



**THE HON PAUL FLETCHER MP**  
Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **National Regional Arts Fellowship Program opens for applications**

Artists and arts workers in regional, rural and remote areas are invited to apply for a National Regional Arts Fellowship to support their practice. This 2020 Fellowship program is positioned around the themes of drought and bush fires. Artists and arts workers living and working in drought affected areas and areas affected by the 2019-20 bush fires are encouraged to apply.

Three Fellowships of up to \$20,000 and two up to \$10,000 are available through Regional Arts Australia and provide a secure, short-term wage for artists or arts workers that allows them to develop their individual practice and career in regional Australia.

Minister for Communications, Cyber Safety and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP encouraged artists and arts workers in drought and bush fire affected communities to apply for a Fellowship that responds to their experience of living in affected areas.

“I encourage artists and arts workers from across Australia to apply for a Fellowship through Regional Arts Australia,” said Minister Fletcher.

There is an identified weakness in career pathways, income security and professional development opportunities for emerging and established artists in regional Australia and these Fellowships aim to address this challenge.

“Fellowships provide an effective boost for new artists and financial support for established artists that is proven to help progress careers and generate additional income opportunities to allow regional artists to continue telling their regional stories.”

National Regional Arts Fellowships are offered by Regional Arts Australia and open on 20 January 2020.

For more information and to apply visit: [www.regionalarts.com.au](http://www.regionalarts.com.au)

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