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## **ACTIV ARTSPACE CELEBRATES LOCAL ARTISTS**

**Activ Artspace**, hosted by WA's largest not for profit disability service provider Activ, is back again for 2015, featuring original art pieces created by people living with disability.

Launched in 2014, Activ Artspace is a free exhibition celebrating the abilities of Activ's artists by providing an opportunity to showcase their work in a public exhibition. This year Activ Artspace will feature a mix of original pieces across watercolour, oil, acrylic and photography.

Local artist and 2014 Artspace winner Paul Mitchell from Whitegum Valley is looking forward to showing his work again this year.

"My favourite medium is oil on canvas. I have always loved drawing and when I heard that Steve Irwin died, I thought I would like to do a portrait of him. It was very successful and I won an award for it. I have done a lot of painting since then."

Last year Paul won the Representational Award and the People's Choice Award for his piece, entitled *Kakadu Water Lilies and Leaves*.

He's looking to make it two from two with his 2015 entry, entitled *The Arched Rock*. An intricate representation of a cliff overlooking water, the piece showcases Paul's love of landscapes.

"My favourite part about painting is going out and finding suitable scenery," he said.

Paul will join more than 60 artists exhibiting their work at the 2015 exhibition. Activ CEO Tony Vis says Activ Artspace is a fantastic opportunity for clients to be recognised and celebrated.

"Art is a passion for many of our clients, and over the years I have been privileged to see many use art as a creative outlet," he said.

"This exhibition is a chance to publicly celebrate our artists and their abilities, and I'm thrilled that so many have taken part in it."

Activ Artspace will run from Saturday, 9 May to Sunday, 17 May. A selection of pieces will be available for sale, with the proceeds from any sold pieces going directly back to the artists.

To find out more about Activ Artspace, visit [www.activ.asn.au](http://www.activ.asn.au).

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## EVENT INFORMATION

**What:** Activ Artspace Exhibition

**Where:** Activ Library, 327 Cambridge Street, Wembley

**Date:** 9 – 17 May 2015

**Time:** 10am - 4pm Monday to Saturday, and 10am – 2pm Sunday

Images and interviews can be arranged on request.

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### About Activ

Activ is the largest not for profit disability service providers in Western Australia, providing accommodation, employment, transport, recreation, respite, training and community support to thousands of people living with disabilities. Activ's services are provided across the Perth metropolitan area, as well as regionally in Albany, Bunbury, Busselton, Esperance, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Kellerberrin and Narrogin. Established in 1951, the organisation has enabled people with disabilities and their families to pursue a better life for over 60 years. For more information visit: [www.activ.asn.au](http://www.activ.asn.au).

### Important Information

**When referring to people with disability, we ask that you use the term 'living with disability', rather than 'disabled person' or 'the disabled'. The term Supported Employees is used when referring to an Activ employee living with a disability.**