



Festivals Australia grant recipients — Round 19 September 2024

State / territory	Recipient	Project title	Project description	Festival	Amount funded (excl. GST)
VIC	(it's no) drama Ltd	Dreamweaver: an interactive installation combining giant rope sculpture, original sound and film projection, delivered by inclusive arts company (it's no) drama	Dreamweaver is a collaboration between (it's no) drama and artists Sarah Parkes, Michael Shirrefs and Kate Russell. The work draws inspiration from diverse stories and the Gippsland landscape to deliver an interactive installation combining giant rope sculpture, original sound and film projection at the 2026 Fish Creek Tea Cosy festival.	Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival	\$35,945
NSW	Albury City Council	Write Around the Murray Comic Creation Youth Outreach Program	A Comic Creation Youth Outreach Program with Albury comic book artist, Kieran Jack and two other artists. The project will deliver workshops with young people to develop, create and publish a finished comic book to be launched at Write Around the Murray 2025.	Write Around the Murray	\$19,635
TAS	Burnie City Council	Time Rebel by Hannah Moloney	An original performance work by Tasmanian bestselling author, TV presenter and permaculture designer, Hannah Moloney. A Ten Days commission, as part of the 2025 program, TIME REBEL will be a centrepiece community event, with plans for this production to close the Festival at the reopened Burnie Arts Centre. The production will see collaboration with local artists and community groups in the Northwest including amateur choirs.	Ten Days on the Island	\$47,840

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VIC	City of Ballarat	Deep Listening	Deep Listening is a First Nations-led exploration of stories both old and new that asks the question, 'whose heritage is it?' It includes engagement with a leading Wadawurrung artist to work with First Nations communities in the Ballarat region. Through workshops, community members will detail their stories and life experiences - which will be used as inspiration and guidance for six major installation works to form the Craft Lab activation.	Ballarat Heritage Festival	\$58,000
VIC	CresFest	The Rhythms of Africa - An Extravaganza - CresFest 2025	For the Rhythms of Africa 'Extravaganza' at CresFest 2025, the 19th century buildings and rotunda are taken over by drummers, dancers and hundreds of audience members.	CresFest	\$17,600
NT	Darwin Community Arts Inc	Young, Fab and engaged!	Daminmin Festival 2025 engages the next gen. Bringing in J-Milla, Yung Milla and Kootsie Don to share their stories and music with the top end community. In the lead up to the festival artists will come together and take part in workshops at the local Taminmin High School to celebrate Wulna Country, connection and community as part of the 2025 Daminmin Festival.	Daminmin Arts and Culture Festival	\$35,200
QLD	Flinders Shire Council	Moonda Nurra	This project ignites the story of Moonda Nurra, a rainbow serpent and spiritual dreamtime story of the Yirendali people. The story will be told through a performance at the Festival of Outback Skies held in Hughenden in May 2025. A collaboration between the Yirendali traditional owners, Flinders Shire community, professional artists and performers, this important production will see Yirendali share a cultural performance in the community for the first time.	Festival of Outback Skies	\$48,200
SA	Fringe Berrin Incorporated T/A Fringe Mount Gambier	FRINGELAND - Underground Unleashed!	Celebrating the 2025 volcanic theme 'Underground Unleashed', FRINGELAND will bring an explosion of arts to Thugi, (Cave Garden), famous for its dramatic volcanic cave and sinkhole.	Fringe Mount Gambier	\$31,653

