

**Media Release 20/06/2024**

### **Esperance Ag Fund Announces Successful Applicants for 2024**

Esperance Ag Fund is thrilled to announce the four successful applicants for 2024. Each project plays a vital role in building a healthy community and enhancing liveability for everyone. These initiatives will bring positive changes, foster connections, and support the wellbeing of our community. We are excited to see the impact these projects will have on our region.

### **Balmy Nights Festival 2024**

Building upon the success of the past six years, the Balmy Nights Festival 2024 will deliver a number of refined elements, enhancing the festival experience for all attendees. This year's event promises to be a memorable celebration of community spirit, creativity, and entertainment.

### **Esperance Theatre Guild**

The Esperance Theatre Guild will utilise the grant to upskill both volunteers and performers, ensuring the continued vitality of the Bijou Theatre. This initiative aims to engage people of all ages, encouraging participation both onstage and behind the scenes, and fostering a love for the performing arts within the community.

### **Esperance Care Services – “Empowering Voices Project”**

The Empowering Voices Project aims to expand the advocacy services currently operating at Gilpin St to meet the growing demand at the ECS Community Hub in Nulsen. This project will support individuals in resolving complex issues and concerns, building confidence and capacity to access necessary services and resources. It is a step towards creating new and hope-filled futures for individuals, their families, and the wider community.

### **Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Corporation**

In collaboration with creative project partner Illuminart, the Esperance Tjaltjraak Native Title Corporation will develop a trail of outdoor light projections and soundscapes on Country, presented over three nights. This project aims to share important stories of Wudjari cultural heritage and ongoing connections to Country. Additionally, local artists will lead community workshops and open studio sessions. Participants will create lanterns featuring artwork that reflects their connections to local species and landscapes, culminating in a lantern forest installation at the event.

### **About Esperance Ag Fund**

The Esperance Ag Fund has been established to make an indelible difference. Through donations from the local agriculture sector, we provide funding to projects that make a positive impact. This initiative is focused on farmers supporting the Esperance community by investing in projects that need assistance. The Fund is designed to create lasting benefits and establish a legacy that we can all take pride in.

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