

MEDIA RELEASE

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Two New Hubs Join the Regional Arts Network

Regional Arts WA is excited to announce two new Hubs, Gardiner Street Arts Collective, from the Wheatbelt region and Southern Forest Arts, from the South West region, both will be joining the emerging Regional Arts Network.

- **Gardiner Street Arts Collective | Connecting the Shires of Moora, Dalwallinu, Victoria Plains, Wongan Hills and Dandaragan**
Based in Moora, Gardiner Street Arts Collective is a not-for-profit, intergenerational, culturally diverse and inclusive community arts space which is accessible to all for the pursuit, practice and development of all creativity.
- **Southern Forest Arts | Connecting the Shires of Manjimup, Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Nannup and Boyup Brook**
Based in Northcliffe, Southern Forest Arts makes life more "wonder-full" for visitors and residents of the Southern Forests and Valleys region (and increasingly beyond) through unique arts and cultural experiences that connect, inspire and uplift, leading to increased wellbeing and collective flourishing.

Regional Arts WA CEO Paul MacPhail is delighted to welcome these new Hubs to the expanding Network, which re-imagines the way arts services are delivered to local communities across regional and remote Western Australia.

"It is fantastic to see the Network of Hubs further evolve with this introduction of two new Hubs. We are looking forward to working with Gardiner Street Arts Collective and Southern Forest Arts to further strengthen their relationships in their communities, while connecting them back to this growing state-wide Network.

We believe the sector will be stronger, more connected, creative and capable when people have the opportunity to work together and share knowledge, and we are thrilled to partner with Hub organisations who have this same vision," MacPhail said.

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

Minderoo Foundation Co-Chair and Co-Founder Nicola Forrest AO is proud to support the initiative in its third year, which has given regional arts organisations the opportunity to build their capacity and leadership skills.

"Congratulations to these two new Hubs, we are delighted to see the Regional Arts Network continue to grow. The Network ensures more communities across WA will benefit from a connected and empowered regional arts sector," Mrs Forrest said.

The Ian Potter Foundation is pleased to provide continued support of Regional Arts WA to build and strengthen a network of self-directed creative communities which all contribute to the West Australian regional arts community.

Charles Goode AC, Chairman of the Foundation said, “This initiative represents a holistic approach to providing access to the arts across an entire state, driving data collection and fostering information sharing that will continue to contribute to sector planning and development into the future”.

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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Creative Corner

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

Denmark Arts Council

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

Gardiner Street Arts Collective

Gardiner Street Arts Collective, Moora, is a not-for-profit, intergenerational, culturally diverse, inclusive Community Arts Space, accessible to all, for the pursuit, practice and development of all creativity. They embrace creative groups and provide a home for all. Be that a venue for local arts and craft groups, ballet lessons, dance workshops, artists in residence, music lessons, gardening sessions, art workshops, texture workshops, and mental health and wellbeing sessions. They are the umbrella under which all of these creative pursuits can gather and thrive.

www.gardinerstreetartscollective.com.au

Goolarri Media Enterprises

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>

Southern Forest Arts

Based in Northcliffe, Southern Forest Arts makes life more "wonder-full" for visitors and residents of the Southern Forests and Valleys region (and increasingly beyond) through unique arts and cultural experiences that connect, inspire and uplift, leading to increased wellbeing and collective flourishing. www.southernforestarts.com.au

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About Regional Arts WA

Regional Arts WA is the state's only service organisation delivering a multi-arts program to strengthen and celebrate our powerful regional arts sector. We are a regionally governed, not-for-profit organisation looking after the regional arts sector, meaning every artist, arts worker, arts and cultural organisation, and group with regional programs.

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 \$2 billion committed to a range of global initiatives.

www.minderoo.com.au

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