

Create NSW COVID-19 Initiatives 2020 Outcomes

Digitise Initiative recipients (35) \$320,887

- 1. Ensemble Offspring** Lone Hemispheres Digital (**\$10,000**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - An original audio/visual recording project that will be delivered as an online program featuring fifteen newly commissioned solo works written by Australian composers, to be released as world premiere recordings.
- 2. Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Ltd** MerrigongX 2020 Season Digital Program (**\$10,000**) – (Regional NSW)
 - MerrigongX is Merrigong Theatre Company's annual artists' program, supporting regional theatre making by independent artists from and/or connected to the Illawarra. The program will support a total of 7 projects and 28 artists.
- 3. Milk Crate Theatre** Stay Creative Stay Connected: Adapting creative programs to online delivery (**\$10,000**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - Online workshops and development projects providing creative opportunities for people with lived experience of homelessness, mental health issues and disability to work alongside NSW artists, remaining connected and creative through COVID-19 and beyond.
- 4. Penrith City Council - Penrith Performing & Visual Arts Ltd** *Short Message Service* (**\$9,140**) – (Western Sydney)
 - *Short Message Service* is a new experimental performance about intimacy experienced via text message. Six playwrights from Western Sydney will be commissioned to create six stories, delivered to audiences on a fortnightly basis between the hours of 6pm and 7pm.
- 5. South Coast Writers Centre Inc** Dreaming Inside Volume 8 videocast (**\$5,400**) – (Regional NSW)
 - The *Nagana Barangarai* (Black Wallaby) literary project has been running for eight years, collecting writing from Aboriginal and Torres Strait inmates in Junee Correctional centre and publishing them annually. This project will see the publication released digitally and launched through videocast.
- 6. Sydney Review of Books** Homonyms: new literary podcasts from the Sydney Review of Books (**\$10,000**) – (Western Sydney)
 - A new literary podcast initiative from Sydney Review of Books that will develop five podcast episodes featuring interviews with NSW writers, discussion of the big topics in Australian literature and reported features. The podcasts will be available for free to audiences in Australia and internationally.
- 7. Port Macquarie Historical Society Inc** 'The Story Port' - website capacity development for online storytelling (**\$2,959**) – (Regional NSW)
 - A new initiative that will allow the delivery of authentic, inclusive and inspiring stories and creative activities using Port Macquarie Historical Society's digitised collections.
- 8. City of Parramatta Council** Studio Riverside - Digital Production Skills Development (**\$9,880**) – (Western Sydney)
 - Riverside Theatres will up-skill four casual Riverside staff in video production to deliver live streaming of professional and community performing arts, allowing Riverside to continue facilitating digital programming.

