



MEDIA RELEASE
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Funding information tour for artists and communities across the state

Regional Arts Victoria, the Australia Council for the Arts and Creative Victoria, welcome Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) this year, adding an important regional voice to a funding information tour across the state from Monday 20 May – Friday 24 May.

The information sessions welcome enquiry from regional artists and arts organisations about what opportunities most suit the needs of their creative practice. The tour is also reciprocal in creating the opportunity for federal and state funding bodies being available and accessible to regional and remote areas of the state.

“There is no better way to understand the needs of the artists and arts organisations than being present in these areas,” says Liz Zito, Regional Arts Victoria’s Director of Partnerships.

Delivered in four different locations of the state, this year’s tour aims to connect ‘remote artists’ with information and opportunities that are offered through the Regional Arts Fund, and other federal and state funding bodies. The four locations are Portland, Kaniva, Warracknabeal and Maryborough.

Impacts from this type of tour are four-fold. The organisations and funding become more accessible to communities. There is greater connection within communities between the people interested in funding. Relationships between the four organisations are better developed and informed by community, and the collegiate support grows between the four touring organisations. Sharing funding information in this manner is a strategic and coordinated approach to meeting the needs of regional and remote Victoria.

“The partnership continues to be very successful.” Partnerships Coordinator, Edwina Guinness has instigated the tour and leads the delegates from the other funding bodies on the road trip. They are joined at various locations by Regional Arts Victoria’s Creative Arts Facilitators.

“Collaborating on these types of presentations in areas that normally miss out due to distance from the city makes a valuable contribution to accessibility for regional areas. Regional Arts Victoria is thrilled to continue partnering with Australia Council for the Arts and Creative Victoria on this outreach tour, and we are particularly pleased to welcome Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal in 2019,” says Liz Zito, Director of Partnerships.

Each information session includes one-to-one conversations, and a group presentation with light refreshments.

Registration for each event is essential via the Regional Arts Victoria website. Event detail overleaf.

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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.

Regional Arts Victoria's **Partnerships** team supports the partnerships, organisations and practices that create new work across the state.

The Australian Government's **Regional Arts Fund** is provided through and administered by Regional Arts Australia, in Victoria.

The Australia Council for the Arts is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body.

Creative Victoria is the Victorian Government's state funding body dedicated to championing, growing and supporting Victoria's creative industries.

FRRR (Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that champions the economic and social strength of Australia's rural, regional and remote communities.

EVENT DETAILS

PORTLAND

Date: Monday 20 May 2019

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Portland Arts Centre, 4A Glenelg Street, Portland VIC 3305

RSVP's: Essential via [Trybooking](#)

Thank you to the Portland Arts Centre for their support.

KANIVA

Date: Tuesday 21 May 2019

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Supper Room, Kaniva Shire Hall, 15 Baker Street, Kaniva VIC 3419

RSVP's: Essential via [Trybooking](#)

Thank you to Shire of West Wimmera for their support.

WARRACKNABEAL

Date: Wednesday 22 May 2019

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Function Room - Yarriambiack Shire Council, 34 Lyle Street, Warracknabeal VIC 3393

RSVP's: Essential via [Trybooking](#)

MARYBOROUGH

Date: Thursday 23 May 2019

Time: 5:30pm

Venue: Central Goldfields Art Gallery, Old Fire Station, Neill Street, Marysborough VIC 3465

RSVP's: Essential via [Trybooking](#)

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Delegates on tour available for interview upon request.

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