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WIRADJURI WOMAN WINS ARTS FELLOWSHIP

Sydney-based artist, Nicole Foreshew, has won this year’s prestigious $30,000 NSW Aboriginal Arts Fellowship, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor Dominello announced today.

Nicole Foreshew, a Wiradjuri woman from Central West NSW, is a celebrated mid-career artist who has worked in a range of mediums including photomedia, design, sculpture, film and video.

Mr Dominello said Ms Foreshew draws inspiration and strength from her strong connection to her Aboriginal cultural heritage.

“Nicole is one of a number of strong, contemporary Aboriginal artists we are lucky to have in NSW and I look forward to seeing how her work develops throughout this Fellowship,” Mr Dominello said.

“She will use the Fellowship to deepen her connection to her country and build an interesting body of work titled Grounded: Earths’ materials, processes and structures.

“Nicole will work with Australian Museum geoscientist, Ross Pogson, to research the mineral collection of one of the largest museum collections in the country in order to challenge perceptions of contemporary Aboriginal art practice.

“Her investigation, in partnership with the UNSW Art and Design, will see her travel across regional NSW, and present a public exhibition at the Albury Regional Art Gallery in 2015.

“Nicole won the fellowship among an excellent field of candidates and is one of many NSW Aboriginal artists producing high-quality works that fuse traditional stories and culture with contemporary art forms.

“Increasingly, international visitors coming to NSW are seeking an Indigenous experience, so it’s important we support artists like Nicole whose works add modern perspectives to the evolving story of our nation’s First People.

“I wish Nicole all the best with this exciting project and her travels across the State.”

The NSW Government offers the $30,000 Fellowship to support an Aboriginal artist to undertake a self-directed program of professional development.

More information on Arts NSW programs to support Aboriginal arts and cultural activities in NSW, is listed here http://nswaboriginalartsandculturalstrategy.arts.nsw.gov.au/.

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