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MEDIA RELEASE: ECA secures funding for community sculpture project

September 2013: Esperance Community Arts (ECA) has successfully secured \$15,000 through Country Arts WA's Regional Arts Fund to facilitate a community sculpture project celebrating the redevelopment of the Esperance waterfront and the work and skills of the tradespeople involved.

The TradeArts Waterfront Sculpture Project invites local tradespeople to share their professional skills on a volunteer basis to produce a group of sculptures in collaboration with local artist Larry Youngson.

The Shire of Esperance will provide access to discarded jetty timbers and other materials that have been removed from the foreshore as part of the Waterfront Redevelopment. These recycled materials will provide the basis for the sculptures that will be created over the next six months and presented to the public in 2014.

ECA Chairperson Thuriyya Ibrahim had a central role in designing the TradeArts project. She said that the creative planning and practical problem solving associated with building the sculptures will reflect the vision and creative solutions required to manage and implement the major infrastructure project that is the Esperance Waterfront Redevelopment.

Esperance Men in Sheds are offering generous support for the TradeArts project by allowing access to equipment. ECA are also offering opportunities for other community groups and local businesses to get involved by providing sponsorship and in-kind support.

"We are currently trying to locate a large, lockable, empty shed, ideally located near Men in Sheds, that can provide a home for the project and the sculptures over the next six months. We invite anyone with ideas about this to contact us" Ms Ibrahim said.

The TradeArts Waterfront Sculpture Project will commence on Saturday 5 October with an introductory session for all interested people to be held at 10am at the ECA gallery.

Lead artist Larry Youngson has considerable experience in building and design and has worked with a variety of materials. He will present an overview of the project, introduce some possibilities for the sculptures and invite ideas from the participants.

For more information about the TradeArts Waterfront Sculpture Project, contact Larry Youngson on 9071 7163 or Jane Mulcock at ECA on 9072 1158 or admin@esperancecommunityarts.org.au.

The project was made possible by the Australian Governments regional arts program, the Regional Arts Fund, which gives all Australians better access to opportunities to practice and experience the arts. The Regional Arts Fund is administered in Western Australia by Country Arts WA.



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