

The Tree of Ecstasy and Unbearable Sadness – Premiere Public Exhibition

Recipient: The Child Writes Fund Ltd

Funded Amount: \$5,000

Location: Toowoomba City, QLD, 4350

"The Tree of Ecstasy and Unbearable Sadness," is a public exhibition of over 70 original artworks portraying a poignant journey through psychosis. The exhibition includes the first-ever display of the complete set of artworks and serves as a platform for Matt Ottley to share personal experiences with complex mental illness. The premiere and public programming will include a film screening, Q&A sessions, book signings and tailored floor talks. The premiere public exhibition will raise awareness about mental health through a multi-faceted and immersive experience.

Tiffany Grace attending the 2024 CMAA Senior Academy of Country Music

Recipient: Tiffany Grace

Funded Amount: \$2,450

Location: Pleystowe, QLD, 4741

Through this professional development course at CMAA Senior Academy of Country Music, Tiffany Grace will learn from the professional musicians and songwriters, perform around Tamworth, and building her networks and stage confidence. Tiffany will receive valuable upskilling in musical theory, production and branding as an artist through social media.

Rhythms of the Outback: Illuminating the Skies

Recipient: Flinders Shire Council

Funded Amount: \$3,570

Location: Hughenden, QLD, 4821

"Rhythms of the Outback: Illuminating the Skies" will see drumming facilitator, Alex Salvador, host a number of drumming workshops and circles within the Festival of Outback Skies event program. Beyond entertainment, the event serves as a platform for community engagement, providing attendees with opportunities to enhance their artistic skills, appreciate the local culture, and forge lasting connections. With the community's new learnt skills, a drumming element will be added to community lantern parade at the Hughenden Recreational Lake.

Touring of the 'Echo of the Past' exhibition

Recipient: Mission Beach Historical Society Inc.

Funded Amount: \$4,999.01

Location: Bingil Bay, QLD, 4852

In 2024, the Mission Beach Historical Society (MBHS) will tour its inaugural exhibition 'Echo of the Past - Historical photographs from Mission Beach, 1890s - 1950s' outside the Cassowary Coast. The exhibition will travel to the Atherton Library and to the Bwgcolman Indigenous Knowledge Centre on Palm Island.

Mentorship by Pauline Maudy

Recipient: Innessa Hook

Funded Amount: \$3,000

Location: Peachester, QLD, 4519

After releasing the long awaited album 'Golden Wreath' supported by a number of local sold-out shows, Innessa Hook will continue to build momentum by planing a national tour for mid-2024. In order to do this Innessa will complete an intensive mentoring process with National Award Winning artist Pauline Maudy with a focus on strategic planning, goals, partnerships, and step-by-step actions.

Pomona Songwriters in the Round

Recipient: Pomona & District Community House Inc.

Funded Amount: \$5,000

Location: Pomona, QLD, 4568

The Songwriter in the Round project is a very special evening of songs and stories, intentionally created to continue building community connection, resilience, and career development for a region in flood disaster recovery. This project will see the Pomona Music Collective utilise and promote the Pomona Memorial School of the Arts Hall as a local, live music venue.

Ev & Bow Scholarship

Recipient: Holly Moore

Funded Amount: \$2,800

Location: Emerald, QLD, 4720

Holly Moore has been awarded a scholarship for a 1 week full-time dance course with the internationally recognised dance company "Eb & Bow". Holly will travel to Sydney in February 2024 to participate in the course.