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Arts Connect supports North East Victorian creatives to thrive

Arts Connect returns to the North East with **Creating and Community** in **Whitfield** on **Saturday 23 March 2019**.

Panel discussions, presentations and case studies will offer a spectrum of practical advice through to personal experiences, responding to the professional development interests of North East Victorian artists and arts organisations. This free, one-day professional development intensive brings artists and community leaders together to extend their knowledge on building creative networks, managing volunteers, pricing artistic work, applying for funding, wellbeing and place-making.

Featuring **Alyce Fisher** (Executive Director, Murray Arts), **Susan Reid** (Director, Arcadia Gallery, Beechworth), **Troy Firebrace** (Aboriginal artist and educator), **Jemma Toohey** (CEO, Albury Wodonga Volunteer Resource Bureau), **Arts Connect Whitfield: Creating and Community** will galvanise regional creatives to build what they want to see where they live.

Director of Partnerships at Regional Arts Victoria Liz Zito says that the Arts Connect Series supports regional artists and arts organisations to realise their ambitions.

“Regional artists across Victoria are creating outstanding, innovative work. The Arts Connect Series supports the promotion of that work, allowing it to have a life outside of its local community,” Ms Zito said.

“Each Arts Connect event is tailored for its community, building on local strengths and working to address local needs. It has become a means to strengthen local creative leadership and build stronger connections throughout a network of creative people across the state.”

This event follows the “eye-opening” and “comprehensive” event Arts Connect Wangaratta: Market the Heart on 24 February 2019.

The Arts Connect Series is supported by Australian Government’s Regional Arts Fund and Regional Arts Victoria, with partnership support from Local Government Authorities. The Arts Connect Series expands upon Regional Arts Victoria’s Regional Cultural Forums that ran from 2012-2016, and continues Regional Arts Victoria’s commitment to providing professional development opportunities and support for regional artists. Locally, this event is supported by the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Find out more about the Arts Connect Series, and stay up to date with upcoming events, by visiting our website. www.rav.net.au

EVENT DETAILS

Arts Connect Whitfield

Saturday 23 March 2019

10.00am – 5.00pm

King Valley Community Complex

Lot 2 Mansfield-Whitfield Road

Whitfield VIC 3733

FREE, but **bookings are essential.**

<https://www.trybooking.com/BAOGZ>

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Regional Arts Victoria is the peak body for regional artists and arts organisations in Victoria and the leading organisation for regional creative practice in Victoria. We are inspired by arts across the state, and through partnerships, programming and projects, we develop creative practice all over Victoria.

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Speakers available for interview upon request.

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