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REGIONAL ARTS VICTORIA

Supporter Pack

Join us to make a
difference in the lives of
regional Victorians

A message from our Chair


We are grateful for your interest in supporting regional Arts Victoria as we work to ensure creativity is in **every community, every school** and for **everybody** throughout our state

Since its inception in 1969, Regional Arts Victoria (RAV) has grown from a collection of Victorian Arts Councils to a contemporary creative organisation made up of around 700 individual and organisation Members working in all creative genres.

Firmly embedded in the culture and communities of regional Victoria, RAV backs artists and communities to make, participate in, and experience creative life. RAV stands alone as an independent, not-for-profit, membership-based organisation, working in long-term partnerships with government at every level, to foster contemporary and innovative regional cultural practice and provide a seat at the table for creatives and the creative industries.

With your generosity, we can continue to expand our work enriching community life and innovating alongside regional creatives. I invite you to join us on a journey to continue this important work through your patronage and participation. Together, we can shape a creative future for regional Victoria.

Sue Hunt, AM
Chair, Regional Arts Victoria



The Expressions Festival, October 2024, West Gippsland Arts Centre. Part of the Future Reset project funded by VicHealth.
Photo: Lauren Murphy

Our impact in 2025

860

RAV Members

13

local government partnerships

17

Local Government Creative Connection participants

\$1.9 million

spent in regional Victoria*

2,023

artists supported

\$417,855

artist fees paid

11,956

program audience and participants

\$25k+

in donations raised

*includes funds spent by RAV directly and funds distributed through salaries, grant programs and project outcomes.

For more information see

rav.net.au



Creative Social event, Lighthouse Theatre, Warrnambool, March 2025
Photo: Greta Punch



Where your donation goes

Regional Arts Victoria (RAV) backs artists and communities across regional Victoria to make, participate in and experience creative work.

RAV is an independent, not-for-profit, membership-based organisation working in long-term partnerships with every level of government, fostering contemporary and innovative regional cultural practice. We advise and impact on decision-making across multiple portfolios.

RAV is the peak body for regional artists and arts organisations, and the leading organisation for regional creative practice in Victoria.

Our Theory of Change

Creative expression in regional settings fosters the intrinsic benefits of arts and cultural activity and generates positive, locally relevant economic wellbeing and social outcomes.



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Your support ensures

Regional creatives are supported to thrive

2000+
every year

4000

students experience creative activities each year


Grants reach creative practitioners


\$651,321 in 2025


Our network of **900**
Members are insured and sustained

Regional and remote communities
are enriched by creativity!

Our 2026 fundraising targets

 **\$20,000 for creative learning** projects to engage and delight young people in regional and remote Victoria.

 **\$20,000 for nurturing and representing regional Victorian creatives** and facilitating sustainable creative practice through the Regional Managers network.

 **\$20,000 for touring projects** to enhance the diversity of regional creative experiences: collaboration, attendances, capacity and participation.



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Regional young people & schools

Three in five young Australians agree that creative activities and experiences helped with their mental health or wellbeing.

That's because for many young people in regional areas, music, dance, visual arts and other creative activities provide important social connections and an expressive outlet that has a significant impact on child development.

For over 50 years, Regional Arts Victoria has been the leader in providing educational arts experiences for children and young people across Victoria.

Your support helps us to fund a range of performances and workshop programs to schools and programs designed to support young people through mentoring, workshops and events.

“Children got more confident and comfortable to partake throughout the session, even those who normally find confidence an issue in drama lessons.”