9. **Soft Tread Enterprises Pty Ltd** Strange Bedfellows: Ghost Light (**\$10,000**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - In a new digital commission, celebrated cabaret act Strange Bedfellows – Jacqui Dark and Kanen Breen – explore the phenomenon of the theatrical Ghost Light in their trademark irreverent style through a digital short-form musical series.
10. **Outlandish Arts Productions Ltd** FIRE (**\$9,550**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - A Research and Development collaboration between four NSW artists using extended reality (XR) - virtual, augmented, mixed reality and ambisonic audio to create an immersive virtual encounter with the fire-ravaged bush lands of the south-coast of NSW.
11. **Critical Path Inc** - online international dance laboratory (**\$9,884**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - Working with established partners Dance Nucleus (Singapore), Critical Path will pilot the participation of seven Australian artists collaborating in an online dance laboratory that will explore how to continue working internationally during COVID-19.
12. **Pinchgut Opera Ltd** Pinchgut at Home - filmed musical performances to share online (**\$10,000**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - The project will feature five short classical music performance films by NSW based artists - seven singers and two musicians. These will be free to view on demand via our digital content portal, Pinchgut at Home.
13. **Gang Gang Gallery** Gang Gang Gallery Virtual *Beauty of the Beast*- (**\$5,000**) – (Regional NSW)
 - The project is an ambitious expansion of Gang Gang Gallery's digital engagement strategies. The themed exhibition *Beauty of the Beast* will be staged equally in real-time, in-gallery and on GGG's virtual 360 panorama gallery, producing a catalogue, YouTube artist talks and online performance.
14. **Working Group Entertainment Pty Ltd** Caldera 360° (**\$10,000**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - Caldera 360° is an immersive, digital version of the Caldera festival commissioning 12 artworks and performances from majority NSW creatives to be pre-filmed in unique locations with 360° cameras, allowing audiences to 'look around' from their phones.
15. **Performing Lines Ltd** Digital Artist Residency and Mentorship with Merrigong Theatre (**\$10,000**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - Performing Lines will partner with Merrigong Theatre Company to deliver an intensive digital residency for 12 artists from the South Coast and Illawarra regions of NSW, providing a significant professional development opportunity for regional artists.
16. **NSW Writers' Centre Inc** Storytelling in a time of crisis (**\$10,000**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - Writing NSW will commission 10 diverse NSW writers to produce long-form essays for digital publication over the next 10 months. Writers are invited to respond creatively to the COVID-19 pandemic, exploring themes such as isolation, the body, mortality, storytelling and digital transformation.
17. **Matriark Theatre Inc** Podcast: *Eerie Street* (**\$10,000**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - Matriark will commission three young writers to develop six short horror stories for young audiences under the mentorship of a skilled dramaturg. The stories will be professionally produced and streamed as a new, high-quality podcast of scary stories for kids: *Eerie Street*.

- 18. Diversity Arts Australia EQUITY ONLINE:** A digital program to support culturally diverse communities **(\$10,000)** – (Western Sydney)
- EQUITY ONLINE will adapt Diversity Arts Australia’s live programs for online delivery. This includes delivering new online workshops, a webinar series on equity and inclusion, providing online training, professional development, mentoring and masterclasses to young creatives.
- 19. UNSW Galleries *Forms of Being Together*** online program **(\$10,000)** – (Sydney Metro)
- *Forms of Being Together* is an online initiative that will commission 11 NSW artists and collectives. This digital program supports the exhibition *Friendship is a Way of Life*, which presents perspectives on LGBTQI+ partnerships, collaboration, visibility, sex, intimacy and knowledge through art and historical material.
- 20. Sacred Currents Inc Dance No.19** **(\$10,000)** – (Western Sydney)
- Dance No.19 is a new musical work that brings together three instrumentalists from diverse communities to present a live streamed show performed as part of the Sydney Sacred Music Festival in Sept 2020.
- 21. Leeton Art Society Inc Leeton Art Society Inc Website** **(\$1,500)** – (Regional NSW)
- The development of a website for the promotion of workshops, exhibitions, membership, and promote local and regional art topics relevant to its members.
- 22. The English Association Sydney Inc *How We Live Now*, A Digital Special Issue of Southerly** **(\$10,000)** – (Sydney Metro)
- *How We Live Now* will produce a mixed genre and digital publication, commissioning new essays through an open call. Writers will respond to the themes of life after COVID-19, how place and community are changed and challenged by COVID-19, climate catastrophe, and an uncertain future.
- 23. Octapod Association Inc Octapod online** **(\$9,324)** – (Regional NSW)
- A new digital initiative that will commission 10 emerging artists to produce new storytelling works (in partnership with Diversity Arts Australia), provide online music industry training to 12 independent practitioners; and produce a youth-focused music event on Make Music Day 2020.
- 24. Lightning Ridge Opal and Fossil Centre Inc Digital Strategy Development for the Australian Opal Centre (AOC)** **(\$9,500)** – (Regional NSW)
- Development of an integrated digital strategy to support construction and operation of the new Australian Opal Centre, allowing the Centre to provide a contemporary visitor experience, both onsite and online.
- 25. City of Parramatta Council Make Music Day – Parramatta** **(\$10,000)** – (Western Sydney)
- In a new collaboration between City of Parramatta and Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Make Music Day Parramatta 2020 will livestream young performers from Western Sydney in a well-programmed, professionally produced series of live concerts, in partnership with Western Sydney venues.
- 26. Cement Fondu Ltd Cement Fondu Digital Program** **(\$9,743)** – (Sydney Metro)
- Cement Fondu will deliver three digital initiatives: *Don’t Let Yourself Go*, a ‘self-help’ designed website presenting 13 commissioned artworks; Facebook-based *Safe and Sound 2*, which fills the empty gallery with music to reflect new ways of thinking and working and a podcast exploring artists’ creative processes.

