



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Arts Organisations Receive Funding

The Chair of the NT Arts Grants Board, Ms Gillian Harrison, today announced the latest round of successful funding to Northern Territory applicants under the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund (RAF) program.

"\$117,550 in funding has been allocated to fourteen projects in the Northern Territory," Ms Harrison said.

"The range and calibre of the projects reflects a commitment to artistic excellence, innovation and professionalism. All the projects demonstrate a strong focus on partnerships and collaboration in delivering skills development and opportunities across the Northern Territory.

"Territorians of all ages in remote and very remote communities, in some cases for the first time, stand to benefit from a range of exciting arts projects."

Funded projects include support for an arts and environment symposium called 'Ideas Incubator' by Watch This Space, an artist-run-initiative in Alice Springs. The project will bring together anthropologists, arts workers, environmentalists, ecologists and cultural workers looking at finding vital links and synergies between the environment and the cultural life of communities.

Nine regional writers will be assisted to participate in the pinnacle event of the Northern Territory's literary calendar; 'Wordstorm: The Northern Territory Writers' Festival'- performing, promoting and networking with national and international writers. Tiwi staff of Nguju Ngingawila Literature Production Centre and young Tiwi people, along with Skinnyfish Music, will produce a music video animation of a Tiwi traditional story.

"I congratulate all successful applicants and thank the Arts Grants Board for their hard work and dedication in assessing a very competitive field of applicants," Ms Harrison said.

The Regional Arts Fund is an Australian Government initiative supporting the arts in regional, remote and very remote/isolated Australia. The Program is delivered in partnership with the Northern Territory Government. Arts NT manages the Fund in the Northern Territory on behalf of the Australian Government.

More information about the Regional Arts Fund in the Northern Territory is available by calling the Arts NT Grants Manager on 08 8999 8930 or visit the website at [www.arts.nt.gov.au](http://www.arts.nt.gov.au)

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**A full list of successful applicants in the Northern Territory is attached**



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## March Round 2006 - Project Summaries

### Regional Arts Fund

**2006 NT Music Festival Workshops in Alice Springs**      **Music NT Inc**      **\$14,204**  
*17 July 2006 to 22 September 2006*

Music NT Alice Springs is proud to be running the 2006 NT Music Festival from 26 August to 9 September 2006. As part of the Festival funding is sought to facilitate a dynamic Skills Development program with a focus on developing youth and emerging musicians in Alice Springs.

**Ammunition Box Project**      **Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource**      **\$4,647**  
*1 July 2006 to 31 October 2006*

Tjuwanpa (5km from Ntaria/Hermannsburg) has a total of 55 artists who live in the surrounding outstations. Tjuwanpa has purchased 60 ammunition boxes for the artists to store their art supplies. Workshops will be held in three localities with an informal showing of the boxes in Tjuwanpa's small gallery space with the aim of advertising and promoting the proposed art centre development.

**Canteen Art Group**      **Creek Colours**      **\$5,000**  
*1 July 2006 to 31 December 2006*

Creek Colours aims to bring out the colour and to realise the potential of Canteen Creek's art community. The community which has received little support aims to strengthen community spirit and economy, to engage people (particularly youths) in positive artistic practise, to provide skills development and to create sustainable economic opportunity and future for art makers and workers. This includes technics of painting, gutta and silk screen printing.

**Arts ACA Evolution**      **Arts Access Central Australia**      **\$14,957**  
*5 July 2006 to 31 December 2006*

The Arts ACA Reference committee aims to continue to work collaboratively with the community in building a sustainable independent organisation with a focus on developing a broad spectrum of inclusive opportunities for people with disabilities to explore, engage and participate in a dynamic range of artistic pursuits.

**Bamboo Lounge 2007**      **Brown's Mart Community Arts Inc**      **\$10,000**  
*1 November 2006 to 31 December 2007*

The Bamboo Lounge mentoring program provides performing artists to develop and hone their skills in partnership with the marketing and operation side of the business. This training will provide the groups with the appropriate skills to organise and stage an event.

