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Supporting regional communities to reconnect through the Arts

76 arts projects across Australia will share in almost \$1.2 million as part of the latest round of the Morrison Government's 2021 Regional Arts Fund Project grants, supporting sustainable cultural development in regional and remote communities.

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities, Communications and Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP said the funding will increase employment opportunities and boost local economies in regional Australia.

“This funding will help regional artists develop works and shows that can be enjoyed by Australians everywhere – both in regional and metropolitan areas,” Minister Fletcher said.

“As we continue to deal with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, building community engagement is more important than ever, and these projects will develop audiences and broaden community involvement with the arts – reconnecting regional communities.”

Successful projects range from professional development opportunities for artists and arts workers, to capacity building opportunities and workshops in communities. They include:

- Kyneton Contemporary Inc. (Kyneton, Vic) will provide skills development and mentoring in marketing, design and communications for the 2021 Kyneton Contemporary Art Triennial.
- Camera Story Limited (Broome, WA) will expand the Exposure project, a photo media initiative created by Perth Centre of Photography and Yamatji, Nyoongar curator Glenn Iseger-Pilkington, providing First Nations artists with opportunities to voice their stories and lived experiences through photographic practice.
- Incite Arts (Alice Springs, NT) will deliver Strong Feelings, a new arts and cultural development performance project for learning-disabled artists, culminating in a new performance work at Araluen Arts Centre.

Funded projects will provide opportunities people in the arts sector to cultivate creative community engagement in Indigenous communities, provide opportunities for digital upskilling, and develop new workshops and capacity-building programs.

For more information about the \$3.6 million Regional Arts Fund, including how to apply for funding opportunities in each state and territory, and to view the full list of project grant recipients visit: www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/regional-arts-fund

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