

MEDIA RELEASE

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Regional Arts Network goes from strength to strength

The Regional Arts Network, a Regional Arts WA initiative, continues to flourish across the State, with exciting news.

In partnership with Network member organisation, Arts Margaret River (South West), we will be delivering the upcoming Creative Leadership Program and Community Cabinet Reception.

Creative Leadership Program (8-9 November) is a dynamic, career building program that will upskill community leaders from the cultural, business and public sectors, across the South West region.

The **Community Cabinet Reception, South West Arts Showcase (20 November)** is an opportunity for South West-based artists, organisations and local governments to engage and showcase their talent in the presence of the State Government representatives and the community.

Regional Arts WA CEO Dr Pilar Kasat says she is excited to see the Regional Arts Network contributing towards a healthy and vibrant arts ecology in regional WA.

“We are delighted to be working with Arts Margaret River to deliver two very important events for the South West community. Being part of the Regional Arts Network allows organisations to amplify their impact through improved networks, leadership and statewide reach. Initiatives such as the Creative Leadership Program and the Community Cabinet Reception, South West Arts Showcase, are just two examples of how this is being achieved.

“The importance of arts and culture in our regional communities is undeniable. Strategic initiatives like the Regional Arts Network help to strengthen our sector, so arts and culture, and regional communities can thrive.”

Regional Arts WA established the Regional Arts Network in 2019 to strengthen the regional arts sector in Western Australia - make it more connected, creative and capable. Since the initiative began, it has supported organisations to deliver hundreds of activities across regional WA.

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

For more information on Regional Arts Network initiative visit www.regionalartswa.org.au

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The Regional Arts Network

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

Arts Margaret River

Arts Margaret River is a not-for-profit cultural community organisation. As the major arts umbrella organisation in the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River for close to five decades, Arts Margaret River aims to involve all members of the community in all forms of the arts. This aim is achieved through a variety of programs: music of all forms, theatre and dance performances, visual art exhibitions and events, workshops, community celebrations including free outdoor concerts and activities and the largest regional Readers and Writers Festival in WA. www.artsmargaretriver.com

Creality Arts

Creality is an arts brand that delivers a Gascoyne-based free travelling arts festival and workshops in six locations across the region as well as a year-round program of arts activities, clinics and master classes. It travels in its communities' hearts, building trust, empowering talent, recruiting, training and celebrating Gascoyne's cultural and artistic capital. As a production house, it generates new revenue towards a sustainable future for Gascoyne in May Inc, which in 2022 rebranded to Creality. www.creality.org.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

North Midlands Project

North Midlands Project is a not-for-profit arts, culture, history and heritage organisation working towards regional Western Australia to be known for its happy, healthy communities and vibrant, connected towns. Based in Carnamah and Geraldton, they deliver quality arts, culture, history and heritage activities across the seven regional local government areas of Carnamah, Coorow, Mingenew, Morawa, Perenjori and Three Springs (collectively known as the North Midlands) and in the City of Greater Geraldton. www.northmidlands.org.au

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

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.

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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