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MEDIA STATEMENT

Kimberley gets creative with waste

A \$20, 000 grant from the Waste Authority's Community Grants Scheme (CGS) will see an ambitious waste to art project undertaken in the West Kimberley region in 2009.

Inspired by the theme 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle', the project will showcase regional indigenous artworks constructed from materials commonly disposed to landfill, enabling communities to understand the value of waste as a resource.

With the full backing of Local government, art galleries, regional artists, T.A.F.E and different community groups, the project will be delivered to fifty six Aboriginal communities and three towns in the West Kimberley and has the potential to engage up to 4500 locals.

Waste Authority Chairman, Mr Barry Carbon said the project warranted support through the Community Grants Scheme.

"This is just the sort of community-based project the Authority is happy to support. It brings together many different groups and really highlights what can be achieved through cooperation and partnerships." he said

Raising the awareness of waste as a resource is not the only benefit of the project as it will also help participants acquire new skills such as welding and design and gain a better understanding of presenting an exhibition and promoting their work.



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Further incentive for the local Aboriginal population to participate comes with the prestigious Kimberley Art Prize has extended its prize category to include Recycled Art Forms.

CGS projects are supported by the Western Australian Landfill Levy fund.

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