stonewave Taiko Inc: 'Big Afro Taiko' (\$900.00)

Sydney based West African Master Drummer, Dancer, Singer and Musician, Mohamed Bangoura to visit the Bega Valley on three occasions in 2020 for workshops and development with Stonewave Taiko in addition to engaging with other community based drumming and dance in the wider community.

Bermagui Preschool: Bermagui Preschool's Cultural Weaving Project (\$3,000)

Building on the success of its recent weekend of cultural events, Bermagui Preschool now seeks support to establish a regional network arts program & extended cultural education framework to accompany its Moodji Farm project. Hence Bermagui Preschool hopes to facilitate a series of Weaving Workshops with renowned Aboriginal artist Cheryl Davison.

JAM Orange Inc: JAM Orange Inc – Recording and Mixing Tutorials (\$2,900)

JAM Orange organises monthly Open Mic Nights enabling our local amateur musicians to develop their performance and songwriting skills. The next stage in this process is to provide workshop opportunities for these musicians to learn about the recording studio process with a focus on sound engineering and software techniques.

Lachlan Galari Reconciliation Group: Marramarra Project (\$2,500)

Marramarra calico bags will hold creative learning and Wiradjuri language activities and the bags will be printed with a design which will be coloured with fabric pens at community festivals and events. A local Artist will work with community to create a design for a silk screen, run screen-printing workshops.

Tottenham Men's Shed Inc: Tottenham Men's Shed, Historical Murals (\$3,000)

To pay a Local Farmer/ Artist to work with the Tottenham Youth Club to paint Murals on an old garage that is part of the Tottenham Men's Shed, situated in the centre of town. The Murals will reflect the history of the garage and the Tottenham district.

Central West Women's Health Centre: Express Yourself Youth Arts Program (\$3,000)

The Express Yourself Arts program will assist young girls and women who identify with the LGBTQIA community to come together in the Central West Women's Health Centre. Young participants will engage in a range of creative arts to build confidence, resilience and develop ongoing support, networks and friendships.

Spring Terrace Public School P&C Association: Spring Terrace Art Project (\$3,000)

Local artists Christine and Lanny will run workshops during 2020 with the children and community of Spring Terrace themed on local birdlife and the community. Art installations will be painted, created and woven. A wall mural, totem poles and nesting art installations will be permanently incorporated into the school gardens.

Forbes Birth to Kinder Incorporated: Thump Jump Rhyme (\$3,000)

To bring professional percussion and drumming workshops to Forbes to enhance the capacity of educators and volunteers to share skills and knowledge with, and participate in, community groups and events.

Lieder Theatre Company: Journey Through Country (\$4,800)

The Lieder Theatre Company will develop and present a new Australian play at the Lieder Theatre 7-17 October 2020 for 'Goulburn 2020', a regional community commemoration marking 1820 and the start of a new wave of migration through the Goulburn region acknowledging and respecting First Nations people's enduring custodianship.

Burren Junction Hall Committee: Burren Junction Hall Photography Show (\$1,500)

Commission photographer Mardi Remond to take environmental portraits of people at work in the community to be displayed in the newly renovated School of Arts Hall. Run a school and community photography competition, and hold an exhibition opening event at the hall to announce winners and display all entries.

Glen Innes Pottery Club: "Precious Flora" (\$2,450)

In January 2020, Glen Innes Pottery Club propose to host ceramic artist Dr Cathy Franzi for a workshop called "Precious Flora"- participants will visit World Heritage National Parks, gather inspiration from the precious environment, learn new ceramic techniques and exhibit work at the local Agricultural Show.



Tootsie Gallery Café and Kiri Morcombe: CULTURAL TEXTILE MASTERCLASS AT TOOTSIE (\$5,000)

Tootsie will produce 5 culturally diverse textile masterclasses for the Yass Valley community, focusing on Iranian, Maori, Pacific Lao Chinese and Indigenous techniques between January and May 2020. As an exchange with Parramatta Artists Studios (PAS), two Southern Tablelands based textile artists will be offered residency at Parramatta Artists Studios.

Mid-Western Regional Council Libraries: Fiction in a Flash (\$2,583)

Mid-Western Regional Libraries — in partnership with Macquarie Regional Libraries — will engage Portia Lindsay to facilitate flash fiction workshops in Mudgee + Dubbo. The workshops will develop writing skills in participants and encourage creative expression around a range of prompts, with opportunities provided to showcase work through library events + regional publication.

Scone Art & Crafts Inc: Portrait Photography Workshop (\$1,450)

The Scone Art & Crafts group are instrumental in adding to the skill levels of artists providing workshops and they are wanting to continue that process by way of hiring the services of two professional photographers in their respective fields of studio and natural light portraiture.

Braidwood Youth Performing Arts Association: Making Music: How to write and perform songs and have fun doing it (\$5,000)

A program of workshops to creatively engage young people in music workshops that encourage expression, nurture talent, increase skills and build self-esteem; with a strong emphasis on collaboration, communication and connection with community.

1st Dubbo Scouts: Burning, Sculpting and Airbrushing our Creative Cub Scouts (\$2,810)

To introduce our Cubs to new creative skills through workshops on pyrography, margarine sculpting and airbrushing. This will encourage Cubs to think beyond traditional art forms, build their design/art skills, and enthusiasm for learning. Artists will teach during Cub sessions in first semester 2020 at the hall with volunteer assistance.

Broken Hill Repertory Society Inc: Marian Street Theatre Workshop (\$1,884)

Two professional artists from Marian Street Theatre for young people will collaborate to deliver a 2 day workshop in Broken Hill using creative play and story building, songwriting and drama training to create an original 25 minute theatre piece to be performed at the end of the workshop.

Broken Hill Philharmonic Society Inc: 2020 Choral Workshop with Jonathon Welch (\$4,918)

A choral and conducting workshop with adult singers and choir leaders/conductors with renowned Jonathon Welch AM - (choral conductor, opera singer and voice teacher.) - to take place in Broken Hill, which lies in a remote area of NSW.

Poets Out Loud: Poets Out Loud Youth Slam Program (\$3,000)

Poet-mentors will run workshops for young people to each create a slam poem. These will be hosted by schools and youth groups in the Tweed region, culminating in a Youth Slam event during Youth Week (April 2020). Aim: To empower young people to share their stories creatively with the community.

Shoalhaven Readers & Writers Festival: Shoalhaven Readers & Writers Festival 2020 (\$3,000)

A multi-event Shoalhaven Readers and Writers' Festival, 2020, will develop a literacy festival with programs to reflect the diverse needs of the Shoalhaven with emphasis on a positive connection to community through words. The committee will liaise with minority groups to engage authors/poets to deliver workshops suited to community needs.

Albury Wodonga Creatives: Women of the River (\$3,000)

An ephemeral street art photographic portrait exhibition showcasing the stories of local women and their relationship to the Murray River on Albury architecture. These portraits will be artworks (dimensions between 1 to 3 metres square) and displayed on the outside of buildings in March and April 2020.



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The Neighbour Project: Neighbour (\$3,000)

Neighbour is a new immersive theatre performance that celebrates the vibrant multicultural community of Albury-Wodonga and shares the stories of those who have made the border their home.

Cassilis District Development Group Incorporated (Cassilis DDG): A view from Cassilis (\$3,000)

This digital narrative project provides workshops to primary school and community members, who will create short, Cassilis heritage-themed video stories using smartphones and editing software. The filmmaker-trainer will stay in Cassilis as artist-in-residence mini-program. The project will finish with a Community film screening, featuring the videos produced.