— Sacred Heart School, Corryong

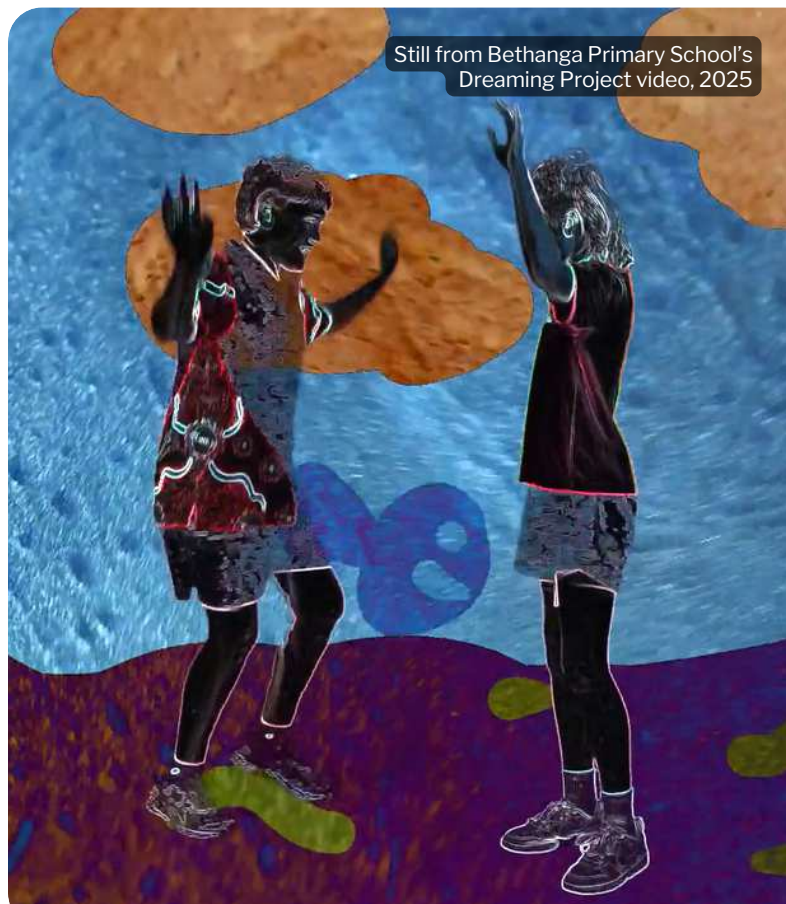
“I literally saw some kids sit and stand taller just by being around [artist Fingle-Sin].”

— Branxholme-Wallacedale Community School

“Watching the video [we made with Dylan] at the end of the day was a highlight. Seeing all their work projected onto the wall was amazing for them.”

— Bethanga Primary School

Over the last 10 years
our schools touring
program has reached
over **100,000 students**
in over **1,000 schools.**



Still from Bethanga Primary School's Dreaming Project video, 2025

[More about Creative Learning](#)



Regional artists & creative organisations

Artists' average total income from all sources is **26% below the workforce average.**

Regional Arts Victoria supports the important work of artists and small arts organisations across Victoria. Our membership program includes benefits that artists with low incomes and small arts organisations need to ensure their ongoing practice, such as low-cost insurance and governance support.

RAV Members' activities reach more than 800,000 people annually and are supported by almost 8,000 volunteers.

Your support helps us to provide funding advice, funding programs, professional development, networking, mentoring and membership services.

Last year we supported **986** prospective grant applicants and met with over **2,500** individuals and creative organisations to enhance creative networks and build capacity.

