

MEDIA RELEASE

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Arts sector jobs to be sustained through Regional Arts Sector Investment

Regional Arts WA is pleased to launch the delivery of \$1.35 million over 2.5 years to support regional Western Australian arts and cultural organisations. The Regional Arts Sector Investment (RASI) program will sustain employment in regional communities through investment in arts organisations that employ professional artists and arts workers.

The RASI program is funded by the State Government, including funding from the Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program delivering almost \$20 million over four years in funding to regional Western Australia.

Regional Arts WA invites eligible organisations to apply for up to \$60,000 per annum to support their operational expenses and employment costs over 2.5 years.

Successful applicants will provide significant services to regional communities through the delivery of arts and cultural programs. They will contribute to the employment and development of regional artists and deliver activities that respond to the uniqueness and diversity of the communities they serve. They will also be able to demonstrate substantial financial investment from their local government and/or other sources.

Regional organisations intending to apply are invited to one of two information sessions with Independent Facilitator of the program, Annette Carmichael:

- Dates: 12.30pm, Friday 22 May OR 10.00am, Wednesday 27 May.
- To RSVP: Please email Annette on acarmichael@regionalartswa.org.au for Zoom link.

The RASI program is now open for applications and will close 5pm Friday 31 July 2020. For more information visit www.regionalartswa.org.au/funding

The program is supported by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, with Royalties for Regions funding from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

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About Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program

The Regional Arts and Culture Investment Program will deliver \$18.9 million over four years to regional WA. Through strategic investments, it will build capacity in the regions and contribute to liveability and vibrancy of regional communities. This program will deliver on Our Priorities: Sharing Prosperity to strengthen economies, create jobs and nurture prosperity in the regions.

About Regional Arts WA

Established in 1994, Regional Arts WA (formerly Country Arts WA) is the State's only multi-arts organisation with a purely regional focus. As an independent, membership-based, not-for-profit organisation our purpose is to celebrate and strengthen a powerful regional arts sector to contribute to connected and creative regional communities. More at: www.regionalartswa.org.au