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QLD	Mackay Regional Council	Illuminate 2025	Illuminate 2025 will celebrate local artists, highlighting First Nations and visual creatives through immersive installations and interactive workshops. Mapping will be projected on iconic art deco buildings and will incorporate local First Nations artworks and storytelling - creating visual experiences partnered with major touring works.	Mackay Festival of Arts 2025	\$65,000
WA	Mowanjum Artists Spirit of the Wandjina Aboriginal Corporation	Mowanjum Puppets	The creation of a puppet show based on an artists' children's book about the traditional stories of the Wandjina people.	Mowanjum Festival	\$43,169
NSW	OpenField Arts Festival	OpenField Performance	A program of diverse performance pieces at the Berry School of Arts, providing a platform for local and visiting artists to share their work and engage with audiences in a beautiful heritage space. Ranging from conceptual contemporary performance art to vaudevillian burlesque to First Nations music and dance.	OpenField Arts Festival	\$10,000
VIC	Swan Hill Harmony Day Committee	Harmony Band	International musician and sound artist, Graeme Leak will engage with the community to create an all-inclusive parade-style band using upcycled instruments. The band will perform as they parade from Swan Hill to Riverside Park arriving at the Sound Shell, marking the start of the Swan Hill Harmony Festival. The band will also close the festival.	Swan Hill Community Harmony Day	\$21,566
TAS	Tasdance (t/a Assembly 197)	BEACON	A team of collaborators and performers will work with a cast of 80 local community performers aged 8-80 years to create BEACON. Performed outside at dusk, BEACON, an immersive dance work designed to help us weather an uncertain future, unite the community, and build connections, will be performed in Launceston's Civic Square as part of Ten Days on the Island.	Ten Days on the Island	\$68,000

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NT	The Darwin Festival Limited	Roller Coaster	Roller Coaster is a new music theatre production and the centrepiece of Darwin Festival 2025. Packed with humour, heart, and a live soundtrack created by Everybody NOW! It will have a community cast of local roller skaters featuring alongside a team of actors and musicians.	Darwin Festival	\$70,000
VIC	The Fringe Thing Inc	Castlemaine Fringe 2025 Opening Night Spectacular!	A free Street Party Spectacular to open the 16-day Castlemaine Fringe Festival. The streets and laneways surrounding the Castlemaine Town Hall will be transformed with performance stages and art projections. Featuring live music, dance performances, roving street theatre, live art installations, community choirs and marching bands.	Castlemaine Fringe	\$29,730
VIC	The Gumboot Collective	Writing Our Selves and Our Histories (Past, Present, Future)	A panel event reflecting on the intersections between stories and our sense of self, especially as it relates to our identity as Australians. Panellists will reflect on their writing practices and how their stories have helped shape their communities.	Gippsland Writers' Festival	\$8,755
TAS	The Unconformity Inc	Crib Road: A gathering place at the heart of The Unconformity	Crib Road is the heart of The Unconformity Festival - a free gathering place that distils the festival onto the main street of Queenstown. Crib Road, or 'crib room' which is industry jargon for a miner's break room, is where audiences will meet for celebration, recuperation and invigoration, encountering live music, First Nations cultural practice, youth activities and playful experimental art and curated food options. An anchor point for the festival experience, Crib Road contributes to audience understanding of Queenstown through creative exploration of the local industries, environment and the people that make this region special.	The Unconformity	\$61,582

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SA	Umeewarra Aboriginal Media Association	Dream Out Loud	The Dream Out Loud project enables children from Port Augusta the opportunity to participate in inspirational workshops with renowned artist Troy Cassar-Daley. Troy will share stories of resilience, overcoming challenges, and following dreams, encouraging the children to believe in themselves and their potential. The children will build confidence and connect with their cultural roots as they prepare to take part in a live performance alongside Troy at the Umeewarra Downtown Aboriginal Music Festival.	Umeewarra Downtown	\$20,000
SA	Yorke Peninsula Council	Wildu & Widhadha - Fire Lanterns	'Wildu & Widhadha - Fire Lanterns' is a community engagement arts project sharing local Narungga culture through workshops and, celebrates the finale of the second GROUNDED Arts Festival for Yorke Peninsula. 'Wildu & Widhadha - Fire Lanterns' tells the story of Wildu (West Narungga eagle totem), Widhadha (South Narungga shark totem), and other Narungga cultural stories through lanterns and fire sculpture in a public Marion Bay event.	GROUNDED, Yorke Peninsula Arts Festival	\$18,279