



Indigenous artist Rhoda Green with one of her batik pieces.

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Indigenous art goes on show

BALUK Arts – the newly formed indigenous arts organisation for Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula – has launched its own website.

Balukarts.org.au features information on artists, exhibitions, events and an online gallery for buying local artwork.

Baluk Arts is the result of the Stepping Stones Indigenous Art Project, which was funded by VicHealth and supported for the past two years by the Frankston Arts Centre.

Co-ordinator Tracey-Lea Smith said the project had been highly successful, attracting more than 200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from the peninsula, as well as Mordialloc and St Kilda, Dandenong and as far away as Wonthaggi.

At Cube 37 recently, Baluk Arts exhibited Nairm Djambana (Bay Gathering Place) stencil artworks and Murrup (Spirit) blankets made co-operatively by more than 50 local indigenous artists aged from as young as two up to 62 years.

Baluk Arts is holding its first fundraiser in partnership with the Splice Foundation – a local Aboriginal art auction – on Friday, January 15 at 6pm at the Splice Foundation, Shop 3/2255 Pt Nepean Rd, Rye.

The Splice Foundation is involved in education, behaviour programs, supporting environmental sustainability, along with enhancing individual and community development and health.

Details: balukarts.org.au