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\$102,745 ANNOUNCED FOR REGIONAL ARTISTS AND COMMUNITIES IN VICTORIA

The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development, Local Government and the Arts, the Hon Simon Crean MP has announced a total of \$102,745 of funding for regional and rural communities across Victoria. Ten projects have been funded through the highly competitive Regional Arts Fund, an Australian Government program delivered in Victoria by Regional Arts Victoria.

The Chair of Regional Arts Victoria, Dennis Goldner, spoke with enthusiasm about the cultural and social benefits this funding will bring to regional Victoria: "The wide variety of projects and events this funding supports will provide opportunities for every member of participating communities to get involved. Creative expression is such a vital ingredient in our regional areas because it enriches lives and enhances the development of community life. We certainly appreciate and thank the federal government for their role in assisting community wellbeing through the provision of this funding."

Successful applicants in Round 2, 2011 include:

- ***We're Still Here***, an exciting contemporary photographic exploration of the small regional town of **Tongala**, from photographer Shaun C. Mackrell.
- A large scale live theatre event called **STEAM!** To be presented at the **Goldsmith** Steam Rally 2012 featuring molten metal pouring, grand and powerful steam traction engines and surreal steampunk performers.
- A film-making project called **Pacific Stories – Stories of The Murray** in **Robinvale** where 12 local community members from Pacific Islander and ATSI backgrounds will be supported to develop and produce a series of short-films exploring cultural identity, connection and story-telling.
- **(f)route CARTography** – a unique arts initiative being developed in Gippsland bringing artists and fruitists together to explore the art of cultural mapping through the knowledge of fruit and life!

A complete list of the funded projects is attached and available from www.rav.net.au.

The Regional Arts Fund is an Australian Government initiative that provides 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. The Regional Arts Fund supports sustainable cultural development in communities across regional, remote and very remote Australia by facilitating cultural partnerships and networks, assisting the professional development and employment of regional artists, and by funding community arts projects.

Applications for Round 1, 2012 will close 15 March 2012 for projects commencing after 1 July 2012. For more information, including guidelines and applications forms, go to www.rav.net.au

For more information on Round 2 2011 funded projects, please contact:

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REGIONAL ARTS FUND PROJECTS Round 2, 2011 – VICTORIA 10 projects totalling \$102,745

Applicant	Project Title	Project Summary	Project Location	Amount Approved
Shaun C. Mackrell	We're Still Here	A contemporary photographic exploration of the small regional town of Tongala. Aimed at identifying and expanding on the key cultural/financial and social issues apparent.	Tongala	\$5,000.00
Resonance String Orchestra	Tango in The Ranges	Staff and students of Woodend's Resonance String Orchestra will present 'Tango in the Ranges' in concert with the renowned acoustic ensemble Cosmo Cosmolino.	Woodend	\$9,250.00
Ken Evans and Rebecca Russell	STEAM!	A large scale live theatre event at the Goldsmith Steam Rally 2012 featuring molten metal pouring, grand and powerful steam traction engines and surreal steampunk performers.	Lake Goldsmith	\$13,140.00
Jac Godzman (Lotu Theatre)	Can't Sleep	Lotu Theatre brings together five artists/musicians to create and produce a unique and original live music/theatre experience that captures and presents a collaboration of the invisible thoughts and emotions that flood our minds when we lie awake at night.	Drouin	\$15,000.00
Punctum Inc	The Coriolis Effect	The Coriolis Effect is a unique 12-month cultural leadership and professional development program for artists working in regional community settings. The Coriolis Effect will bring together live arts organisation Punctum from central Victoria and seven contemporary artists to generate a long-term period of arts enquiry and growth in a distinct regionally-based exploration of audience engagement, live arts and the participatory performance practice.	Castlemaine	\$9,000.00
Robinvale Network House Inc	Pacific Stories – Stories of the Murray	Film-makers and Community Arts Educators Lia Pa'apa'a and Amie Batalibasi will deliver skills building workshops to 12 local community members from Pacific Islander and ATSI backgrounds; supporting these participants to develop and produce a series of short films exploring cultural identity, connection and story-telling.	Robinvale	\$15,000.00
Fiona York on behalf of the (f)route collective	(f)route CARTography	(f)route CARTography will bring artists and fruitists together across East Gippsland to explore the art of cultural mapping through our knowledge of fruit and our life around it.	Goongerah	\$14,900.00
Art Is... Festival	Future Present	In this project 5 highly regarded Wimmera artists will mentor 5 emerging artists, to learn, to develop and to present edgy, contemporary art at the 2012 Art is... Festival.	Horsham	\$15,000.00
Robert Gatt	Fish Flash	Fish Flash is an interactive light project incorporating microprocessor controlled LED's that mimic fish schooling behaviour.	Port Fairy	\$2,895.00



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Indigo Shire Council	Weave Warp Weft	Master Weaver Ian McKinnon will create 3 large looms and invite community members to work with him and local artists to weave their own materials into the looms. Finished textile art will then be on permanent display in Yackandandah Hall.	Yackandanda	\$3,560.00
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