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## **MEDIA RELEASE: 2015 Community Sculpture Competition Scheduled for May**

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Esperance Community Arts is pleased to announce that the 2015 Community Sculpture Competition will take place at the end of May with the generous support of partners Horizon Power, Southern Ports Authority – Port of Esperance and South Coast NRM who have, together, provided \$3500 worth cash prizes. There will be a \$1000 prize for the best entry by a community group, \$1000 Peoples' Choice award and \$1000 for the best entry from an individual artist. South Coast NRM has also provided \$500 for the best entry that explores threatened species and ecosystems in the region.

The venue for this year's competition has not yet been confirmed, but portability of sculptures and the theme of storytelling will be key elements in this year's entries. The title for the competition will be 'Seascapes', a reference to the seascapes that feature so strongly in representations of Esperance. We invite entrants to create sculptures that explore what it means to be 'seated', permanently or temporarily, in Esperance as part of the local community, the regional community and the natural environment.

Guidelines and entry forms will be available soon on the Esperance Community Arts website (<http://esperancecommunityarts.org.au/>).

Award winning artist, Kerrie Argent is running the 2nd of 4 free community sculpture workshops in Esperance on Friday 13th, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th February, funded by Community Arts Network WA. We invite community groups and individuals thinking of entering this year's community sculpture competition to consult with Kerrie about ideas and techniques during her next 3 visits.

These workshops are designed for adults and youth and will focus this month on techniques for creating sculptures out of recycled plastic. All participants are also invited to display their recycled sculptures as part of a group installation at the sculpture competition in May. Participants of all abilities are welcome and no experience is required.

For more information on the sculpture competition or to register for the February workshops, please contact Esperance Community Arts on 9072 1158, email [admin@esperancecommunityarts.org.au](mailto:admin@esperancecommunityarts.org.au) or message us on Facebook.

### **For more information or to organise a photo opportunity contact:**

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**Opening hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 1pm – 5pm, Thursday & Friday 9am - 5pm, Market Days: 10am – 1pm**