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## **MEDIA RELEASE: Esperance Rags to Riches Project**

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The Esperance Rags to Riches project was inspired by a similar project run recently by the Ravensthorpe Regional Arts Council. It recognises the potential to repurpose and upcycle some of the discarded textiles that would otherwise end up in local landfill.

Local artist Isabel Trneny regularly creates a range of handmade crafts, including baskets and bags, using fabric salvaged from the items donated to Esperance Care Services that can not be sold on to new owners. Local interest in these products led Trneny to explore opportunities to encourage other community members to get involved in upcycling.

Large bags of old clothes, donated by Esperance Care Services and sorted according to colour, are available for collection at Esperance Community Arts Space. We encourage people to take a bag and create something new from the contents.

Your creation can be anything at all, and artwork, a new item of clothing, a bag, a tablecloth, whatever your bag of fabric presents.

Participants are invited to return their creations to Esperance Community Arts Space by 2pm on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> so that they can be displayed at the 'Nulsen in November' celebration on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> at Nulsen Primary School. There is a people's choice award and prizes for the winners generously provided by local businesses.

If you are looking for some extra inspiration call into Esperance Community Arts Space before the end of the month to have a look at the three wonderful teepees that the Ravensthorpe Regional Arts Council created from the fragments of pre-loved fabric that they received from community members.

For more information about the variety of programs run by ECA contact Jane Mulcock on 9072 1158 or email [admin@esperancecommunityarts.org.au](mailto:admin@esperancecommunityarts.org.au).

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