- 27. Auburn Youth Centre** Digital Mentoring Platform for Youth-at-risk in Western Sydney (\$9,207) – (Western Sydney)
- Development of a digital strategy to deliver The Auburn Sound Project, an online community development project using music training and mentoring to build mental health and wellbeing for at risk youth in Sydney's Western Suburbs.
- 28. Bega Valley Shire Council** Art Month Sapphire Coast: studio tours, arts events and exhibitions (\$10,000) – (Regional NSW)
- Delivery of the Art Month Sapphire Coast program online including an open call to local creatives, performers and musicians to register their virtual arts event/exhibition/studio tour/performance to be featured in the program.
- 29. Sydney Improvised Music Association Inc** *Alone, Together*: curated streamed performances, virtual mentorships and podcast project (\$10,000) –(Sydney Metro)
- *Alone, Together* is an online program that extends SIMA's annual program to include streamed performances from regional galleries, a virtual mentoring program for 20 emerging artists, and the development of a podcast series from SIMA's archival recordings.
- 30. Griffin Theatre Company Ltd** *Pleasuredome* (\$10,000) - (Sydney Metro)
- Supports the Stage 2 production of a new work from Xanthe Dobbie and Harriet Gillies that was discovered during an artist-led collaboration between Griffin Theatre Company and Google Creative Labs. *Pleasuredome* is an interactive desktop documentary, lecture and mutual meditation on pleasure performed across multiple streaming platforms.
- 31. Lismore City Council** *Together//Alone* (\$10,000) – (Regional NSW)
- The delivery of Stage 2 *Together//Alone* project, supporting 10 individual projects to develop by regional artists. This stage will present the projects online as a multi-arts group exhibition.
- 32. Accessible Arts** Digital Capacity Building Project (\$10,000) – (Sydney Metro)
- Develop and expand on Accessible Arts digital and online engagement capacity to demonstrate best practice and share new information with arts and cultural organisations about maximising the accessibility of online programming, services and activities during and after the COVID crisis.
- 33. Western Riverina Arts Inc** Yarruwala Wiradjuri Digitisation Platform (\$9,800) – (Regional NSW)
- Yarruwala Wiradjuri Digitisation Platform will transfer a selection of creative events of the Yarruwala Wiradjuri Cultural Festival into an online space. The festival has a variety of events that are planned across the region that celebrate Wiradjuri Culture in all its forms.
- 34. Brand X Productions Incorporated** Flying Nun Season 5.2 On-Demand Broadcast (\$10,000) – (Sydney Metro)
- Brand X will deliver the professional documentation of performance work created by independent artists programmed for The Flying Nun (season 5) for on demand broadcasting.
- 35. Cowra Shire Council** CCC Digital Drama Series (\$10,000) – (Regional NSW)
- This project commissions the writing and production of a series of short radio dramas that have a connection with the place and people of Cowra. The project will employ writers, actors, a director and a sound designer to create the plays in a digital space.

