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Successful Country Art Support Program applicants

Regional Arts NSW has announced \$15,800 in small projects funding to the central west under the Country Arts Support Program (CASP) of the NSW State Government.

CASP is an annual program that provides seed funding to community organisations in regional NSW for locally initiated arts and cultural projects.

14 projects out of 24 applications from across the central west region have been successful in gaining funding for 2008.

2008 funding recipients are spread throughout the 12 Arts OutWest local government areas.

Hannah Semler, Arts OutWest Executive Officer, said that “these 14 diverse projects offer exciting new opportunities to communities, arts makers and audiences in the region. While it is always unfortunate that there are many more deserving projects than there is money to go around, this year’s CASP funding is sure to contribute to some really worthwhile initiatives.”

The central west CASP assessment panel, who make recommendations to the state panel, were pleased to see so many new and high quality applications.

Projects receiving funding include new theatre productions, workshops for young people, art exhibitions, a singing festival and the next stage of an ongoing community art project.

A large majority of the projects, such as the ‘On Your Bike Exhibition’ in Cumnock and the ‘Trundle Alive with Singing’ event will benefit small rural communities.

The program aims to assist the development of locally determined cultural activities, to increase opportunities for regionally based groups to access a diverse range of arts programs and enable communities to explore and express their cultural identities. CASP funding also encourages communities to work together to develop and participate in cultural experiences. This funding brings social and economic benefits to regional communities through training, employment and promotional activities.

See the full list of all 139 NSW projects at www.regionalartsnsw.com.au

Details of central west successful funding applicants attached.

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Successful 2008 Central West Country Arts Support Program projects

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery

Hill Shadows - shadow-puppetry and music workshop

Description: Artists Antonia Aitken and Tim Hansen will conduct a two-day puppetry and music workshop for students from three remote area schools, Hill End, Sofala and Hargraves, as part of the Hill End Artist-in-residence program. The workshop will culminate in a performance for parents and community members.

Funding: \$750

Local Government area: Bathurst Region

Bathurst Theatre Company

Do you know about the Creatures in the Trees theatre production

Description: Design and development of a new work to be performed outdoors and inspired by the stories and illustrations of author Maurice Sendak.

Funding: \$1000

Local Government area: Bathurst Region

Blayney Shire Council

Celebrating 150 years 'Blayney Public School - Then & Now'

Description: Production of a series of six art pieces that depict the development of Blayney Public School and will feature in the school's 150th anniversary celebration.

Funding: \$1200

Local Government area: Blayney Shire

Corinella School P&C

The Village Mural

Description: Artist Pol Cruz will work with the community to design and paint a Village Mural which celebrates and reflects the unique qualities of the district.

Funding: \$1200

Local Government area: Forbes shire

Cumnock & District Progress Association

On Your Bike - art exhibition

Description: A bicycle-themed art exhibition involving 10 local professional artists, 10 local identities and the children of Cumnock displaying their work in conjunction with the Eurimbla and Mulga Bill bike rides.

Funding: \$500

Local Government area: Cabonne

Friends of Burrendong Arboretum Inc

In Your Hands - 2008 Spring festival and Sculpture Exhibition

Description: Site-specific sculpture exhibition with an environmental theme coinciding with the biennial Spring Festival and involving at least 20 local and regional artists.

Funding: \$1500

Local Government area: Wellington

Kandos Youth Activity

Spiel Shop

Description: Artists Hannah Mosher and Janet Walk will deliver a series of weekly drama workshops at Kandos Youth Activity Centre culminating in performance.

Funding: \$1200

Local Government area: Mid-Western Region

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Lachlan Arts Council

Create a Mate

Description: Two day cartooning workshop with Cartoon Dave building on skills developed in workshop held by Central West Libraries.

Funding: \$1500

Local Government area: Lachlan Shire

Lithgow City Council

Threatened Species Botanical & Nature Illustrations Workshop and Exhibition

Description: Two day botanical and nature illustration workshop facilitated by artist Fiona Lumsden culminating in an exhibition of artist and participant work at the Eskbank Museum.

Funding: \$1000

Local Government area: Lithgow

Lithgow Community Projects Inc.

Art 4 Youth

Description: Visual arts program for young people in Lithgow.

Funding: \$750

Local Government area: Lithgow

Oberon Arts Council Inc

Come to the Common - Terrazzo tapestries project

Description: Community members of all ages will interpret the Bicentennial Tapestries, an eight-panelled community needlework, into terrazzo, covering the floor of the local town rotunda. The design includes verse and a centrepiece depicting Oberon's prehistory.

Funding: \$2000

Local Government area: Oberon

Sing Australia, Trundle Choir

Trundle Alive with Singing

Description: Project designed to encourage community members to participate in song and dance as a means of relieving stress-related health problems.

Funding: \$1200

Local Government area: Parkes Shire

Wollemi Children's Creative Arts Committee

Winter Holiday Art Workshops

Description: Creative arts workshops for children from the local and surrounding area. The workshops will be presented by two visiting and eight local artists and include painting, drawing, ceramics, mixed media and craft.

Funding: \$500

Local Government area: Mid-Western region

Yeoval Historical Society

Yeoval Family History Poles

Description: Community workshops to construct clay tiles with inscriptions and artwork that tell the stories of residents and families and pre-white settlement. The tiles will form the Yeoval History Poles and installed in the local bush park.

Funding: \$1500

Local Government area: Cabonne

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