

ARMIDALE REGIONAL - GLEN INNES SEVERN - GUNNEDAH - GWYDIR - INVERELL - LIVERPOOL PLAINS - MOREE PLAINS - NARRABRI - TENTERFIELD - TAMWORTH REGIONAL - URALLA - WALCHA

WELCOME

THE ARTS NORTH WEST TEAM



L-R Steph McIntosh (Comms Officer), Lorraine Fishenden (Aboriginal Arts Officer/2 Rivers), Caroline Downer (Executive Director), Michael Burge (Tour Coordinator), Sarah Leete (Regional Music Officer with Music NSW), Rhianne Dwyer (Admin Assistant) and Michèle Jedlicka (Projects and Comms)

It has been a strange quarter, with lockdowns in our region, resulting in more event postponements. We were however able to shift some of our activities online, do lots of planning for 2022, and then head out once restrictions were lifted.

There are a few changes in our ANW team - Steph McIntosh has taken Maternity Leave, and Michèle Jedlicka will be filling her shoes. We also say farewell to Michael Burge who is moving on after 3 years as our Tour Coordinator.

In October the Minister for the Arts, Don Harwin announced a funding increase to the RADO Network: "The RADOs play a critical role in developing

arts and cultural talent in NSW communities, through locally driven arts events and festivals, partnerships with local government, businesses and organisations and individual support for creatives. This funding uplift from the NSW Government is proof that we are serious about investing in our local talent."

We are delighted to receive this additional core operational funding which will strengthen the organisational capacity of Arts North West to support and deliver more arts and cultural activity in our region.



Caroline Downer, OAM
Executive Director

ANW MICRO GRANTS

SUPPORTING OUR CREATIVES!

In September, Arts North West announced the following successful applications to the 2021 Micro Grant round. It was wonderful to see such diversity in creative practice and we are looking forward to seeing what is produced!

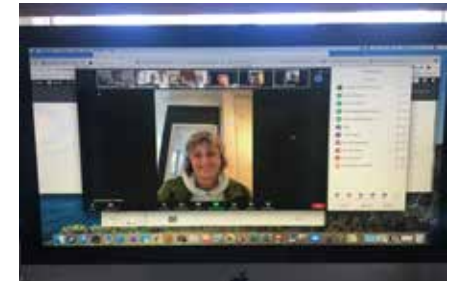
1. Tania Hartigan, **Liverpool Plains**: Continue development of creating natural inks from native plants growing in this region.
2. Buluuy Mirrii, **Tamworth**: To prepare for the upcoming Fabrics of Multicultural Australia (FOMA) in 2021-2022 at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney.
3. Goldheist, **Tamworth**: Record a live acoustic EP of love songs.
4. Sophie Honess, **Tamworth**: To seek the services of A2 framing in Armidale for upcoming solo exhibition at Weswal Gallery, Tamworth.
5. Yulugi Marumali, **Moree**: To create dance tutorial videos that will include basic dance tips and terminology.
6. James O'Hanlon, **Armidale**: To buy supplies that will be used to prepare a series of entirely new artworks for exhibition.
7. Arushi Nayar, **Gunnedah**: Work on an artistic project about experiences of living on a farm.
8. Marianne la Cour, **Glen Innes**: To develop resources for future teaching.
9. Beattie Alvarez, **Armidale**: To write, illustrate and print a series of micro stories, based around the toys that I make.
10. Helena Pastor, **Armidale**: To cover the costs of an online writing course offered through Writing NSW and a new author photo.
11. Vicki Taylor, **Uralla**: Hire a video producer to produce a 10-minute video of local contemporary lace makers.



Works by Sophie Honess on exhibition (image courtesy Weswal Gallery)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY



Artists-in-business from across the New England North West joined an **online** workshop in August. Michael Burge took participants through the steps of setting up and managing a simple online shop.

The professional development workshop *Get Your Act Together* will now take place at TAS Hoskins Centre, **Armidale** 9 February. This one-day workshop is tailored for volunteers, venue staff and performing arts practitioners wanting to upskill on contracts, marketing and light and sound cueing. Book here: <https://events.humanitix.com/get-your-act-together>

Arts North West is assisted by the NSW Government through Create NSW and the partnership of twelve local government authorities in the New England North West.

