

The Community Cultural and Arts Facilities Fund:

Assistance for cultural & community partnerships in arts and cultural facilities for development of excellence in arts and culture in Western Australia

The Community Cultural and Arts Facilities Fund (CCAFF) is administered by the Department of Culture and the Arts and provides a mechanism for the State Government to assist with capital upgrades and infrastructure development of arts and cultural facilities. The CCAFF invests in a quality mix of capital works and infrastructure projects of direct benefit to the Western Australian community, funding a maximum of one third of the total cost.

Twenty six CCAFF applications have been approved totalling \$1,346,346 since the fund was launched in 2005. Four of the now completed projects include; improvements to the Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, expanded accommodation for writers-in-residence at the Katharine Susannah Prichard Centre, improvements to the City of Canning Arts Centre, and the restoration and relocation of a 1960s building to the current site of the Broome Museum.

A grant of \$42,783 given to the Katharine Susannah Prichard Foundation was used to build accommodation for writers-in-residence. The Foundation also received funding from the Departments for Regional Development and Local Government, the Shire of Mundaring and community donations. The buildings were completed in 2007 and officially opened in December. The

Foundation is currently seeking funding to furnish the residences.

The three retreats, designed to provide both a sanctuary and a place of inspiration for writers, are the latest addition in long-term plans to turn the centre into a premier writing hub of national and international significance for Western Australia.

According to Lynn Gumb, Chair of the management committee, the Katharine Susannah Prichard Foundation's vision is to house more than one writer-in-residence at a time, providing a space for writers to live briefly in the community and be able to share their work and ideas with each other as well as the Centre's emerging writers.

"Writing can be an isolated activity, hence the provision of retreats. At the same time, writers can be starved for new ideas or opportunities to join fellow writers for discussion," said Ms Gumb. "The retreats will provide an opportunity for them to meet. And what a wonderful place for them to do so, in the home of Katharine Susannah Prichard."

Bunbury Regional Art Galleries' grant of \$12,936 was used to transform an existing meeting room into an A-class exhibition space. CCAFF funding was allocated to lighting, security system, security camera and

air conditioning amongst other upgrades.

Sonya Dye, Director of Bunbury Regional Art Galleries, said the funding had provided a fourth gallery which was prioritised for multimedia works, including digital and video, which the Gallery was previously unable to show and had given regional artists access to an affordable space in which to exhibit their work.

"We are the only public gallery of our kind in the region, so artists are very pleased to have improved access to our facilities in a practical and manageable space," Ms Dye said. The audiences are getting access to artists and artforms that they would otherwise not be exposed to."

Broome Historical Society received \$50,000 towards the relocation and restoration of a 1960s building to the current Broome Museum site. This improved care for the collection, helping to develop research areas and open up more interactive educational experiences for visitors.

The funding enabled the society to, develop structural engineering and architectural drawings, clear the site and clad the building. It was also used to improve community access and interactive displays as well

as provide a non-commercial gallery space open to the community. The community and local businesses also contributed substantially to the success of the project.

A grant of \$28,666 was allocated for improvements and expansion to the City of Canning Arts Centre to enable greater opportunity for community participation in arts activities. Alterations and additions include a designated spray booth area for painting along with an area for a kiln and glazing, enhancing the development of the Centre and opening it up to the City of Canning's multi-cultural community for painting, weaving, wood-carving and other arts programs.

The next closing date for the CCAFF Annual funding round is September 26, 2008.



*In the Bunbury Regional Art Galleries
Photo Roy Obal*

Bunbury Regional Art Galleries

\$12,936 for improvements and expansion to the existing Bunbury Regional Art Gallery.

Katharine Susannah Prichard Foundation



\$42,783 to expand accommodation at the writers centre for additional writers-in-residence. *Photo courtesy of KSP*

Broome Historical Society

\$50,000 towards relocation and restoration of a 1960s building to the Broome Museum site.

City of Canning

\$28,666 to enable greater community participation in arts activities at the Canning Arts Centre.

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Bunbury Art Galleries please visit www.brag.org.au

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