Creative Koori Digital Initiative recipients (11) \$106,367

- 1. 2 Rivers Pty Ltd Creating Digital Country (\$10,000)**
 - Creating Digital Country is a multi-layered project that will increase economic opportunities through building the strength, capacity, self-determination and resilience of Aboriginal artists by supporting creative practice in the digital space through online programming, professional development, capacity building and responsive outcomes.
- 2. Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service Kangwano Face Filters (Dhudhuroa word for state/time of being young) (\$7,500)**
 - April Phillips (Wiradjuri), a digital media artist, will host a series of digital workshops for local Koori youth/young people, to design face filters for Instagram and other social media platforms.
- 3. Awesome Black Awesome Black - New Content Creation and Platform Development (\$9,897)**
 - "Awesome Black - New Content Creation/ Platform Development" is a strategic project leveraging Awesome Black's launch to grow the platform's content offering by commissioning a new podcast and engaging a digital design specialist to refine the organisation's website. This will be presented through Awesome Black digital platforms.
- 4. Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative Boomalli Online and Digital Development (\$10,000)**
 - Boomalli will develop of a new website for online sales platform, and purchase a new computer for digital cataloguing, high-resolution artwork image storage and digital archiving for the future.
- 5. Budjaram Aboriginal Corporation Digital Aboriginal Art Project (\$10,000)**
 - Budjaram Aboriginal Corporation will undertake this project to assist five Aboriginal artists in the Northern Rivers region, who are at the stage to progress their arts business, increase their audience potential and build their profile through technology.
- 6. Burrundi Theatre for Performing Arts Ltd Yarruwala Cabaret Ball Digitisation Project (\$9,973)**
 - Yarruwala Cabaret Ball Digitisation Project is an initiative to digitise the celebratory media launch of the Yarruwala Wiradjuri Cultural Festival that is being hosted with an exclusive Cabaret Ball featuring Wiradjuri fashion, now adapted to go online under COVID-19 restrictions.
- 7. Firesticks Alliance Indigenous Corporation Firesticks Alliance Yuin Nation Regional Hub Short Film Showcase (\$10,000)**
 - The Firesticks Alliance has a series of short videos that document cultural fire land management practises on Yuin country in the Shoalhaven region. This project will fund the coordination to collate and upload the videos for an online exhibition.
- 8. First Hand Solutions Aboriginal Corporation "Blak Markets Live" (\$10,000)**
 - "Blak Markets Live" is a Virtual Market that will support, promote and showcase NSW Aboriginal Artists scheduled for 16th August 2020.
- 9. Gurehgam Corporation Limited E-commerce for Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre (\$9,305)**
 - Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre is a major cultural service provider situated in the remote northern lowlands of Gumbaynggirr nation. The project will build the

capacity of a strong online presence by redesigning the organisation's website to a user-friendly content management system (CMS) and incorporate an e-commerce gallery shop facility.

10. Moogahlin Performing Arts MOOGAHL LIVE (\$10,000)

- MOOGAHL LIVE is a virtual platform for the presentation of First Nations artists from across NSW whose livelihood has been affected by COVID-19 restrictions. The program also offers in-house discussions, reflections, and feedback on programmed works.

11. NSW Aboriginal Culture, Heritage & Arts Association Inc ACHAA Mukurtu Train the Trainers Program (\$9,692)

- ACHAA seeks to engage the Mukurtu Australia Hub at UTS Jumbunna in a Mukurtu Train the Trainers program for 10-12 ACHAA members. Mukurtu is the collection management system designed specifically for First Nations communities that can be customised around their protocols, protecting their knowledge and digital materials for appropriate sharing.

Health & Wellbeing Initiative recipients (13) \$121,157

1. The Red Room Company Ltd MAD Poetry Digital: Online Workshops and Commissions (\$9,900) – (Sydney Metro)

- MAD Poetry Digital will see a series of free online poetry workshops accessible across NSW and delivered by experienced facilitators to four key target groups (mental health consumers, carers/families, affected creatives, allied health) leading to digital publications, plus poetic commissions of NSW writers with lived experience for Mental Health Month 2020.

2. Darlinghurst Theatre Ltd The Luminary Series (\$10,000) – (Sydney Metro)

- The Luminary Series will connect 10 Darlinghurst Theatre Company 2020 Season artists with 10 veteran creatives, nominated by the Actor's Benevolent Fund, to have conversations about resilience, COVID and life in theatre.

3. Ms Lisa Hort Treasured Stories, Poetry and Song – Together We Create (\$8,387) - Regional NSW)

- Delivery of a weekly program over 12 weeks designed for people living with dementia. The program engages with photos of artefacts and historical photos from Port Macquarie Museum's collection. Participants will share their contribution with the international Alzheimer Poet Gary Glazner, who will develop a poem which he recites to the group online every four weeks.

