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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **\$69,800 IN REGIONAL ARTS FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR VICTORIA**

The Minister for the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM, has announced that funding for 8 projects totalling \$69,800 will go to regional, rural and remote communities across Victoria through the Regional Arts Fund, an Australian Government program administered in Victoria by Regional Arts Victoria.

Chair of Regional Arts Victoria Dennis Goldner noted that the funded projects came from all over Victoria, including the North-East, Gippsland and South-East Victoria. "The board of Regional Arts Victoria was pleased to see a range of art forms represented this round, including music, photography, film and dance. We are also particularly pleased to see funding going to projects involving Indigenous artists, as well as a project which involves artists with a disability."

Successful projects funded in Round Two, 2009 include:

- In **Wodonga**, the dis/assemble dance project will explore the notion of ability and disability through the mediums of contemporary dance and film. It works creatively with dancers with/without disabilities;
- In **Woodend**, the Resonance String Orchestra will expand on its current orchestral program and connect with 'Woodend Winter Arts Festival' by offering its students a Chamber Music Program;
- In **Snake Valley**, Pilkinton Productions will facilitate an artistic photography project for young people from Snake Valley district and Ballarat's African community combined with exhibitions, history, storytelling, cycling, Photoshop, African dance and cuisine; and,
- In **Briagolong**, the local community house will develop a community music project involving the building and making of musical instruments, developing an allegiance between the community and the school resulting in the creation of a community percussion band and performance.

A complete list of the funded projects is attached and available from [www.rav.net.au](http://www.rav.net.au).

The Regional Arts Fund was established to give all Australians in regional and remote areas better access to opportunities to practice and experience the arts. The Regional Arts Fund also aims to increase opportunities for isolated Indigenous and/or smaller regional communities.

**Round 1, 2010 of the Regional Arts Fund Project Grants will open soon.** For more information, including guidelines and applications form, go to [www.rav.net.au](http://www.rav.net.au)

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## REGIONAL ARTS FUND PROJECTS Round 2, 2009- VICTORIA

8 projects totalling \$69,800



| Applicant  | Project Title                            | Project Summary  | Project Location | Amount Approved |
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| Murray Arts  | dis/assemble project                     | The dis/assemble dance project is an exploration of the notion of ability and disability through the mediums of contemporary dance and film. It works creatively with dancers with/without disabilities. Funded in collaboration with the NSW RAF. | Wodonga          | \$7,500.00      |
| Take-pART Inc<br>Community Alliance for Participatory Arts | "We met at a Dance at the Worker's Hall" | Development of a community performance work about social dance life at the Workers Hall in Maryborough and the couples who met there. The project will involve digital storytelling, dance and new music composed for community musicians.         | Maryborough      | \$5,000.00      |
| Resonance String Orchestra                                 | Chamber Music Project                    | Resonance aims to expand on its current orchestral program and connect with 'Woodend Winter Arts Festival' by offering its students a Chamber Music Program, expanding the repertoire and exposing students to new forms.                          | Woodend          | \$5,000.00      |
| Gallery Kaiela   | Kaiela Artists Retreat and Workshop      | A three day workshop and retreat in a bush setting, for regional artists to share, learn about and use different media and across cultural boundaries.   | Kialla           | \$10,000.00     |
| Evansford Community Centre                                 | Stomp 'n Stamp                           | Stomp 'n Stamp is a series of visual arts and hip hop workshops for young people in the district, in conjunction with the local Evansford Disco.   | Evansford        | \$5,000.00      |
| Pilkinton Productions                                      | Life's Cycle                             | Artistic photography for youth from Snake Valley district and Ballarat's African community combined with exhibitions, history, storytelling, cycling, photoshop, African dance and cuisine.  | Snake Valley     | \$14,750.00     |
| Briagolong Community House                                 | Community Music Project                  | Community music project involving the building and making of musical instruments, developing an allegiance between the community and the school resulting in the creation of a community percussion band and performance.                          | Briagolong       | \$12,050.00     |
| Lake Bolac Eel Festival                                    | Brolga Dreaming                          | Brolga Dreaming will engage renowned shakuhachi musician and composer, Anne Norman, to compose a piece of music unique to Lake Bolac's heritage to be developed and performed with a community choir and musicians at the Twilight Celebration.    | Lake Bolac       | \$10,500.00     |



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