

RAF Recovery Boost - RAF Renewal - List of Projects Funded 2020

Outback Theatre for Young People **\$110,000**
Connecting Communities: Sustainable Remote Youth Arts in NSW
Region: South West

Outback Theatre for Young People will spread their reach beyond South West NSW in order to continue the implementation of sustainable youth arts opportunities with the communities of Wilcannia/ Broken Hill, Gunnedah/ Curlewis, Lake Cargelligo/ Condobolin and Walgett/ Bourke. These towns have been strong and mutually beneficial project partners since 2017. RAF Renewal will allow the organisation to engage new partners and participants, and continue to embed artists and arts managers into remote NSW. This project is about artistic visibility in regional communities, flexibility of outcomes, wider arts access for young people, and continuing to build connections beyond the usual jurisdiction.

Arts OutWest Inc. **\$119,900**
Virtual Art Snacks: Developing a new online approach to providing arts experiences in rural, residential and aged care
Region: Central West

Virtual Art Snacks will train rural artists and health workers to deliver a program of short, sequential cross-artform activities to residents and carers in aged care. The project is a piece of action research, trialing and assessing different creative online experiences, plus six face-to-face residencies. Working with Western NSW Local Health District's 25 Multipurpose Services spread across the regions covered by Arts OutWest, Orana Arts and Outback Arts, the online sessions can continue throughout any COVID-19 restrictions while also finding new ways of providing better quality of care and increased access to creative opportunities for aged care residents and carers.

Flying Fruit Fly Circus **\$120,000**
Circus Passport – Removing the barriers to make the contemporary circus sector representative of all Australians
Region: Murray

Circus Passport is a 3-year project that opens borders and breaks down barriers that keep regional and remote young Australians from access to quality Circus training and professional aspiration. The Flying Fruit Fly Circus will lead a partnership with Theatre Kimberley (Broome & Beagle Bay WA), Outback Theatre for Young People (Deniliquin & Balranald NSW) and Corrugated Iron Youth Arts (Darwin & Katherine NT) to connect community members with professional circus trainers. A team of professionals from the Flying Fruit Fly Circus will undertake residencies with each of the partner organisations over 3 different phases; Year 1 - Connect/Consult, Year 2 – Consolidate, and Year 3 - Cement.

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery **\$120,000**
Engagement of a First Nations curator to develop a program of art and cultural activities to commemorate the Bicentennial of the Bathurst War in 2024
Region: Central West

2024 marks the Bicentenary of the 1824 Bathurst War and Declaration of Martial Law in Bathurst, NSW. Bathurst Regional Art Gallery will engage an experienced First Nations curator over 3 years to work with Wiradyuri Elders, staff, community stakeholders, and artists to develop a major program of activities including residencies, workshops, commissions, publications and public projects, resulting in the creation of new work for exhibition at Bathurst Regional Art Gallery and other key cultural facilities and locations around the region in 2024. This project will provide important opportunities for community healing and celebration of Wiradyuri history, culture and resilience.

Byron Writers Festival
Byron Writers Festival 2021 + 2022
Region: Northern Rivers

\$68,188

This funding will enable Byron Writers Festival to engage regional and rural writers for their 2021 and 2022 festivals. Byron Writers Festival will continue its focus on Australian writers by developing a program that explores the breadth of contemporary Australian writing across a broad range of genres, both fiction and non-fiction. It will celebrate writers and stories reflecting our diverse society, engage audiences with new ideas and work, and bring together the voices of established and emerging writers for stimulating discussions of books, writing, big ideas and social issues. The main Festival will take place from 6-8 August 2021 & 5-7 August 2022 at the purpose-built Festival site in Byron Bay. Up to 140 writers and thinkers will participate in a program of 120+ sessions, giving attendees a choice of up to six sessions at any one time.

Aboriginal Regional Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation
Engagement of First Nations Arts and Cultural Development Manager
Region: North West

\$60,000

This project will build the capacity and sustainability of Aboriginal regional artists, arts workers and organisations by employing a First Nations Arts and Cultural Development Manager (ACDM) who will deliver programs and projects aimed at building strength, capacity and resilience. Using a strategic and culturally appropriate approach the ACDM will offer professional development, creative and responsive programs and projects that encourage high quality artistic outcomes, develop entrepreneurial thinking and enable participants to connect to community, culture and encourage cultural revitalisation, self-determination and economic outcomes.

The Wired Lab
Participation Programs & Strategic Development Initiatives
Regions: Southern Tablelands, South West Slopes & Riverina

\$70,000

This funding will support a suite of interconnected projects focusing on strategic initiatives and participation, in a future-focused vision. The participation arm of the program includes support for The Wired Labs Open Day Festival and workshops. The strategic initiatives include support for a masterplan towards Church conversion into a distinctive highly experiential multipurpose space servicing existing programs and lucrative short-term accommodation markets

