

RED EARTH ARTS FESTIVAL 2022 - OVERVIEW

The City of Karratha is currently seeking interest from local and West Australian Artists, Facilitators, Arts/Theatre/Circus/Cabaret/Dance Companies, Performers, Musicians, Writers, Promoters for the inclusion in the Red Earth Arts Festival (REAF) 2022 Program.

The Red Earth Arts Festival (REAF) is an annual curated, multi-art form regional arts and cultural festival presented by the City of Karratha, with support from Principal Partner Rio Tinto and a range of community partners. The 11th annual REAF festival will be presented across four days from Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 March 2022, positioned in and around the Red Earth Arts Precinct (REAP) and nearby indoor and outdoor urban spaces which may include Walgu Park, Karratha City Shopping Centre, The Quarter.

REAF 2022 will provide entertainment and arts experiences that local audiences and visitors may not otherwise be able to experience in our region. There will be an emphasis on local storytelling, community participation and skills development, in line with the Arts Development & Events (AD & E) 3 Year Strategic Plan. The festival aims to:

- Improve community wellbeing.
- Encourage community engagement & social cohesion.
- Build capacity within local artists/art groups.
- Support the sustainability of local arts industries and creative economic development.
- Increase civic participation, leading to improved liveability.

From 2020, there has been an emphasis on local story-telling, participatory projects and local skills development, in line with the City of Karratha's Arts Development & Events Strategy 3 Year Plan. The Red Earth Arts Festival attracts approximately more than 3000 per year to the City of Karratha.

REAF 2021 was presented from 12 – 21 March 2021 and it featured 19 programs, 65 artists and more than 200 participants and volunteers. A range of programs were presented with specific focus on our many talented WA artists, in Karratha and surrounding towns. The main elements of the 2021 program were:

- Outdoor performances of String Symphony by Spare Parts Puppet Theatre and a range of other artists at The HeART festival hub and Red Earth Arts Precinct;
- Visual arts programs including: Exhibition and Artist in Residence Tania Daymond; SCARIII photography exhibition by Michael Torres in Cossack; In Plain Sight photography project in various venues across the City of Karratha;
- Theatre Programs including: Every Day Super Hero by Maybe Together, Deviator by pvi collective, The Adventures of Alvin Sputnik: Deep Sea Explorer by The Last Great Hunt;
- Storytelling and Literature programs including: The Chin Wagon by Barefaced Stories, First Light on the Rocks cultural tour with Ngarluma and Yinjibarndi storyteller Clinton Walker, and an Author Talk by writer David Whish-Wilson;
- Installations including the New Bayswater Post by Jessee Lee Johns; Drawing on Complexity by Briony Barr and Prof. Andrew Melatos

- Active, participatory programs including Silent Disco by Guru Dudu; Crap Music Rave Party by Thomas Ford on The Shelf at Red Earth Arts Precinct;
- Outdoor events including the Loud Guitars and Red Cans on Ice rock concert at Nickol Bay Speedway and Breaksea Community Sing at The HeART, involving 150+ local voices;
- Workshops for young people and adults to learn from professional artists Tania Daymond: Watercolour Botanicals and Floral Ink Tattoos; Jam Session with Katy Steel and Steve Hensby; Technical Drawing with Jessee Lee Johns and Washi Tape Weavings with Maxi May.

For more information about the 2021 REAF program please visit [Red Earth Arts Festival | reaf](#)

The REAF 2022 program will include:

- visual art exhibitions;
- artists in residence;
- theatre;
- dance;
- live music;
- comedy;
- cabaret acts;
- literature and storytelling;
- community cultural performances;
- workshops;
- activations;
- cultural experiences;

REAF 2022 PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND KEY DATES:

RED EARTH ARTS FESTIVAL 2022

Date: Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 March 2022

Venue: Red Earth Arts Precinct and Karratha CBD eg. Walgu Park, Karratha Shopping Centre, The Quarter

REAF 2022 OPENING EVENT

Date: Thursday 17 March 2022 from 6pm – 8.30pm

Venue: REAP Amphitheatre and the HeART

REAF 2022 CLOSING NIGHT

Date: Sunday 20 March 2022 6pm – 8pm

Venue: REAP Amphitheatre and the HeART

- The Opening Event will result from a six-month community engagement and skills development project *Puppets of the Pilbara* (working title) in collaboration with Juluwarlu Group Aboriginal Corporation,
- The HeART festival hub will once again activate the REAP amphitheatre across four nights and include a stage for live entertainment and outdoor bar area;
- The REAP Amphitheatre will be activated with the Opening Event, Live Music, interactive activities like circus or acrobatic and a large-scale free community cultural event on Closing night;

- Theatre, music, dance, comedy, cabaret, literature, and visual arts programs and workshops will be presented throughout REAP including Theatre, The Shelf, Rehearsal Rooms, Upstairs and Downstairs Foyers and Library Veranda and READ Room;
- The program will have a focus on accessibility, whereby there will be a range of free or low costs events
- Programs which are presented during the days of Thursday 17 and Friday 18 March 2022 will appeal to schools, families, seniors and visitors to the region

Please don't hesitate to contact Patrycja Rosinska, Arts Development & Events Programming Officer, should you have any questions or require more information.

Kind regards,

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