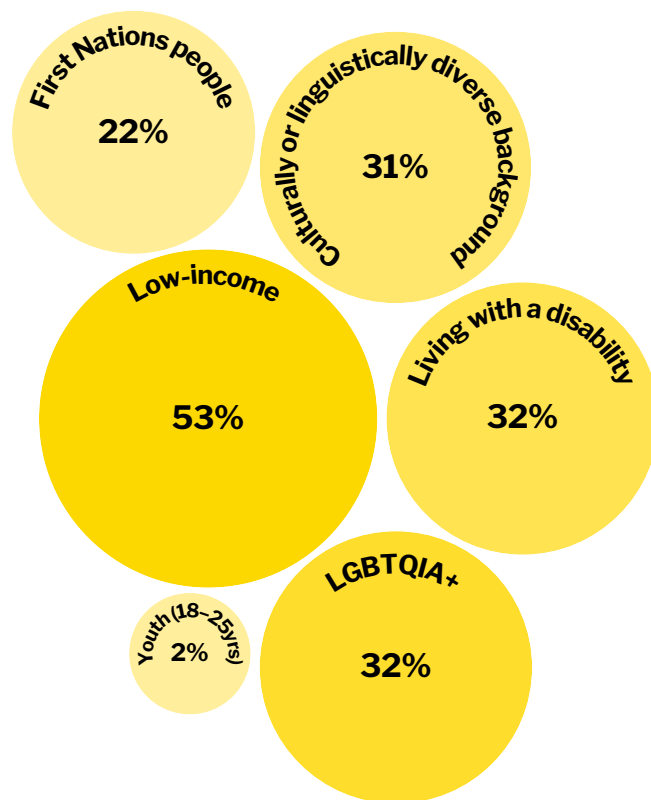
Meet Our Members



RAV Membership

The RAV Membership Program exists to support individual creative practitioners and regional creative organisations across the state. Through their membership, creatives can access cost-effective insurance, advice, support and connection sessions online and in-person, and online resources and opportunities to promote their work across our digital platforms.

Who Our Members Are



“I love being a member of RAV – you offer such wonderful **support, community and opportunities** for artists... I feel so supported as a member of this fabulous **creative community** through RAV. Thank you for the work that you do [and] the opportunities you provide.”

— Prue Simmons, Dyeing To Weave SAORI Studio

Regional, remote and communities in recovery

Creative Recovery projects have a marked impact on long lasting social capital and connection, leaving a legacy of enriched community social connection, closeness and affection.*

Through our network of regionally-based staff, we provide Victoria's regions with locally relevant strategies to nurture creativity and creative experiences. We support the delivery of high-quality live performance works to regional and remote audiences and are a trusted partner in delivering creative recovery programs in disaster-stricken regions.

Your support helps us to activate regional theatres and spaces enhancing community life. We also assist artists and communities to prepare and re-emerge following disaster.

More about Touring



Funded projects have benefiting more than **400** people from fire-affected communities in Gippsland and Northeast Vic.

“We had two local farmers see the ad on Facebook just an hour before. They decided to take the afternoon off to see the show. **They were locked in the entire show and thanked all the cast and crew.** They even invited them to the pub.”

— Ashley Ball, East Gippsland Shire Council

Attendees at southwest Victoria's inaugural Creative Social, 2025
Photo: Greta Punch



More about who we are

VISION

Regional creatives leading the way in diverse communities.

PURPOSE

RAV is the peak body for regional creatives. We **enable** regional Victorians to make, participate in and experience creative practice. Anchored by our Members, we activate our networks to inform public policy, identify resources and seek 'a seat at the table' for creatives in the decisions that impact them.

VALUES

Leadership, care, transformation, equity and celebration.

[More about RAV](#)



A trusted creative partner for over 50 years

Founded in 1969, Regional Arts Victoria began its life as the Victorian Arts Council, an umbrella body of regional arts councils, serving as the Victorian branch of the Arts Council of Australia (now Regional Arts Australia).

Rebranded as Regional Arts Victoria in 1999, the organisation is now a company limited by guarantee with a scope encompassing all art forms, all creative practices and all modes of artistic experience.

Regional Arts Victoria Limited is a not-for-profit company with deductible gift recipient status.

Our Constitution provides for the election and co-option of Directors. At all times, a majority of Directors of Regional Arts Victoria must ordinarily reside in Victoria. Appointments to fill casual vacancies are made from time to time as required, against areas of need identified by the Board.



Tracy Wise, Thulka To Sew Egret near Water, 2025

Our People

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Liz Wilson (from May 2025)



First Nations Reference Group

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Janet Bromley, Depictions of childhood dolls made while roaming around the farm as children: made, played, leave behind, 2018/19, recycled materials






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