

Regional Arts Fund

Quick Response Grant

Case study: Next Step Weaving



Next Step Weaving Workshop - Eyes down, working.
Photograph by Jacinta Wareham

Project Summary

Hamilton Wool and Craft Guild invited professional artist Ilka White to Hamilton to work with local weavers. The project supported the viability and growth of this skill in both their Guild, and the wider community.

This professional development opportunity enabled participants to develop their weaving skills, and the Guild to build a cache of weavers who are confident in their artistic talent and ability to impart their knowledge to new members.

Community Benefits

People in regional areas are sometimes denied access to workshops due to the additional expenses incurred in travelling to metropolitan areas to attend. The Quick Response Grant funding enabled Hamilton Wool & Craft Guild to hold local workshops, and make the cost affordable, allowing more people to receive the quality tuition on offer.

In addition, the Guild identified a local school student, Elizabeth, as having terrific potential with her woolcraft skills, and sponsored her to participate in the workshop. They are keen encourage younger people to take part in their activities, and would like to offer similar opportunities to other schoolchildren as they arise.

Public Outcome

Ilka ran a two day workshop for twelve local weavers, and an did an artist talk for the community, both of which were warmly received. The depth of her creative practices was a revelation and inspiration to those who attended.

Seeking quality tutors and bringing them to their local area elevated the Guild's reputation, and generated interest for people to learn this woolcraft.

Participant Benefits

The positive, gentle teaching style of Ilka White ensured the workshop participants achieved the most they could from the weekend. All participants improved their skill level. Stronger connections were created both within the group, and externally with other regional crafting groups. The participants were all proud of what they achieved over such a short period of time.



Guild sponsored recipient Elizabeth
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Project Start Date	12/03/2018
Project End Date	29/04/2018
Project Location	Hamilton
Federal Electorate	Wannon
No. Audience	42
No. Participants	12
Project Beneficiary	Artists and Arts Workers
Main Art Form	Crafts and textiles
No. Artists Paid	1
No. Artists Unpaid	0
No. Arts Worker Paid	0
No. Arts Worker Unpaid	0



Mega Warp by Judith
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