

Media Release

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Dr Pilar Kasat is the new Chief Executive Officer at Regional Arts WA

Regional Arts WA and its Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Pilar Kasat as Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Pilar is well-regarded for her work across the arts sector in Western Australia. She was the Managing Director of Community Arts Network (2004 - 2015) before researching the role of the arts in driving social change, leading to her being a regular voice in national and international forums. Most recently, she was Interim Executive Producer at the Last Great Hunt.

She brings a wealth of knowledge earned from non-executive roles such as chairwoman of Art on the Move, and previously the inaugural chairwoman of Women of Colour Australia, deputy chair of Diversity Arts Australia, Peer Assessor of the Australia Council and served on the board of the Chamber of Arts and Culture WA for six years.

On her appointment, Pilar says,

“I am honoured to be appointed as the new CEO of Regional Arts WA. I look forward to working with the Board and the team to fulfil our purpose. Regional Arts WA is a vital organisation connecting communities across diverse geographies, cultures and ways of life through the arts. I firmly believe in the immeasurable power of the arts to nurture imagination and hope and to transform people and communities in a rapidly changing and complex world. I take this opportunity to acknowledge outgoing CEO Paul MacPhail, previous CEOs and staff for the legacy which I inherit.”

Regional Arts WA's Chair Oliver Bazzani says the appointment of Pilar will enable the organisation to build on its strong foundations and lead the exciting next chapter of growth and impact in serving the regional arts sector in WA.

“Dr Pilar Kasat is a forward-thinking, passionate, and highly experienced arts leader with over 20 years working as an executive, advocate, and academic. We are incredibly excited about her unique combination of experience and insight that will see Regional Arts WA achieve its vision of connected and creative regional communities across Western Australia.

“The outgoing CEO Paul MacPhail has led Regional Arts WA throughout great periods of change and has created the strong foundations we have today. We are grateful for his leadership that sees the organisation positioned ready to scale its impact with the regional arts sector in WA,” says Bazzani.

Dr Pilar Kasat will commence with Regional Arts WA on 22 August 2022.

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