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Local painter to work with the community through inaugural Capricorn Yanchep Residency



Kirsten Biven will be conducting art workshops with local residents during the Capricorn Yanchep Residency.

Capricorn Yanchep has joined forces with Artsource – WA's peak visual arts body - to establish Yanchep's first artist residency, an initiative designed to foster arts and cultural activities.

This unique four week residency will see painter Kirsten Biven transform Capricorn Community House into a studio and workshop space, from where she will engage local residents in painting workshops and explorative art walks. The Capricorn Yanchep Residency will commence on 25 February 2013.

"My art practice has always been strongly influenced by beautiful landscapes - initially those of Scandinavia's Denmark, then those of isolated farm lands in Esperance, Western Australia," Kirsten explained.

"Through the residency I plan to invite local residents on informal walks around the area, armed with a camera and/or sketchbook, to engage people in the idea of viewing their environment in a different way and opening up to new potentials."

Kirsten's painting workshops are open to adults with all levels of ability, and will demonstrate a two-fold process that can transfer across print and paint. She will also be hosting art talks at local schools for upper primary and high school students.

Artsource facilitated the artist residency after discussions with the Two Rocks Yanchep Culture and Arts Network (TRYCAN), a community-generated group whose objective is to promote growth and development of arts and culture within the Yanchep and Two Rocks region.

Capricorn Village Joint Venture Chief Executive and TRYCAN Chair, Russel Perry, is excited at the prospect of the artist residency cultivating arts and culture in the Two Rocks/Yanchep area.

“We hope that this first artist residency will act as a catalyst for cultural growth amongst the local community; pulling together creative, like-minded people,” Russel explained.

The Capricorn Yanchep Residency will make a welcome addition to Artsource’s well-established Residency Program. The Program already includes two international residency opportunities, the Artsource Basel Exchange Residency and the Artsource *Go Anywhere* Residency, as well as the Artspace Sydney Residency and seven residencies in regional Western Australia.

Each year, the residency program gives Western Australian artists the opportunity to develop their artistic practices outside of their normal routines, across the globe.

Artsource is thrilled to be partnering with Capricorn Yanchep in continuing to develop a vibrant arts and cultural community in the Yanchep/Two Rocks region.

CAPRICORN YANCHEP RESIDENCY WORKSHOP DETAILS

Anyone interested in taking part in Kirsten’s series of painting workshops and explorative art walks can contact her for more information on kbiven1@bigpond.com. The workshops will take place between 25 February and 24 March 2013 at Capricorn House.

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