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MEDIA RELEASE

Calling artists and artisans in the Ashfield area

ASHFIELD Council's current Artist in Residence, Sarah-Jane Cook, is assisting with the establishment of a new Ashfield Artists Association, which will pull together like-minded residents to drive arts initiatives in the Ashfield Council area.

Ms Cook said interested people such as artists and artisans, gallery owners and supporters of the arts living in the Ashfield Council area were invited to attend an initial meeting at Thirning Villa on Friday 13 June to express their interest.

"Council is establishing the Association to provide a support network for the advancement of the arts in the Ashfield area," she said.

"This will be achieved through exhibitions and events, grants and funding applications, workshops and classes.

"It will also add to continued support of the Artist in Residence Program and any other arts-related issues members wish to incorporate."

Ms Cook is secretary of the Port Adelaide Artists Forum based in South Australia, an incorporated body established to support and promote the arts in the Port Adelaide area.

"I will be able to use my experience and knowledge from participating in the Adelaide Forum to assist Ashfield in establishing its own Association," said Ms Cook.

Ashfield Mayor, Councillor Ted Cassidy, said the Ashfield Artists Association was a positive step forward for the thriving arts community in the Ashfield Council area.

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“This is an excellent opportunity to harness the energy and talent of the people in the local arts community for a common purpose,” he said.

“It is wonderful to have the expertise of an established artist such as Sarah-Jane Cook to guide us in the initial stages.”

The meeting will commence at 6.30pm at Thirning Villa, 40 Arthur Street, Ashfield. For further information please contact Sarah-Jane Cook on 9798 7959.

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