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Moon shines bright in the art of light

By Paula Doran

The drive towards Broken Hill's day in the sun is well on its way.

Australia's first Solar Art Exhibition, Desert Equinox, has already had a swathe of visiting artists in the build-up to the September event, including Peter Woodforde Smith, the man 'behind the moon', so to speak.

Peter's funky installation is a compilation of reused materials including a light sensor which picks up movement to light up 'the moon' atop a tripod and is a fantastic promise of what's to come.

According to Equinox organiser, Susan Thomas from Desert Knowledge Australia, there's been a steady stream of artists visiting the city to scope out exhibition sites.

It's an exciting venture to be part of, according to Woodforde Smith, who says he's keen to spend more time here and has been inspired by a community which he says clearly encourages creativity.

"I would describe my work as an eclectic practice. I've had quite a few collaborative installations, at the Sydney Festival and the Payalymics.



MAN BEHIND THE MOON: Artist Peter Woodforde Smith and his moon installation, one of many to come at this year's Desert Equinox, an exhibition of solar art. **PICTURE:** Paula Doran.

"Because they're generally large scale projects, they largely depend on funding, so there are few opportunities."

Woodforde Smith says he sees Desert Equinox as a chance for artists and the community to get together and really celebrate what they do.

Desert Equinox is also encouraging two regional artists to join the group show which has a selection procedure for inclusion.

They will join a group of 18 artists who will eventually contribute to the exhibition which will light up Broken Hill.

Budget fix "urgent"

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"The proposed timeframe for completion (August) is not acceptable. The action must be completed by 30 June 2012, prior to audit," said the Division's Chief Executive Ross Woodward in the letter.

"I should also note that I am not prepared to grant Council an extension for the lodgement of its financial statements for 2011/12.

"These statements should be submitted to the Division by 7 November 2013."

Deputy Mayor Bob Algate said that Council must take "drastic

action and seek outside help" because it "doesn't seem to be making any headway in its current shape.

"There is little doubt in my mind that some councillors don't seem to care," Cllr Algate said.

"The most important part of being a councillor is to approve expenditures. The responsibility lies with the elected body, not staff.

"But some councillors just do not seem to be at all interested."

Cllr Algate expressed concern that if the matter was not handled within the next week, Council would not meet the strict deadline set by the division.

"Council cannot afford to have a qualified audit next time," he said.

"If we are not able to provide the appropriate documents to support figures...all hell's going to break loose.

"Something positive has to happen and I'm not so sure it will."

Council has meanwhile invited a representative from the Division to visit the city to discuss the concerns.

Council's General Manager, Frank Zaknich, said that an answer should be received next week.

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