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MEDIA RELEASE: ECA secures funding for Larger Than Life arts celebration in May 2014

29 January 2014: Esperance Community Arts (ECA) has secured \$10,000 through Tourism WA's Regional Events Scheme (RES) managed by Eventscorp. This money will support a community arts celebration to be held on May 17th and 18th in 2014.

Early in 2013 ECA applied for RES funding to support a creative community event as a way of responding to the changes in our community such as the Waterfront Redevelopment, the Port Access Corridor project and the Town Revitalisation project. Eventscorp funding for this project now titled, 'Larger Than Life: An Arts Event by the Sea', was confirmed in December.

ECA is seeking to hold this 'Larger Than Life' event in the Museum Village Park. The event will showcase a number of local arts projects featuring a wide range of creative talent.

ECA has sourced funding and sponsorship for five core projects. These include the Skill Hire Indigenous Sculpture Project presented by Act-Belong-Commit and jointly funded by Job Search Australia, the Trade Arts Community Sculpture Project funded by the Regional Arts Fund and the Act-Belong-Commit Community Ensemble. The Community Jigsaw project sponsored by Mitre 10 and the Temporary Community Sculpture Project funded by DADAA will both start in February.

These projects involve a number of local arts groups and community services including UKEsperance, Esperance Drumming Group, members of the DADAA Emergence project, the Cannery Arts Centre, Esperance Regional Forum, Seniors Recreation Council, and the Disability Services Commission.

Several other community groups are also planning their contributions to the event.

Esperance Nyungar Aboriginal Corporation will open the event with a formal Welcome to Country and will run a number of activities over the weekend including story-telling and face painting activities. The Esperance Photographers Club will exhibit photographs documenting the entire waterfront redevelopment process and the Super Troupers Senior Theatre Group will perform selections from their 2014 production, "Pearls from the Sea". The Recherche Writers Group have planned a performance and exhibition entitled 'The Art of Walking' and the Museum will develop a special maritime -themed exhibition. A number of other projects have also been suggested.

All artists and arts groups from the surrounding region are invited to participate. There are lots of opportunities to get involved.

Interested individuals and community groups are invited to come along to working party meetings to discuss ideas for additional creative projects. The next meeting is on Tuesday 11th of February at 5pm at the Esperance Community Arts Gallery in the Museum Village (Shop 8).

For more information about the 'Larger Than Life' event contact Jane Mulcock at ECA on 9072 1158 or admin@esperancecommunityarts.org.au.

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