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Quicks for July to September 2011

Regional Arts NSW is pleased to announce nine new projects funded in the July to September 2011 quarter of the Quick Response grant program.

The Quick Response Grants once again assisted regional artists and cultural workers to develop invaluable skills for their work in regional communities through engagement in various professional development opportunities. Artforms represented this quarter included sculpture, poetry, visual arts and music and funds assisted artists across the state from Albury in the south to Casino in the north.

The Quick Response Grants program provides assistance for regional NSW artists, arts organisations and communities to take advantage of professional and project development opportunities that present themselves at short notice. The funds are provided through the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund which is administered by Regional Arts NSW in New South Wales.

'Quicks' grants approved for the July to September quarter:

\$1500 to the **Wake Up Time Group** (Northern Rivers) to fund felt making workshops for Aboriginal women, held over a four week period with internationally recognised artist Karma Barnes.

\$1500 to **South West Arts** to assist in covering costs for upcoming New York based artist Dvande (Daniel V. Anderson) to conduct artist talks, covering a range of topics from artistic practice to marketing, followed by Q&A in Albury, Deniliquin and Wagga Wagga.

\$1500 to the **Port Macquarie Hastings Municipal Band Inc** (Mid North Coast). Taking advantage of the presence of James Morrison in Port Macquarie on a performance tour, the band engaged him to conduct 3 jazz workshops for groups of local musicians ranging from primary age to adults.

\$986 to assist cultural worker **Ingrid Hedgcock** (Northern Rivers) towards attendance at the 2 day symposium "Reprogramming the Museum" at the Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney. Participation in this symposium will inform Ingrid's work with the Northern Rivers Community gallery.

\$1302 to writer **Michelle Gaddes** (South East) towards attendance at the Australian Poetry Symposium for professional development in creative writing. The Symposium features lectures by prominent Australian writers in current trends and directions for Australian poetry.



\$455 to **Jeffrey McCann** (Eastern Riverina) towards attendance at a workshop in cardboard furniture making by Sarah Mouchot at the National Gallery of Victoria. Design techniques and construction methods learned will assist in working with recyclable materials in community workshops.

\$1000 to **Rhonda Ayliffe** (South East) towards transport, accommodation and conference registration fees to attend the Impact7 International Printmaking Conference in Melbourne in September. Rhonda's book arts work has been accepted for exhibition at this conference, and she will attend a number of conference sessions relating to book arts.

\$1325 to **Tony Curran** (Eastern Riverina) towards attendance at the "We are Here" international symposium in Sydney, bringing together managers from artist run initiatives.

\$1325 to **Coleambally Central School** (South West) towards two introductory workshops exploring music of all genres for primary and secondary children, facilitated by Victorian Opera, who will be in the region to perform in the nearby town of Morundah.

Congratulations to all the recipients.

Applications for the October to December quarter of the Quicks program are now open.

More information on Quicks is provided in the Grants section of our website [here](#).