

Media Release

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Keyen Koondarm (One Dream)

Aspiring artists and storytellers from the south west of Western Australia have shared their personal stories and memories through a new online portal launched by Community Arts Network.

CAN Storyscapes was developed as part of CAN's long running Bush Babies project. The Busselton phase focussed on visual arts, portraiture and oral history recordings.

Some of those recordings include the re-telling of the stories include the Noongar version of events surrounding the famous rescue of passengers from the 1876 shipwreck, SS Georgette. 16 year old Grace Bussell was largely credited with the rescue, however, Aboriginal account of the event indicate Sam Isaacs played a pivotal role in the rescue.

Personal stories and contemporary artworks from the Busselton phase of Community Arts Network has Keyen Koondarm, an exhibition of contemporary portrait and object paintings by Busselton community members, launches Friday 10 June at The Courthouse in the ArtGeo Complex, Busselton.

The exhibition shares work created over six months with an arts and story program by the Community Arts Network in Busselton with first-time and practicing artists Amanda Bell, Lola Garlett, Tessa Grimshaw, Gloria Hill, Jenny Hill, Kim Stockwell, Judy Weston, Robyn Weston and the wider Indigenous community.

The art sessions focused on working personal narratives into paintings with the group drawing on family photos and their diverse creative backgrounds of visual arts, poetry and doll-making.

The paintings exploration of childhood, family, place

First-time artist Gloria Hill enjoyed the workshops, Noongar elder Ellen Hill.

Quote from Gloria.

The exhibition title Keyen Koondarm ('one dream') refers to coming together to paint and being together as a community.

Do you have a community arts project or an event in Western Australia that needs funding?



Community Arts Network's (CAN) Catalyst Community Arts Fund has grants of up to \$15,000 available for projects where people are able to participate, learn together and express their culture and identity.

There's also a funding category for artists or community workers to apply for professional development.

Each year the Catalyst fund enables hundreds of artists and thousands of participants to come together in a variety of workshops and showcase events.

Recent successful projects include the Mandjar Dreaming Stretch Festival opening in Mandurah and the Nullagine community mural project in the Pilbara.

There are three categories of funding:

Category A Innovate – up to \$15,000 for community arts projects that demonstrate new and innovative community arts practices, processes and art forms.

Category B Create – up to \$15,000 for community arts projects that express local culture and identity.

Category C Develop – up to \$10,000 to fund professional development and research for community arts practitioners.

CAN is also offering a free funding workshop to help applicants develop their applications.

It will be held on Thursday 25 February from 10am at the King St Arts Centre, Perth. This workshop can help you understand the process and what the selection panel will be looking for and provide tips on how to write your funding application.

The closing date for the funding round is March 30 and the grants are for projects that start after the 1st of July.

For more information contact admin@canwa.com.au or call (08) 9226 2422.

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About Community Arts Network (CAN)

CAN is a dynamic organisation working towards positive social change through community arts and cultural development practice.

Since 1985 CAN has been inspiring and mobilising communities to express their unique stories through creativity and the arts.

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