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Regional Arts Victoria Announces New Mentorship Program for Young Gippsland Artists

Regional Arts Victoria has today announced an exciting new partnership with print publication **Gippslandia** to provide 14 mentorships and skills development opportunities for young artists aged 15-25 years in the Gippsland region.

The Gippslandia Mentorship Program is the second project to come from Future Arts Movement, a series of creative arts projects to be delivered by Regional Arts Victoria for the benefit of young Gippsland artists across 2023 and 2024.

This program will develop student's skills in journalism or art forms complimentary to journalism, such as writing, graphic design, photography, and illustration. Fourteen young Gippsland-based artists will receive a three-month mentorship by Gippslandia contributors, with the goal of helping them develop their own material for publication in a future edition of the magazine. Participants will be paid to meet online with their mentors over the course of three months from September to December 2023.

Delivered as part of a VicHealth initiative called Future Reset: Young People, Arts and Mental Wellbeing, Regional Arts Victoria were one of nine organisations supported across the state to deliver creative projects that ignite social connection among Victoria's young people.

Stephanie Clark, Coordinator of the program for Regional Arts Victoria, said "The Gippslandia Mentorship Program is a great way for young artists to make meaningful connections and develop their creative skills in a fun and supportive environment."

"It's not every day that young people get a chance to learn something new, work alongside industry professionals, see their finished work in print, and get paid for it!"

Applications are now open to be part of the Gippslandia Mentorship Program. Young people can apply online by **Midnight, Sunday 10 September 2023** at <https://www.rav.net.au/projects/future-reset/>

About Regional Arts Victoria:

Regional Arts Victoria backs artists and communities across regional Victoria to make, participate in, and experience creative work.

Regional Arts Victoria is an independent, not-for-profit, membership-based organisation working in long-term partnerships with every level of government, fostering contemporary and innovative regional cultural practice. We advise and impact on decision-making across multiple portfolios and levels of government.

Regional Arts Victoria is the peak body for regional artists and arts organisations, and the leading organisation for regional creative practice in Victoria.

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