



PRIME MINISTER

Press Statement No. ~~247~~ 199

8 March 1974

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

The Visual Arts Board of the Australian Council for the Arts has embarked on an imaginative project known as "Art in Public". The Board believes it has a responsibility to provide works of art in areas that are culturally underprivileged. It wants these works to be in public places where people will see and enjoy them.

I am happy to announce that I have approved the first three projects for the "Art in Public" program.

The first of them will be in Adelaide. The Board will be granted \$15,000 to commission a major piece of sculpture at the Regency Park Centre for Crippled Children, Adelaide. The sculpture will become an important part of the children's environment.

The Board will also be granted \$10,000 towards the cost of erecting a fountain designed by Mr. Robert Woodward (the creator of the El Alamein Fountain in Kings Cross) at the intersection of River and Northwood Road, Lane Cove, N.S.W., and \$5,000 for a sculpture to be placed in the garden surrounding the Preston City Library, Melbourne.

CANBERRA. A.C.T.