4. Shopfront Arts Co-op Ltd ART NOT APART Bi-weekly digital multi-art classes for Young People (\$10,000) – (Sydney Metro)

- The delivery of bi-weekly multi-art classes delivered digitally, in addition participants will receive a curated pack of art materials to support their exploration of themes, creatively experimenting with visual art-based forms including zine-making and design creation. Each art class will create a safe space to improve mental health and wellbeing for participants aged 8-25 through creative expression and exploration.

5. Urban Theatre Projects Ltd *Radical Accessibility Un-Symposium* (\$10,000) – (Sydney Metro)

- Urban Theatre Projects will deliver the *Radical Accessibility Un-Symposium*, an intersectional conversation responding to the rising 'mainstreaming' of digital arts and cultural programming in the time of COVID-19 and what this means for

accessibility in the Disability Sector, Western Sydney Arts Sector, Cultural Diversity Sector and Regional Arts Sector.

6. **Dr Lorina Barker** Yarning Online On Country (**\$10,000**) – (Regional NSW)
 - Yarning Online On Country project will focus on Aboriginal Elders in Bourke. The project will facilitate yarning between Elders and community using Zoom. Elders will talk about their memories, stories and experiences, passing on their cultural knowledge during the age of COVID-19.
7. **Signal Creative Limited** *Signal Make with Me* (**\$8,970**) – (Sydney Metro)
 - *Signal Make with Me* is a three-episode program of wellness activities delivered digitally by Signal Creative in close consultation with partners Outback Arts, Barnardos West and the Wellington Information Neighbourhood Services. We will support and deliver the video series directly to Women and Youth in Central Western NSW.
8. **Creatives Collective ARI Inc** High Risk - Disabled Artists' Collaboration (**\$10,000**) – (Regional NSW)
 - The development and delivery of works from disabled visual artists and poet/writers collaborating digitally. Works will express the effects of being isolated on artists minds and bodies, who are also deemed high risk in current and future circumstances.
9. **Ms M. Sunflower** Workshops for artists with disabilities: Videos, Podcasts and Virtual Exhibition (**\$10,000**) – (Western Sydney)
 - The delivery of online workshops and subsequent videos, podcasts and virtual exhibition for wide audience distribution produced with and for artists with disabilities. Content will focus on health and wellbeing in the context of life as an artist with disabilities during a global pandemic.
10. **Ms Marion Conrow** *Museum of My Friends #2* – Artists with Disability regarding COVID19 (**\$9,900**) – (Regional NSW)
 - The production and delivery of the exhibition *Museum of My Friends # 2 (MOMF#2)* – an immersive Virtual Reality work with social portraits of artists with disabilities regarding COVID19; capturing the difficulties, neglect, creativity, solutions & inspiration for new paths forward.
11. **Blacktown City Council** *SAY SWEAR: Storytelling through costume making* (**\$10,000**) – (Western Sydney)
 - *SAY SWEAR: Storytelling through costume making* is a series of online workshops led by artists Justine Youssef and Leila El Rayes in partnership with Headspace for culturally diverse LGBTQI young people in the Blacktown area, focusing on ideas of costuming, belonging and relationship to place.
12. **Ms Sarah Houbolt** Website and digital content development (**\$9,000**) - (Sydney Metro)
 - The development of an accessible website to promote myself as an artist and to host audio-described digital content, as well as a disability arts archiving project in the long term that will explore best practice, pathways, solutions, and creativity of the blindness and performance community.
13. **Sydney Krump Community** BLVCKOUT, online Krump platform raising mental and physical health awareness (**\$5,000**) - (Western Sydney)
 - BLVCKOUT is a free online Krump (dance) platform consisting of six modules that focus on mental and physical health awareness through the creativity of online dance designed by local NSW and international Krumpers. The project involves

diverse Krump dancers and is targeted at those who may be at-risk, particularly youth, to express their emotions through a positive, physical outlet.

