



MEDIA RELEASE

Regional Arts Australia Summit

A delegation of Territorians is heading to Canberra this week where they will play an active role in strengthening the Northern Territory's arts future.

The delegation is set to attend a Regional and Remote Touring Forum on Wednesday, 9 August and Regional Arts Australia Summit on Thursday, 10 August.

Arts NT director Jackie Halsey is attending the forum and the summit.

Ms Halsey said the Regional Arts summit is being facilitated by Regional Arts Australia, which is the peak body for the Australia wide network of regional arts organisations delivering arts programs in regional and remote Australia.

"Next week's forums are a great opportunity for us on behalf of the Northern Territory arts sector to focus on issues such as regionally appropriate product development that will suit touring to regional and remote areas, and the future needs of the Territory's arts communities," Ms Halsey said.

"And the summit will also focus on improving recognition of the arts in regional Australia and developing new partnerships, as well as extending and strengthening networks.

"Other priority areas may include a proposal to develop a Regional Arts Capital of Culture Program and a proposal to develop a National Focus Day, also known as a Regional Arts Day.

"And by having a strong voice and playing an active part at the forum and summit, the remote and regional arts scene that plays a significant role in economic and cultural development will continue to grow."

Artback NT's Fabrizio Calafuri and Patrick McCloskey, as well as Nicole Rowan from Katherine Regional Arts, will also attend the touring summit.

Alice Springs Mayor Fran Kilgariff will attend the Regional Arts Australia Summit to bring a central Australian perspective to the discussions.

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