Arts North West acknowledges Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the lands we work on; we recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of Aboriginal people and respect the Aboriginal Elders past and present.



ART AND ABOUT...

CONVERSATIONS, NEWS, NETWORKING, SKILLS



Caroline has been out and about over the last two weeks spending some one-on-one time with our NENW creatives discussing a myriad of things including funding opportunities, project ideas, the post-COVID world and so much more. She travelled to **all 12 LGAs** where these free one-on-one meetings focus on artists, arts and community workers living and working in the ANW footprint.

Our ED has visited and provided advice to **Uralla** Shire Council, developed the **Glen Innes** Public Art Policy and worked with **Tamworth** Regional Council on its new Artist-in-Residency program at the Tamworth Stationmaster's House. Caroline continues to chair the **Armidale** Regional Council Cultural Heritage Arts and Culture Committee and is a member of **Tamworth** TRICAC and TRAAC.



Caroline has also provided the voice-overs for the wonderful animations of Danny Stanley. Our new set of Ten Top Tips focuses on creative promotion. These tips share the basic approach of journalism, marketing and communications so you can get cracking on effectively promoting your creative projects and events for when we start to open again. The animations can be viewed on our website www.artsnw.com.au/anw-eresources#/top-ten-tips-for-creative-promotion/

The ED also assessed applications to the State Government's Classical Music Artform Advisory Board in September. She has also been working on a number of key State-wide initiatives as part of the RADO Network.

ENABLE ARTS

ARTS AND DISABILITY PROJECTS



A new creative iso-project has been developed by the ANW team. The Puppet Project: Lockdown Edition 2021 is a three-part, Arts North West original community project giving artists and residents of the **New England North West** a fun and creative opportunity to express their ideas about lockdown resilience during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Arts North West is thrilled to announce the amazing comedian/actor/author/podcaster Damian Callinan as our Puppet Project judge for the community section. With help from Randy Feltface (Heath McIvor).

All guidelines and info can be found on our website www.artsnw.com.au/#/the-puppet-project/, and Damian's top 10 picks will receive a \$200 prize.

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

SUPPORT, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE FOR ABORIGINAL ARTISTS AND COMMUNITIES



Mirri (Stars) is the result of a partnership between Arts North West and 2 Rivers Pty Ltd to provide some connection, creative and cultural inspiration in the community during the challenges of COVID. A small pack of canvas and paints were sent out to Aboriginal artists and community members **across our 12 LGAs**. The resulting exhibition is open at the 2 Rivers Creative Space in **Tamworth** early November, and **Moree** in 2022.

In partnership with National Association

for the Visual Arts, ANW delivered an **online** workshop "How to Price your Artwork" in September.

The inaugural Aboriginal Artisan Market *Gather and Trade* was scheduled for November in **Tamworth**. Unfortunately, with the COVID restrictions this was postponed until next year, and an **online** version has been created to take advantage of Christmas sales.

We were also successful in Federal funding to deliver a 2 year project for Aboriginal artists **across our region**. *In Our Hands* will provide Aboriginal-led hands-on curatorial skills and cultural support to 10 Aboriginal people currently working within the arts sector (galleries/cultural centres). Learned skills will be taken home to implement in workplaces to ensure cultural protection, best practice, and sustainability.

UPCOMING!

FOR YOUR DIARY in 2022



2 projects supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal:

25 Feb; 23-25 Mar

4 days of specialised mental health and creative recovery training for creatives in the **Glen Innes** region. In partnership with RAMPH and the Creative Recovery Network, Arts North West will be able to build organisational capacity and strengthen the delivery of its key arts/health projects.

1-4 March

CreativiTEA workshops finally rolling out in **Tingha, Torrington, Drake** and **Ashford**. These workshops aim to bring women from our rural communities together, to have a cuppa and a chat and to get creative with printmaker Lizzie Horne. <http://www.artsnw.com.au/creativitea-2021>

