

## Media Release

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### Country Arts Support Program projects get underway



#### **A range of new arts projects are up and running in the Central West, thanks to the Country Arts Support Program.**

This year \$14,070 for sixteen small projects was received by Central West groups through the NSW Government's Country Arts Support Program (CASP). A number of these projects got underway this month.

CASP is a key regional arts funding program for NSW which provides support to employ artists in locally initiated arts and cultural projects. The aim is to provide access to arts activities for small communities, to encourage communities to work together on cultural projects, to foster cultural diversity in the region and to ensure that regional and rural areas have an artistic voice.

"These sixteen diverse projects offer exciting new opportunities to communities, arts makers and audiences in the region. This year CASP is funding workshops, a music tour and the development of new community projects. Activities include literature, visual arts, theatre production, jazz music, indigenous dance and programs targeted at children and young people" said Arts OutWest Executive Officer Tracey Callinan.

Three of the CASP projects already underway:

- Cowra Regional Art Gallery will host a silver jewellery workshop with exhibiting artist Marian Hosking Saturday May 30, 1pm - 4pm & Sunday May 31, 11am - 1pm at the gallery (details: 6340 2190)
- The Knock On Effect, singing workshops in April and May to establish a community choir in Lithgow (details: Lithgow Information and Neighbourhood Centre 63522077)
- Ceramic artist Susan Bridgford has begun as artist in resident at Gulgong High School with the students developing their skills in hand building, wheel throwing and ceramic firing techniques. The workshops run until early July.

In June the jazz band from Mitchell Conservatorium's Lachlan division at Forbes will tour and run workshops in remote communities of the region (details Mitchell Conservatorium 6852 3766).

Applications for CASP funding were made by groups in February, and selected from a tight and competitive field of projects. The next round of funding closes February 2010.

For more information about CASP go to: <http://www.regionalartsnsw.com.au/grants/casp.html>

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*Images: (Left) Gulgong High School students with wok created in workshops with ceramic artist Susan Bridgford; (right) Marion Hosking, at work in here in her studio, will run a silver jewellery workshop in Cowra May 30-31.*

## 2009 Central West Country Arts Support Program projects

### **Parkes Musical & Dramatic Society**

#### *Regional Youth Drama Workshop*

Project description: Professionally tutored regional youth drama workshop for junior members of regional theatre societies in the Arts OutWest area, improving stagecraft skills in drama, dance and music. July.

Funding: \$1000 Location: Parkes

### **Bead and Wirecraft Guild Inc**

#### *Lampwork Workshop*

Project description: Pauline Delaney will teach flamework beads, shaping and sculpture glass at Bathurst in June 2009.

Funding: \$1000 Location: Bathurst

### **Wollemi Children's Creative Arts Committee**

#### *Winter Holiday Art Workshops*

Project description: A variety of creative arts workshops for children aged 7-17 years. These workshops will be presented by two visiting and nine local artists who will facilitate sessions in painting, drawing, mixed media, textiles, sculpture, craft, calligraphy and cake decorating. July.

Funding: \$500 Location: Rylstone

### **Mitchell Conservatorium Inc - Lachlan Division**

#### *Dr Music and the Con Kids on Tour*

Project description: Doug Richards and Catherine Arthurson, teachers at the Forbes branch of the Conservatorium, will take their jazz band, which include five Con students, on tour to play and workshop students in remote areas. June 19-20.

Funding: \$600 Location: Regional tour

### **Kandos Youth Activity Centre**

#### *Spiel Shop 2*

Project description: Two local drama tutors will deliver weekly drama classes to approximately 20 children of primary school age at the Kandos Youth Activity Centre after school hours. The work will culminate in a performance to relatives and friends in October 2009.

Funding: \$1000 Location: Kandos

### **Mudgee Readers Festival**

#### *Mudgee Readers Festival*

Project description: Mudgee Readers Festival will celebrate the joy of reading by exposing both adults and children to a range of high quality authors. The event will be held in Mudgee and Gulgong over September 11-12, 2009.

Funding: \$1000 Location: Mudgee

### **Burrangang Aboriginal Dance**

#### *Migagalangbu Yinaagalangbu Waganha*

Project description: Aboriginal girls and young women of primary and high school age in the Central West region will be taught Aboriginal cultural songs and dances based on Wiradjuri women's traditional culture by Fleur Magick from Burrangang Aboriginal Dance.

Funding: \$1620 Location: Orange

### **Bathurst Public School P&C Association**

#### *Indigenous Artist in Residence/ Mural Project to Celebrate NAIDOC Week*

Project description: Employment of indigenous artist William 'Bubba' Kennedy to work in residence in the school to create a mural and educate students in his methods and stories.

Funding: \$500 Location: Bathurst

### **Oberon Arts Council Inc.**

#### *Embossing Plaques for Pioneer Memory Wall*

Project description: Employment of artist Gabriella Hegyes to develop Pioneer Memory Walls on the Oberon Common, recording in art the story of Oberon. She will run workshops to develop embossed relief forms of local pioneering families, flora and fauna (especially endangered) for permanent placement on the walls.

Funding: \$800 Location: Oberon

### **Blayney Public School Parent Club (on behalf of Heritage Schools Cluster)**

#### *Heritage Schools Writing Project*

Project description: Author and literacy consultant Paul Stafford will facilitate writing workshops in five schools throughout the Blayney region that fall within the Heritage Schools Cluster.

Funding: \$1500 Location: Blayney area

### **Lachlan Arts Council**

#### *The Surf to Dirt Palette*

Project description: To provide professional tutors to rural and remote artists who do not have access to high quality training. The tutors are from Kiama and have formed a strong relationship over the past two years with Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo artists. September.

Funding: \$1000 Location: Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo

### **Lithgow Community Choir**

#### *Knock On Effect*

Project description: A thirteen week program of two-hourly singing workshops for the Lithgow Community including people with disabilities from boarding houses and group homes, with the view to forming a choir. April-May.

Funding: \$650 Location: Lithgow

### **Ceramic Focus Group**

#### *Artist in Residence*

Project description: Local Gulgong ceramic artist Susan Bridgford will work with gifted and talented year 7 to 11 students developing their skills in hand building, wheel throwing and ceramic firing techniques. The program will be held at Gulgong High School May 7 - July 2, 2009.

Funding: \$1000 Location: Gulgong

### **Cowra Regional Art Gallery**

#### *Artist Workshops and Public Talks*

Project description: This project is the presentation of two distinctive programs of workshops/ public talks at the Cowra Regional Art Gallery for local artists, teachers and art enthusiasts. May.

Funding: \$400 Location: Cowra

### **Mullion Creek Public School P&C**

#### *Mullion Murals*

Project description: Art boards depicting the rural theme of the area will be created by students under guidance of art teacher and permanently displayed around the village area on sides of private, public and community buildings for general audience, passing traffic and local residents and wider community.

Funding: \$500 Location: Mullion Creek

### **Cumnock & District Progress Association**

#### *'Animals on Bikes' Paddock Art*

Project description: 120km art tourist trail depicting 2m high metal sculptures featuring 'Animals on Bikes' in the paddocks along Obley Rd from Molong, Cumnock, Yeoval and Dubbo. A community oriented art project with masterpieces displayed at the opening in September.

Funding: \$1000 Location: Cumnock