

ArtsNational Fleurieu Young Artists Program 2025

ArtsNational Fleurieu is proud to support local youth in developing their musical and artistic skills, and their appreciation of the arts in general.

In 2025 we continued our support of two projects which are aimed at encouraging young music students and artists in our region.

Victor Harbor Primary School music program

Our support to the Victor Harbor Primary School consists of an annual grant of \$200 towards the cost of new or second-hand musical instruments for use by the students.

Victor Harbor Primary School offers a comprehensive music program that includes instrumental lessons, a concert band, a string ensemble, and annual school musicals. The instrumental program provides free, weekly small-group lessons during school time for instruments like strings (starting from Year 3) and concert band (starting from Year 5). Students also participate in larger ensembles and perform in school productions and other events, such as the Festival of Music.

This year, the ArtsNational Fleurieu grant assisted in the purchase of a small cello. In previous years our support has helped purchase instruments such as a violin, clarinet, half-cello and viola.

Victor Harbor Art Show

2025 saw the continuation of our sponsorship of the “Emerging Young Artist” award at the Rotary Victor Harbor Art Show (valued at \$100). This event is held over two weeks in January each year, and is Australia’s largest outdoor marquee art exhibition, offering some \$28,000 in prize money and typically attracting around 1,600 local and interstate entries and over 10,000 visitors.

The Emerging Young Artist award is open to artists under 18 years of age who reside in the Fleurieu region. The 2025 award was won by Adelaide Decrevet for her painting “Story Time”.

Our Committee also decided this year to sponsor a further prize in the Youth section of the Art Show, being the Silver (second place) prize in the Junior section of the show (artists under 13 years of age). This prize is valued at \$125.

The art show prizes will take the form of vouchers for art and craft supplies, and in this way also supports local small business in the arts space.