

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Regional Arts WA calls out to potential Hubs across the State**

*Expressions of Interest are now open for regional not-for-profit organisations with arts programming to become a Hub in Regional Arts WA's emerging state-wide Network.*

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

Successful organisations will join five existing Hub organisations across the State to increase local decision making, strengthen relationships with local governments and stakeholders, whilst seeking development opportunities for artists and arts workers within their communities.

Each Hub serves a geographic catchment area, breaking the State into manageable sites related to the area, population and local government boundaries. These Hubs then share this local knowledge and experience in an emerging collaborative structure to deliver projects, advocacy and strategies across WA.

Regional Arts WA is currently working with Hubs covering catchment areas in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid West, South West and Great Southern regions.

Regional Arts WA CEO Paul MacPhail says it is important that the sector has local representation and support on the ground.

"The Hubs play a pivotal role in building a sustainable and thriving ecosystem of connected and creative regional communities. We are seeking involvement from organisations who are strong, well governed and have the capacity to be leaders in their local community."

The Junction Co. Executive Director Katie Evans says that being part a Hub in the Regional Arts Network has allowed her organisation to further develop and to take on opportunities beyond her location in Port Hedland.

"The Junction Co. is proud to be part of the Regional Arts Network where we have been able to connect with regional organisations throughout the State. This has meant that we have expanded the reach and impact of our programs much further and quicker than we anticipated.

Being part of the Network also meant we were able to develop local leaders through the Creative Leadership Program where we are now engaged with people in our community who we have not met before and connect with them in a way that strengthens our community."

Regional Arts WA will provide both financial and in-kind support when entering into a service agreement with the organisation as a Hub. EOIs close Thursday 20 May 2021.

For more information head to [regionalartswa.org.au](http://regionalartswa.org.au)

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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](http://www.regionalartswa.org.au)

### About the Regional Arts Network initiative

Looking to change the way the regional arts sector talk to each other, Regional Arts WA has partnered with strategically aligned local organisations to grow a network across the State.

Those in partnership with Regional Arts WA as Hubs, engage and respond directly to their local communities by providing on-ground support for their needs. Their role is to increase local decision making, strengthening relationships with local governments and stakeholders, whilst seeking development opportunities for artists and arts workers within their communities.

The Hubs then connect back to a state-wide Regional Arts Network, assisting in building a sustainable and thriving ecosystem of connected creative regional communities which collaborate together.

As part of the Regional Arts Network initiative, Regional Arts WA has collaborated with Dr Shona Erskine to deliverable a leadership program that is adaptable to all individuals and their community needs.

### 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](http://www.arts.gov.au/funding-and-support/regional-arts-fund)

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