

MEDIA RELEASE

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HUBS NETWORK BECOMES SEVEN AND CONTINUES TO FLOURISH ACROSS THE STATE

Two organisations are thrilled to join the existing five Hubs in the Regional Arts Network, as Regional Arts WA re-imagines how arts services are delivered to local communities across regional and remote Western Australia.

Regional Arts WA is excited to announce Denmark Arts Council, from the Great Southern region, and Goolarri Media Enterprises, from the Kimberley region, will join the Regional Arts Network which currently comprises of five community organisations across the Pilbara to the South West.

The Regional Arts Network initiative is proudly supported by the Minderoo Foundation and The Ian Potter Foundation, and with funding from the Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund.

Denmark Arts Council and Goolarri Media Enterprises will be resourced to employ a local Hub Coordinator to lead conversations within their communities to support local arts and culture outcomes and activate a state-wide network. They will engage and respond directly to their local communities by providing on-the-ground support by increasing local decision making, strengthening relationships with local governments and stakeholders, whilst seeking development opportunities for artists and arts workers.

Denmark Arts Council's Artistic Director Vivienne Robertson says, "It's wonderful to be joining the network of Regional Arts Hubs across the state. This is a vital time in our society, and this past year has shown us the critical role that arts and culture can play in regional communities, and across the globe. It's time for regional arts to step forward. We're excited to be a part of a state-wide organisation who is so passionate about the possibilities for regional arts."

Dot West, Director, Goolarri Media Enterprises says, "Being a Hub within the Regional Arts Network is an opportunity to be a leader in the regional arts sector in a positive manner driving conversations and enabling projects that benefit not only our community but the state as a whole. This platform will encourage networking and the development of pathways that highlight and diversify the skills and talents of our region, engaging the local arts industry into a collective regional Hub."

In 2020, the Regional Arts Network collaborated on several statewide projects, including The Network Residency + Touring Program. This program delivered a series of inter-regional workshops and residencies enabling skills development for an artist from each region.

For more information on Regional Arts Network initiative and about the two additional Hubs, please head to www.regionalartswa.org.au

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Artgold

Artgold, formally Arts & Culture Goldfields Association, exists to serve and promote arts organisations, upcoming events and individual artists working in the Goldfields. The association aims to raise the profile of all arts genres by actively promoting and supporting arts activities in the wider community. www.artgold.net.au

Creative Corner

Creative Corner is the peak body for creative industries in the South West. Connecting individuals, community, organizations and businesses, to services, events, and opportunity within and outside the region. www.thecreativecorner.com.au/

Denmark Arts Council (New)

Denmark Arts is the peak body for arts within the Shire of Denmark and offers services throughout the Great Southern region and beyond. Denmark Arts runs two major festivals, Brave New Works community arts festival and the Denmark Festival of Voice, as well as the very popular Denmark Arts Markets. Throughout the year Denmark Arts run a wide range of arts programs and projects as well as offering support to artists and community. They also provide art consultation within the region. www.denmarkarts.com.au

Goolarri Media Enterprises (New)

Goolarri's artistic vision is to establish a sustainable and vibrant arts industry in the North West of Western Australia by creating and developing networks and opportunities for established, emerging and new artists as well as arts practitioners. This artistic vision is supported by Goolarri's integrated service model and is embedded in the organisations ethos of celebrating and sharing cultural values by empowering the community through communication and the arts. www.goolarri.com

The Junction Co.

The Junction Co. is an innovative art not-for-profit organisation with a clear vision to engage, grow and empower regional creatives. They advocate and connect regional creatives with workspace, learning opportunities and networks, to uplift their endeavors and create an environment which both local community and creatives can support each other. The Junction team is made up of creative entrepreneurs, artists, strategists, graphic designers, place activators, facilitators, teachers and lovers of art and craft, who seek to actively improve community membership and engagement, encourage a balance of work and play, and assist in strengthening a Pilbara identity.

www.thejunctionco.com.au

MID WEST ARTS

MID WEST ARTS provide connections and resources to build capacity in the creative industries in Western Australia's Mid West region. Our initiatives are designed to empower strong, connected, and creative communities. MID WEST ARTS is an outcome of North Midlands Project and The

Geraldton Project, who work to strengthen regional communities through high-quality and engaging arts, culture and heritage experiences. www.midwestarts.org.au

Rave About Arts

Formerly known as the Ravensthorpe Regional Arts Council (RRAC), Rave About Arts is a not-for-profit organisation that builds excellence by artistic programming for vibrant livability and wellbeing across their region. They have a thirty-year presenting history, with the reputation of presenting high quality events, encouraging the development of audiences and participation, at the same time building community cohesion and identity. <https://raveaboutarts.com/>

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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. www.regionalartswa.org.au

About Regional Arts Fund

The Australian Government's Regional Arts Fund supports sustainable cultural development in regional and remote communities. This program is managed by Regional Arts Australia and, in Western Australia, by Regional Arts WA. The program provides funding for grants, including quick response and community grants for arts projects, professional development for artists and arts workers, and community capacity building projects.

www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/regional-arts-fund

About Minderoo Foundation

The Minderoo Foundation is a modern philanthropic organisation that takes on tough, persistent issues with the potential to drive massive change. Minderoo is independent, forward thinking and seeks effective, scalable solutions. The Foundation is proudly Australian, and one of Asia's largest philanthropies, with AUD \$1.5 billion committed to a range of global initiatives. Our team comprises over 75 employees across seven locations.

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About The Ian Potter Foundation

The Ian Potter Foundation is one of Australia's major philanthropic foundations. The Foundation makes grants nationally to support charitable organisations working to benefit the community across a wide range of sectors including the arts, environment, science, medical research, health, education and community wellbeing. The Ian Potter Foundation aims to support and promote a vibrant, healthy, fair and sustainable Australia.

www.ianpotter.org.au/