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Council funding boost for local arts

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COOKTOWN

Cook Shire Council has boosted the local arts scene by more than \$19,000, following the approval of Regional Arts Development Fund applications at the May meeting.

Teenage singer songwriter Ella Hartwig will receive \$3500 to be put towards recording five original songs with established producer Mike Myers. The funding will help with the recording, mixing and mastering of the EP, which will be released in late 2019.

The Vera Scarth-Johnson Gallery Association will receive \$5000 to purchase six copper engravings of botanical specimens specific to the Cooktown area. The engravings will form part of the popular Banks Florilegium exhibition, displayed at the Vera Scarth-Johnson Gallery at Nature's PowerHouse in the Botanic Gardens. The display will be a key feature of the Cooktown Expo 2020 program.

The Yuku Baja Muliku Land Trust will receive \$5650 to run a series of workshops teaching natural dyeing techniques to colour fabrics, and how to print plants for card making. The Cooktown Creative Arts Association was also approved for \$5440 to be put towards building arts capacity through purchase and installation of a new glass kiln and refurbishment of their existing kilns.

For more information on the Regional Arts Development Fund visit the Council website at www.cook.qld.gov.au/community/grants or contact Council's Events and Culture Officer via email to mail@cook.qld.gov.au or phone on 4069 5444.

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