



**Lifting Life Through Art  
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Five art projects in Eyre Peninsula will come to life through grants from the Federal Government's Regional Arts Fund.

They range from sculpture at Penong and Elliston to music, posters and digital video production at Port Lincoln.

Member for Flinders Liz Penfold said the projects support local engagement with culture and the arts, help to generate partnerships, and capitalise on local strengths.

"They ensure that the arts are a key part of the quality of life in regional Australia.

"Those who saw the sculptures on the Elliston cliffs in the Whistling in the Wind project will always remember them, as no doubt will those who built them."

She said this funding will enable groups to complete art projects that are unique to our region.

"I look forward to seeing the finished results," she said.

The projects are:

Penong Primary School Governing Council, Working Together in Sculpture, \$3000. The project will bring together artist John Turpie and the local Penong community to design and create a sculpture that is reflective of the remote West Coast environment.

Port Lincoln Domestic and Family Violence Action Group, Sharing Stories from Behind Closed Doors, \$1500. Assistance towards the creation of posters raising issues of domestic violence to be developed and placed in all women's toilets throughout Eyre Peninsula.

The Cellar Folk Club, The Stinky Creek Folk and Music Festival 2006, \$3200. Support to raise the artistic and cultural life of the Lower Eyre Peninsula by holding a weekend folk festival of participatory music, song and dance.

Community House Port Lincoln, Training the Mentors, \$3495. Assistance for a three-day workshop to train 15 young people to learn digital video production skills so they can empower others to tell individual and community stories.

Sculpture on the Cliffs Elliston 2006, \$1500. Sculpture on the Cliffs is a multifaceted art festival centres on a sculpture exhibition on Clifftop Drive, Elliston, for three months with the theme of cultural exchange.