

MEDIA RELEASE

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Five Regional West Australian Organisations Receive Federal Funding

Five regional Western Australian arts and culture projects will receive an investment of more than \$127,314 through the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund; a funding initiative managed in Western Australia by Regional Arts WA.

Spanning across regional WA the grants will support five regional organisations in the delivery of arts projects that will bring communities together, build local skills and provide valuable opportunities to engage with the arts. Due to the current unique circumstances, each project has been innovatively adapted for the digital space, bringing regional arts and culture onto a statewide, national and international stage.

- **Albany Choral Society | \$28,934.48 | Great Southern**
La traviata (The Fallen Woman) in Concert: Albany Choral Society will bring together international, national, local artists and community to engage in professional development and perform an opera in concert as part of the Albany Entertainment Centre's 10th Anniversary Season.
- **Big hArt Inc. | \$28,000 | Pilbara**
Songs for Peace: *Songs for Peace* is a professionally realised, locally driven festival bringing together award-winning musicians with the community of Roebourne and offering opportunities for music, cultural exchange and tourism in the Pilbara in 2020.
- **Breaksea Incorporated | \$15,000 | Great Southern**
View from the Magpie's Nest: Workshop series and creative development: *View from the Magpie's Nest* is a series of professionally facilitated community workshops tailored to upskill participants in singing, acting, creative writing, movement and visual design.
- **Esperance Community Arts Inc. | \$25,380 | Goldfields-Esperance**
Flowers and Feathers: a multi-arts installation and performance celebrating people, place and community: Esperance Community Arts will engage sound artist Perdita Phillips to work with community members to create and install their own soundscapes for the 2020 Esperance Wildflower Festival.

- **Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre | \$30,000 | Kimberley**

KALACC 2021 Regional Cultural Festival: The KALACC 2021 Regional Cultural Festival will bring together Aboriginal people from across the remote Kimberley region to celebrate the maintenance of traditional cultural practices.

Regional Arts WA CEO Paul MacPhail says, “The Australian Government’s Regional Arts Fund has supported cultural development outcomes and community building projects in regional, rural and remote WA for many years and this funding continues to provide opportunities for outstanding local arts initiatives in our communities.

“This injection of more than \$127,314 will bring regional Western Australian arts to new audiences across the state and nation as well as reach into the international market. This is a very exciting opportunity to showcase the calibre of our artists and organisations in regional WA.”

The projects were peer-assessed by a panel of regional arts and culture community leaders.

The Regional Arts Fund is one way the Australian Government supports regional artists and arts organisations to develop their artistic practice and produce works and experiences to benefit their local communities. The Regional Arts Fund is administered on behalf of the Australian Government by Regional Arts Australia and its member organisations which includes Regional Arts WA.

Regional artists, arts workers, groups and organisations can currently apply to the Regional Arts Fund through the Relief Grants program on the Regional Arts WA website, which offers up to \$4,000 for immediate needs in the wake of COVID-19. Applications are open until the funding pool is expended.

For more regional funding opportunities, please head to our website:

www.regionalartswa.org.au/funding

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SUPPORT MATERIAL

Regional Arts Fund's Community Grants Recipients

Albany Choral Society | \$28,934.48 | Albany - Great Southern

La traviata (The Fallen Woman) in Concert

Building on a history of community engagement through the artform of opera, this project will bring together international, national, local artists and community participation to perform an opera in concert, programmed as part of the Albany Entertainment Centre's 10th Anniversary Season. Albany Choral Society will provide both world-class regional professional development and strength-based community capacity building through the presentation of opera. The opera, *La traviata (The Fallen Woman)*, speaks to contemporary community themes and will contribute to arts recovery in the Great Southern Region.

Big hART Inc | \$28,000 | Roebourne - Pilbara

Songs for Peace

Songs for Peace is a professionally realised, locally driven festival bringing together award-winning musicians with the community of Roebourne and offering opportunities for music, cultural exchange and tourism in the Pilbara. In the months leading up to a final concert, an intensive music workshop program will take place, allowing local musicians and community to develop high-quality song writing content alongside nationally recognised artists. A diverse program will cater for young people, elders, families and inmates at the Roebourne Regional Prison, providing critical moments for participants to engage deeply in a creative development process and build social harmony.

Breaksea Incorporated | \$15,000 | Bayonet Head - Great Southern

View from the Magpie's Nest: Workshop series and creative development

View from the Magpie's Nest will be a series of professionally facilitated community workshops tailored to upskill participants in singing, acting, creative writing, movement and visual design. Workshops will follow a pathway of co-creation, and by the end of the series a new community performance work will have been created and presented via digital exhibition. The program will be delivered by Breaksea Incorporated in collaboration with the City of Albany's Vancouver Arts Centre, West Australian Opera, Mt Barker Community College and Yongerup Aboriginal Corporation.

Esperance Community Arts (Inc) | \$25,380 | Esperance - Goldfields-Esperance

Flowers and Feathers: a multi-arts installation and performance celebrating people, place and community

Esperance Community Arts will engage experienced sound artist Perdita Phillips to run free, inclusive community workshops and assist community members to create and install their own soundscapes as one element of the *Flowers and Feathers* project for the 2020 Esperance Wildflower Festival. This innovative sensory project will stimulate broad community engagement and renewed interest in this annual community event, with the sound installation highlighting the Festival theme of bird/plant interactions.

Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre | \$30,000 | Fitzroy Crossing - Kimberley **KALACC 2021 Regional Cultural Festival**

The KALACC 2021 Regional Cultural Festival will bring together Aboriginal people from across the remote Kimberley region to celebrate the maintenance of traditional cultural practices. The artistic

festival and cultural celebrations will provide a platform for artistic groups to perform, and the festival will showcase the complex cultural diversity of the 30 Aboriginal language groups of the region. The Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund is provided through Regional Arts Australia.



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About Regional Arts WA

Regional Arts WA is the State's only multi-arts organisation with a purely regional focus. We are an independent, membership-based, not-for-profit organisation and are highly regarded within WA and nationally as an innovative, high value leader in the arts and in regional and community development.

Our purpose is to celebrate and strengthen a powerful regional arts sector to contribute to connected and creative regional communities - making WA a better place to live.

Regional Arts WA manages a variety of funding programs to support regional arts projects across Western Australia. For more information, visit www.regionalartswa.org.au or call regional free call 1800 811 883.