**Carers Territory** **Carers NT Incorporated** **\$5,000**  
*1 July 2006 to 31 October 2006*

For the employment of an Artistic Director to work with Young Carers in the Northern Territory. With support from Hidden Corners Theatre Group based in Canberra, a similar model is proposed to be developed to provide young carers with a theatrical outlet and support group.

**Dry Stomp** **Flannery, Lauren** **\$5,000**  
*3 August 2006 to 7 August 2006*

In August 2006 Zen Zen Zo Physical Theatre Company will facilitate a four day intensive workshop for local working and emerging artists. Dry Stomp will incorporate three techniques that have been brought back to Australia by Zen Zen Zo from Japan and America.

**Filmmaking Workshops** **Corrugated Iron Youth Arts Inc** **\$3,142**  
*25 July 2006 to 29 September 2006*

In Term three, 2006 Corrugated Iron will offer an introductory course in short filmmaking. The course will run for 10 weeks at two hours per week. Participants will gain a broad range of skills including, but not limited to; storyboarding and planning, basic camera operation, choosing a suitable location, filming techniques & basic editing.

**Georgia Glen / Craig Walsh Mentorship** **Glen, Georgia** **\$10,000**  
*31 July 2006 to 1 December 2006*

Darwin based artist, Georgia Glen is to be mentored by new media, video installation artist, Craig Walsh. Georgia Glen will assist Craig as he develops his commission with Palmerston City Council (PCC) to create a public artwork (video installation) to be installed in the new Public Library. The mentorship will be managed by PCC's Cultural Development Officer, Tania Lieman with PCC as supporting agency.

**Ideas Incubator** **Watch this Space** **\$15,000**  
*1 October 2006 to 30 April 2007*

The Ideas Incubator aims to affect perceptions of art, nature and how we live and work together on this planet. The Incubator will bring together historians, arts workers, architects, ecologists, scientists, anthropologists, cultural workers, environmentalists who feel passionate about improving and sustaining the links between the quality of the environment and the cultural life of communities. Outcomes will be showcased in April 2007 as a series of public, multi art form events and exhibitions in an outdoor environment.

**Katherine Regional Arts** **Katherine Regional Arts Inc** **\$6,200**  
*1 July 2006 to 31 October 2006*

In May 2007, Katherine Regional Arts plan to host a conference that brings together artists, arts workers and other community representatives from the Katherine region with arts organisations, funding bodies and arts representative groups. This funding will support the scoping stage to undertake negotiations with all key stakeholders.

**Making Tiwi Legends Come to Life** **Nguiu Nginingawala Literature Production Centre** **\$6,000**  
*1 August 2006 to 30 November 2006*

Skinny Fish Music and the Tiwi staff of Nguiu Nginingawala Literature Production Centre along side young Tiwi people creatively partner to produce one Tiwi legend in a simple video animation style with music. During the process the Tiwi literacy workers will gain skills that will allow the work to continue with support, and over time, other legends may be animated.

**Regional Writers at WordStorm** **Northern Territory Writers' Centre Inc** **\$10,000**  
*1 May 2007 to 31 July 2007*

In May 2007, nine Northern Territory regional writers will be brought to Darwin for the annual NT Writers' Festival, WordStorm. The writers will participate in panels, workshops and events that assist in their professional development. This project will increase the regional focus of WordStorm and provide valuable networking opportunities for the writers.

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Unraveling the Ali Curung Story is a collaborative project between the Ali Curung Community Council, the Ali Curung Womens Centre and Barkly Regional Arts. A series of workshops will run in the community over a period of six months, involving technics of batik, gutta and silk screen printing. Training of a CDEP to archive finished works and facilitate the sales and marketing of artists works. Ongoing support will be given by Barkly Regional Arts Inc as an ongoing project.