

Eight years of Fostering the arts

This year marks the eighth birthday of the Ellenbrook Arts (EA).

Initiated by LWP Property Group and the Ellenbrook Joint Venture in 2002, it fosters the development of cultural activities throughout Ellenbrook*.

LWP has always worked with a holistic interpretation of 'sustainable development', looking beyond the environment to the all the elements involved in the creation of healthy communities."

Development of an arts based culture makes sense because the arts are for everyone. People of all ages and socio economic profiles are included and the arts cross social boundaries to bring the community together in a creative atmosphere.

EA has three main goals – to initiate new cultural programs; to encourage and fund new and existing groups; and to develop the important cultural facilities needed for growth.



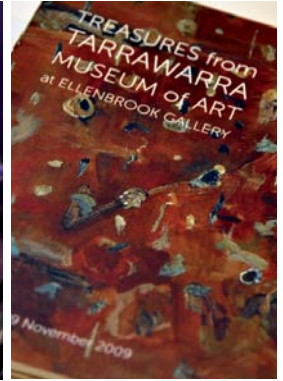
Fire Festival preparation at Charlotte's Vineyard



Othello at Woodlake Amphitheatre



Libby Hammer & Hip Mo' Toast Concert



Gallery Exhibition

Since EA has commenced, it has established The Gallery in Main Street, and a community arts centre, The Grapevine, in Charlotte's Vineyard.

A Performing Arts Centre has been built as part of the community resource centre on Main Street.

Its programs embrace everything from puppetry, theatre, concerts, music, painting, drawing and photography to writing, kites, dancing, jewellery, and community arts forums.

EA runs regular Artist in Residency projects. Many of the programs are designed to 'kick start' local groups, which become self-sustaining and independent of the EA over time.

EA has also developed a number of innovative partnerships with arts organisations, which enables it to offer a wide range of cultural and educational opportunities to the local community.

EA was the Inaugural Community Access Partner of the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, and is an Education Partner with the Black Swan Theatre Company.

To date, the EA has invested over \$1.25m into the Ellenbrook community and nearly 1,000 people per month are involved in its various activities.