ArtsNational Fleurieu Young Artists Program 2026/2027

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

In 2026 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 instrument lessons, a concert band, a string ensemble and annual school musicals. The instrumental music 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, perform in school productions and other events, such as the Festival of Music.

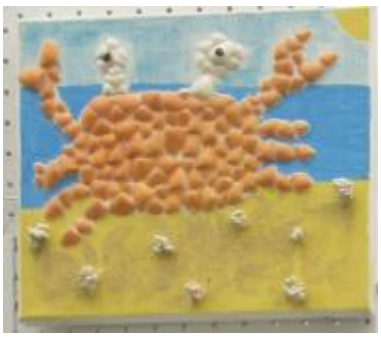
This year the ArtsNational Fleurieu grant assisted in the purchase of an electronic keyboard. In previous years our support has helped purchase a violin, clarinet, half-cello and viola.

Victor Harbor Art Show

The Rotary Victor Harbor Art Show held in January each year is Australia's largest outdoor art exhibition. Last year, it saw over 10,000 attendees across eight days, with artwork sales exceeding $300,000. Guests enjoyed an impressive collection of over 1,300 paintings and sculptures. The Youth Art section is curated and judged by ArtsNational Fleurieu. Seven prizes of vouchers for art and craft supplies are awarded in the Youth Section. ArtsNational Fleurieu sponsor two of the awards.

The ArtsNational Emerging Young Artist award of $100 is open to artists under 18 residing in the Fleurieu region. In 2026 Kiara Shepherd was the successful artist, pictured here with Christina Downing, Fleurieu Chair and her entry Turnaround Tuna. Kiara also won the Gold (first place) award for age 13 to 17.







A further prize in the under 13 section was sponsored for the first time in 2026 being the Silver (second place) prize valued at $125.The winner was Eddie Trengove for his work Mosaic Crab (shown above).