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ART

CELEBRATING ARTISTIC ABILITY

AWARD-WINNER PART OF ACTIV SHOW

Jessica Nico

WHITE Gum Valley's Paul Mitchell has a disability, but that does not stop him creating beautiful, award-winning pieces of art.

Mitchell is one of 60 artists, some of whom live in the Fremantle area, who will take part in an upcoming exhibition run by not-for-profit Activ.

Activ Artspace gives WA people living with a disability the chance to get creative, with an exhibition to celebrate and show off the works they create.

Mitchell is no stranger to Activ's art programs, having won the 2014 Representational Award and the People's Choice Award for his piece *Kakadu Water Lilies and Leaves*. His 2015 entry *The Arched Rock* is of a cliff overhanging the water on the Isle of White, where he was born, and shows his love of landscapes.

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

"I enjoy painting landscapes, nature and portraits, but I enjoy all types of painting.

"I feel good about being involved in the exhibition; I really like it."

Activ chief executive

Tony Vis said Activ Artspace was 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 are taking part in it."

Activ Artspace runs until May 17 at Activ Library in Wembley.

Visit www.activ.asn.au for more information.

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THE ESSENTIALS

Other local artists, all from Beaconsfield

- Janet F
- Sandra Van Tilborg
- Suzie Beardsmore
- Adam Knowles
- Frank La Rosa
- SD
- Ken Wilson



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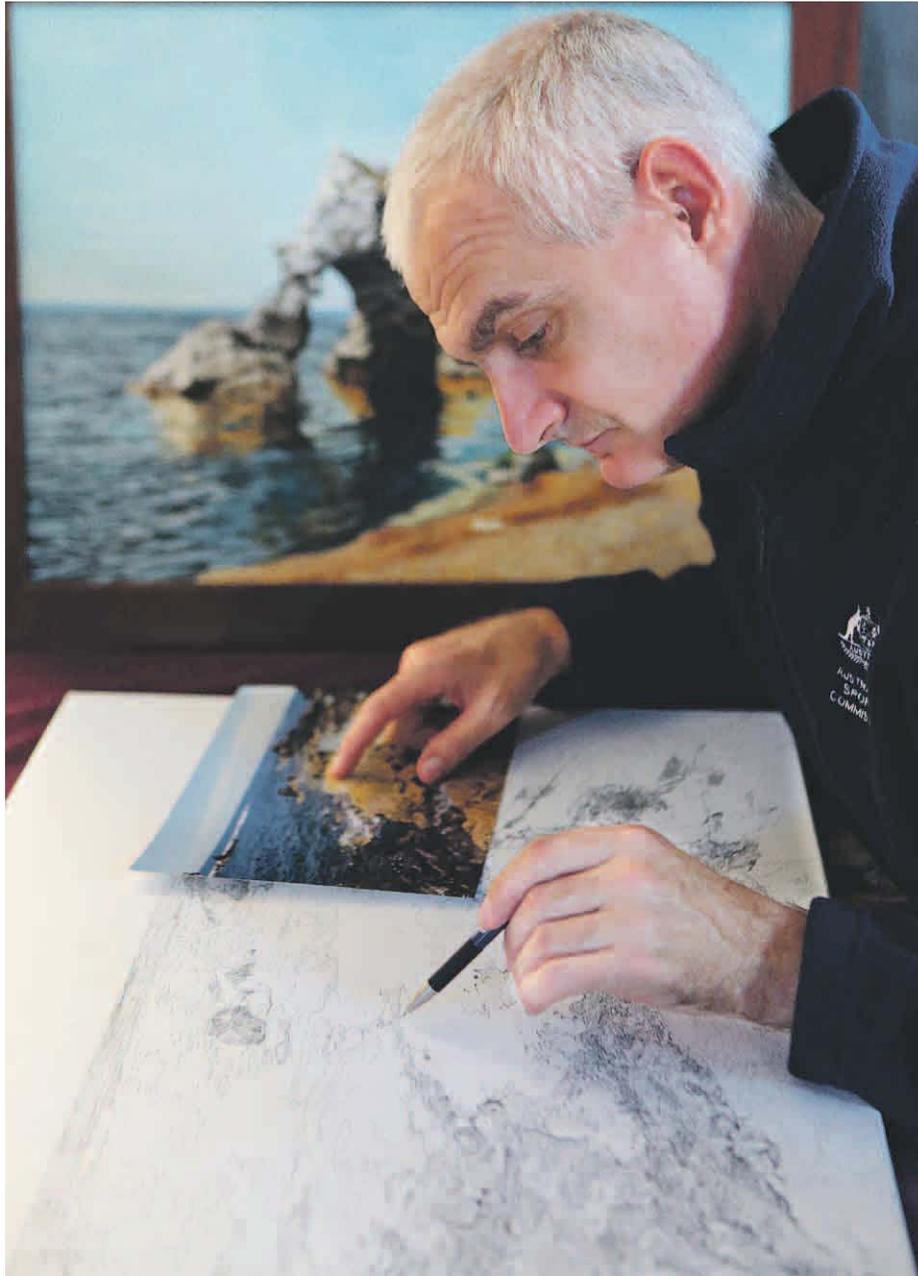
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Paul Mitchell at work on one of his pieces.
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