Regenerate Regional Event Initiative recipients (11) \$110,000

- 1. Griffith City Council *Social DistanSING* Project, solo rehearsal-group performance community celebration (\$10,000) – (Regional NSW)**
 - *Social DistanSING* is a fun, inclusive community project, involving local artists rehearsing a COLLABORATIVE dance/song/theatre/circus performance -from the safety of their individual homes. Performers will use digital media to connect and rehearse, preparing for a COMING OUT concert and community celebration at Griffith Regional Theatre.
- 2. Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance Aboriginal Corporation *Made Deadly* - live on the Saltwater Freshwater Coast (\$10,000) – (Regional NSW)**
 - Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance (SWFW) will partner with music development organisation Grow the Music (GTM) to deliver a one-day mini music event showcasing our 'Made Deadly' finalists from 2018 and 2019 and providing the opportunity for an open-mic session for Aboriginal performers.
- 3. Renew Initiatives Australia Ltd *Crown St Mall Takeover* (\$10,000) – (Regional NSW)**
 - The 'Crown St Mall Takeover' is a music and arts pop-up series that will see Illawarra's established and emerging artists perform in the CBD. The project will create paid employment for up to 60 individual creative industry workers and practitioners over a 6-week period post COVID-19 restrictions.
- 4. Arts Northern Rivers Inc *Northern Rivers Creative - Music Spotlight* (\$10,000) – (Regional NSW)**
 - A showcase and professional development project for emerging and early career musicians in the Northern Rivers. The project provides a platform for regional musicians to be seen and their work developed through professional development and mentoring opportunities provided by industry professionals in the region.
- 5. City of Newcastle *ICYMI... an evening of live local performance* (\$10,000) – (Regional NSW)**
 - ICYMI is a night of live performance celebrating eased restrictions on public gatherings. It will involve the presentation of newly commissioned work from Catapult Choreographic Hub, Flipside, Catapult's youth ensemble, performative interventions from Tantrum and young local bands curated by Softy's Clubhouse.
- 6. Candelo Arts Society Inc *Candelo Village Festival - "Celebrate Regenerate Create"* (\$10,000) – (Regional NSW)**
 - The development and deliver of 'Candelo Village Festival' for 2021 with a strong focus on rebuilding community and celebrating resilience. The program features individual and collaborative works from local artists across multiple disciplines, employing local technicians and artisans.
- 7. Yuin Folk Club Inc *Music for our Times* - together through music. (\$10,000) – (Regional, NSW)**
 - *Music for our Times* brings together seasoned songwriters and performers from the Far South Coast to work with emerging young musicians to create a series of new works for presentation at the next Cobargo Folk Festival, other small festivals and at local and regional small halls.

- 8. Flying Fruit Fly Foundation** Borderville - a celebration of cultural resilience in Albury-Wodonga **(\$10,000)** – (Regional NSW)

 - Flying Fruit Fly Circus will present Borderville 2020, celebrating the resilience of our cultural community with a festival over two weekends presenting circus from artists of all ages, music, theatre and art.
- 9. The Moxy Collective (auspiced by Arts Northern Rivers)** 'She-Rated Cabaret'- On the Road **(\$10,000)** – (Regional NSW)

 - 'She-Rated' will deliver touring and community workshops, taking an established women's cabaret event on the road to three local venues. It employs 12 regional, female artists to re-engage with their community.
- 10. Southern Tablelands Arts Inc** Virtual to Actual Performance Poetry **(\$10,000)** – (Regional NSW)

 - The Virtual to Actual Performance Poetry project will deliver performance, professional development and youth opportunities in the Southern Tablelands and Eastern Riverina Area. Working with an established performance poet and two emerging poets, two groups of up to 24 young poets will be commissioned to create new work.
- 11. Mid-Western Regional Council** *Fermenta*, a festival of fermentation, performance and local creativity **(\$10,000)** – (Regional NSW)

 - *Fermenta* will take place as a day-long festival of fermentation and community celebration. This program employs local and regional artists and fermenters to celebrate the uniqueness of fermentation and the Kandos-Rylstone townships. A live program with something for everyone – from workshops, music and performance, to fermented food + beverages, and street festival.