




Festivals Australia grant recipients—Round 17 September 2023

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| SA | Adelaide Festival Centre Foundation | <i>DreamBIG Regional Parades</i> | The DreamBIG Children’s Festival will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025. DreamBIG will commemorate this milestone by bringing together primary and secondary school students and regional communities to run simultaneous DreamBIG parades across South Australia. | DreamBIG | \$46,890 |
| TAS | Australian Wooden Boat Festival | <i>Our Pacific</i> | The Australian Wooden Boat Festival will celebrate Oceania as the highlighted region in its 2025 festival. Coordinated by Ngā Mātai Pūrua and with endorsement from the Tasmanian Indigenous Palawa community, this project aims to foster intercultural dialogue, cultural awareness, and the celebration of shared Oceanic heritage through a variety of intercultural performances, events, and activities. | Australian Wooden Boat Festival | \$31,600 |
| NSW | Bangalow Film Festival Limited | <i>Made in the Northern Rivers</i> | Made in the Northern Rivers is an original program of multidisciplinary live performances to be presented at the 2024 Bangalow Film Festival. Comprising four original artistic commissions created in close collaboration with diverse local professional artists, it will combine moving images, live music, singing, circus arts, and performances. | Bangalow Film Festival | \$32,000 |
| NT | Darwin Community Arts Inc | <i>Sounds of Country</i> | A sound and visual collaboration created on the Daminmin festival site, the Daminmin billabong and wetlands country. The collaboration will premiere as part of the festival alongside an album launch and performance. | Daminmin Arts and Cultural Festival | \$29,300 |

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| QLD | Empire Theatres Pty Ltd | <i>Waru - journey of the small turtle</i> | Thrive on Arts 2024 will feature Bangarra Dance Theatre's first dedicated work for children, Waru: journey of the small turtle. Waru provides teachers, parents and care-givers with an opportunity to open up conversations about climate change, caring for the environment and the cultural values of respect and reciprocity. | Thrive on Arts 2024 | \$12,000 |
| QLD | Eumundi & District Historical Association Inc | <i>Gubbi Gubbi (Kabi Kabi) Experience</i> | This project will create an area within the Australian Body Art Festival site dedicated to free workshops on Indigenous dance, storytelling and art displays by local Gubbi Gubbi artists. | Australian Body Art Festival | \$5,171 |
| WA | Gascoyne in May Inc t/a 'Creality' | <i>Qualia and the Festival Machines</i> | Qualia is a portfolio of installation art for festival sites created by Gascoyne artists. It includes new interactive sculptures using sound installation designed to engage the Gascoyne Travelling Arts Festival audience. Festival Machines is a community arts sculpture project supporting locals to make and exhibit sculptures alongside the Qualia installations. | Gascoyne Travelling Arts Festival | \$40,000 |
| QLD | Great Barrier Reef Festival | <i>Light up the Reef – Lantern Parade and Installation</i> | Bringing the community together through a series of workshops, anyone can make their own screen printed textile lantern and join the parade. The lanterns will be installed at the festival precinct on the foreshore. Designed and produced by four local artists, this installation will highlight the colours and textures of the reef. | Great Barrier Reef Festival | \$15,171 |
| QLD | Isaac Regional Council | <i>Sunset Cultural Experience</i> | The Sunset Cultural Experience will open the St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend Event and will showcase First Nations culture through music, dance, and storytelling experiences, and through gourmet interpretations of traditional bush tucker. | St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend Event | \$49,959 |

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| TAS | Junction Arts Festival | <i>Whale Trail (working title)</i> | Whale Trail (working title) is a community-engaged project with a large-scale, public performance outcome featuring storytelling, dance and soundscapes. Three marine creatures will be crafted by participants from Tasmania's east coast in collaboration with coastal Tasmanian artists and Terrapin Puppet Theatre, and will be utilised to create a multi-artform spectacular at the Junction Arts Festival. | Junction Arts Festival | \$113,627 |
| VIC | Meadow Music Festival | <i>Retreat Creek Hotel</i> | The Retreat Creek Hotel will offer a platform to showcase talent from rural areas surrounding the festival. The new stage is an opportunity for 10 local acts to learn to perform and work inside the Meadow Music Festival environment, including a feature spot on the main stage as part of the 'Retreat Creek Hotel Presents' program. | Meadow Music Festival | \$27,350 |
| QLD | Noosa Film Academy Pty Ltd as the Trustee for the Huglin Family Trust | <i>Pioneer Valley Digital Screen Production Weekend Community Workshop and Red Carpet Community Screening Event at the Pinnacle Playhouse</i> | The Pioneer Valley Acting and Screen Production Weekend Community Workshop will invite participants to build digital storytelling skills including scriptwriting, acting, producing, directing, editing, and post-production. The productions will be shown at the Pinnacle Playhouse Red Carpet Community Screening Event at the Mackay Film Festival for Youth. | Mackay Film Festival for Youth | \$4,950 |
| NT | NT Writers' Centre Inc | <i>Stories Bring Us Together</i> | A night-time storytelling gala that embraces a broad range of storytelling forms, music, dance and multimedia experiences. Presentations range from spoken word to readings of short stories, to performances of traditional Tiwi songs by the Ngarukuwala Women's Group. | 2024 NT Writers Festival | \$20,411 |

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| NT | Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation | <i>Slowmango x The Bait Fridge Performance and Workshops at Yarrapay Festival 2024</i> | The multi-disciplinary arts collective, Slowmango and The Bait Fridge, will deliver a series of open-access, community workshops over a four-day period in Yirrkala in North East Arnhem Land, culminating in a performance at Yarrapay Festival 2024. Workshop activities include song-writing, costume and sculpture making, writing, painting, drawing, dance, and theatre. | Yirrkala Yarrapay Music, Art and Dance Festival | \$77,192 |
| SA | Southern Eyre Arts | <i>Littoral Light Walk</i> | The SALT Festival presents an immersive light-art project featuring large scale lanterns set on the foreshore of Port Lincoln and across adjoining Boston Bay. The project will engage five emerging and established artists from the Southern Eyre Peninsula to develop their skills and work with two professional lantern makers to then present new work as part of SALT 2024. The project will also include active workshops with community members in the development of the artworks. | SALT Festival | \$30,000 |
| TAS | Ten Days on the Island | <i>GURR ERA OP</i> | Gurr Era Op is a theatre creation developed in collaboration with community, produced by Force Majeure and Ilbijerri Theatre. It offers a unique First Nations perspective on the cultural impact of climate change, and will transform Moonah Arts Centre into a space where Ten Days on the Island audiences will engage with storytelling, dance, theatre, visuals, and song. | Ten Days on the Island | \$47,840 |
| NT | White Gums | <i>Ghost Gums Rhythm and Blues First Nations Mentorship Program</i> | Ghost Gums Rhythm and Blues First Nations Mentorship Program supports the established music festival in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) by connecting First Nations musicians for a week of mentorship and career development, leading to a festival performance. | Ghost Gums Rhythm and Blues Festival | \$34,400 |



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| VIC | WinterWild | <i>The DogWatch</i> | DogWatch is a free outdoor event directed, produced and performed by members of the Apollo Bay community, together with guest artists from beyond the region. Staged at the WinterWild Festival at sunset, and inspired by folklore, local myth and the elements of fire, water, earth and air, the event features music, fire, song and theatre. | WinterWild | \$39,990 |