
MEDIA RELEASE

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\$200,000 ANNOUNCED FOR REGIONAL ARTISTS AND COMMUNITIES IN VICTORIA

Nine Project Grants and one Fellowship Grant in Victoria have received \$200,000 in funding through the Australian Government's highly competitive Regional Arts Fund, delivered in Victoria by Regional Arts Victoria.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said the project grants would support sustainable economic, social and cultural development throughout Victoria.

"I congratulate the ten recipients of the Regional Arts Fund Project Grants in Victoria, who have each demonstrated how their unique projects will raise the profile of regional arts and broaden community engagement with the cultural sector," Minister Fletcher said.

"This investment of \$200,000 will support these artists and organisations to develop new networks and diverse works and is part of the Morrison Government's \$3.6 million annual investment in the Regional Arts Fund across Australia."

Director of Partnerships at Regional Arts Victoria Liz Zito said that the projects in this round were of a high quality and offered a wide range of diverse activities.

"Regional Arts Victoria is proud to deliver this Australian Government funding program in Victoria. This highly competitive round has seen support for projects including the Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial through to providing masterclasses in electronic sound for young people in Warrnambool, as well as presenting Deaf storytellers bringing people into a Deaf Cultural experience in Wodonga. Regional Arts Victoria also wishes to thank the members of the independent assessment panel for their time and commitment in supporting exceptional arts practice in regional Victoria."

Successful applicants this round include:

- **Ms Elise Cakebread** 2021 Fellowship Recipient - Gordon
This fellowship will address scale, scope and sustainability within Elise Cakebread's textile based art practice, producing research that will create a framework for future community based projects that will expand her practice and audience.
- **South West Local Learning and Employment Network** - Warrnambool
South West Mini MESS will bring the Melbourne Electronic Sound Studio's collection of iconic synthesisers to the Fletcher Jones Factory site for a week-long masterclass in electronic sound in Warrnambool.
- **Miss Chelle Destefano** - North Wonthaggi
Chelle Destefano (Deaf, Regional artist) with Deaf Community and hearing collaborator Claire Bridge will launch and present 'What I Wish I'd Told You', a multi-channel projection and immersive installation exhibition which will centre Deaf voices, agency, identity and culture at Arts Space Wodonga.

Please see attached for a full list and description of all recipients.

The Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund supports sustainable cultural development in regional and remote Australia. The fund meets the strategic priorities of supporting participation in and access to the arts and encouraging greater private sector support for the arts. The Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund is provided through Regional Arts Australia. In Victoria, the Regional Arts Fund is administered by Regional Arts Victoria according to the objectives and general eligibility determined by the Australian Government.

Information regarding upcoming rounds will be made available via rav.net.au

For more information on 2021 funded projects, please contact:

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2021 SUCCESSFUL FELLOWSHIP APPLICANT

Ms Elise Cakebread
Gordon
\$20,000

Texture at Scale - Addressing Scope and Sustainability

This fellowship will address scale, scope and sustainability within Elise Cakebread's textile based art practice, producing research that will create a framework for future community based projects that will expand her practice and audience.

2021 SUCCESSFUL PROJECT GRANT APPLICANTS

Ms Michelle Dunn
Fryerstown
\$5,574

Picture Change Image Library

Picture Change Image Library will, in collaboration with diverse members of the community, create a vibrant suite of images that show diversity and challenge stereotypes and gender roles in regional Victoria.

Ms Eloise Wood
Barwon Downs
\$30,000

ELEVATE

ELEVATE will be a new project of hope and connection which aims to engage communities and families across the Colac Otway Shire in large-scale puppetry making, stiltwalking, creative dance and storytelling workshops by WildHoney Performing Arts.

South West Local Learning and Employment Network

Warrnambool
\$20,015

South West Mini MESS

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Miss Chelle Destefano
North Wonthaggi
\$30,000

Presentation of Deaf Stories exhibition and public programs in regional Victoria

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CreateA
Bendigo
\$5,574

Venous Return

Venous Return will be a performance work devised with an ensemble that includes people with disability, and will extend theatre practice by making use of visual arts installation aesthetics and augmented reality.

Golden Plains Shire Council

Bannockburn

\$30,000

Living Sculptures Project

The Living Sculptures Project will involve the creation of a large scale ephemeral sculpture in Golden Plains Shire via an Artist in Residence Program, which will be created from rock installations and plantings.

Kyneton Contemporary Inc

Kyneton

\$6,000

Digital Communications and Marketing Mentorship/Skills Development for Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial

Kyneton Contemporary Inc. will employ regionally-based Paul Mylecharane from Public Office to provide skill development and mentoring for its volunteer committee in marketing, design and communication for the 2021 Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial.

Ms Caz Walsh

Campbells Creek

\$29,617.08

Circus Under the Stars

Caz Walsh will develop and present 'Circus Under the Stars', a contemporary circus project that will tour to the regional communities of Maryborough and Ararat.

Ms Verity Higgins

Mount Pleasant

\$23,220

NatiFRIJ

Ballarat-based artists' collective, the Pitcha Making Fellas, will run a series of workshops in Natimuk with interested Natimuk community members, decorating 12-16 old fridges with images of endangered plant species, which will be displayed as a trail around Natimuk for the NatiFrij.