

# Media Release

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## Leadership change for CAN

CAN is sorry to announce the resignation of long serving Managing Director Pilar Kasat, as she is moving on to pursue sustainable development research with Curtin University.

Pilar has been an asset to CAN over the past 11 years and been instrumental in establishing the organisation's position as a national leader in community arts and cultural development.

Pilar said that, as she undertakes her Doctorate, she will remain in close contact with CAN and looks forward to seeing the exciting future ahead for the organisation.

*"My decision to resign was incredibly difficult and it was done with a heavy heart, but I am confident I am leaving CAN with an experienced team, who not only form the backbone of the organisation, they are dedicated to delivering artistic and creative programs that transform lives."*

*"I leave knowing that the organisation is in a strong position and will continue to go from strength to strength."* she said.

The CAN board is now working with an experienced recruitment agency to find a new leader with a commitment to community arts and cultural development and the expertise to capitalise on growth opportunities. A CEO is likely to be appointed by November 2015.

Pilar will remain with CAN for a further three months as a leadership transition period takes place.



Image: Pilar Kasat with the CAN board and Duncan Ord, Director General, Department of Culture and the Arts. Photo by Tash Nannup.



## About Community Arts Network (CAN)

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

Over the last thirty years CAN has been inspiring and mobilising WA communities who experience social disadvantage, to creatively express their unique stories through a diversity of art mediums.

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