

**VISION:** Arts and culture are at the heart of community life in South East NSW

**MISSION:** South East Arts connects, creates & celebrates regional culture as vital to community and economic development

South East Arts is the regional arts development organisation covering the council areas of Bega Valley, Eurobodalla and Snowy Monaro. We support arts and culture throughout the region working across visual arts, theatre, music, dance, screen and heritage. Our projects connect with individual artists, arts organisations, communities and audiences.

## ABORIGINAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT

We proudly support Aboriginal artists in our region to connect with audiences, build their artistic practice and develop their arts business skills. In 2019 we brought ArtsLaw to the region in August to deliver workshops to artists in Moruya and Eden, while five Aboriginal artists from NSW took part in a Virtual and Augmented Reality creative lab in December.

### Twofold Partnership

We have partnered with Twofold Aboriginal Corporation to present a biennial Gilyong Festival – the only all Aboriginal arts and cultural festival in the region – as well as support the development of Jigamy as a peak Indigenous cultural tourism destination. In November we supported the 40th Anniversary celebration of Twofold Aboriginal Corporation through the production of mini-documentary on the history of the organisation and supported a public concert.

### Wallaga Lake Koori Village

South East Arts has worked for many years with the community from Wallaga Lake Koori Village to support music and multi-arts skills. In April we presented the fourth Grow the Music residency and concert at the community centre, featuring young local performers and visiting guest artists, with 300 audience attending.

### Bundian Way Gallery

For the last six years South East Arts has curated exhibitions for the Bundian Way Gallery in Delegate, promoting the work of Aboriginal visual artists from the region and beyond. In 2019 the exhibitions featured prints by Cheryl Davison, arts and craft by Jandemarra Wall and work from a number of Mogo artists.

## DIGITAL MARKETING

eNEWS SUBS: 1,324 WEBSITE VISITS: 15,097

FACEBOOK LIKERS: 4,062 FACEBOOK REACH: 166, 242

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS: 1,908

TWITTER FOLLOWERS: 556

## AUDIENCE, PARTICIPANTS & ARTISTS

AUDIENCE - 3,720 @ 35 performances, exhibitions or concerts

PARTICIPANTS - 454 participants in 23 skills development, workshops or creative developments

ARTISTS EMPLOYED: 36

### Arts and Health

In 2019 our main activity in Arts and Health was Project 8 supported by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation. 60 young people across the Bega Valley participated in creative skills development workshops delivered in Bermagui, Bega, Bournda, Merimbula and Eden. The workshops integrated music, video, dance and spoken word, all led by local professional artists. All workshops were documented to help create a highlight music video showcasing the talents of young people and promoting messages of harm minimisation and looking after your mates.

### Children's Theatre Tour

*You'll Never Guess Where I Hid the Cheese* is a children's musical comedy show that toured the region in October. With support from Arts on Tour, the show was presented at Moruya, Bermagui, Candelo, Dalgety and Cooma with total of 146 audience attending.

### Bega Big Groove

We continue a productive partnership with Stonewave Taiko to assist in presenting this unique group in the region and beyond. In May, Stonewave Taiko performed a concert at Moruya as part of the River of Art Festival and in October presented the second *Bega Big Groove* at the Bega Civic Centre. The show is a fusion of music and dance styles, featuring local community groups and professional performers.

### Village Radio

In partnership with the Candelo Village Festival, this live music video project featured original songs by local musicians Ben Fowler, Michael Menager and Anactoria (Tamiyn Magee), as well as spoken word performance by Sassi Nuyum (Meaghan Holt). The music videos are featured on our YouTube channel, along with other video content created through our various projects.

### Country Arts Support Program (CASP)

A diverse range of projects were supported in 2019 throughout the region with CASP funding totalling \$17.5K. Projects included Pambula Wetlands - Ephemeral Festival, Cooma Little Theatre - youth music workshops, Fling - Black Dog project, Eurobodalla Shire - Beat Garden project and Stonewave Taiko - drumming workshops.



# SOUTH EAST ARTS

## ANNUAL REPORT 2019



**CONNECT  
CREATE  
CELEBRATE**

### CLIENT SERVICE DELIVERY

One of South East Arts' key roles in the region is to support artists, communities and local government in developing arts and culture. This role takes on many forms, from arts business and marketing training, to professional skills development.

Our communication and promotion of arts events and news helps to build audiences and profile the work of individual artists and organisations. In addition, South East Arts provides advice to local, state and federal government peak bodies, creating a valuable link between government and the community.

### FINANCIAL

In 2019 South East Arts finished the year in a strong financial position.

Total Income - \$431,736

Total Expenditure - \$422,474

Total Equity - \$78,662

### STAFF

In 2019, the dynamic and experienced team of South East Arts comprised:  
 Andrew Gray - Executive Director, Kate Howarth - Communications Officer & Screen Industry Officer, Avi Amesbury - Finance & Administration Officer, Jasmin Williams - Aboriginal Creative & Cultural Engagement Officer.

### GOVERNANCE

South East Arts is governed by a volunteer board of management, made up of three council representatives and seven skills-based members. At the May 2019 AGM the new executive team comprised Helen O'Neill (Chair), Bruce Carmichael (Deputy Chair), Lisa Mathes (Treasurer) and Sue Haslingden (Secretary). New board members included Pete Wild, Isabel Darling, Pip Ryan and Di Riley, joining existing members Lindsay Brown and Cathy Giff. Departing members included Rose Lyons and Shanna Provost.

Cover Image - Veronica Valdemara from Far South Flamenco and Graham Higdon from YulkOn perform at Bega Big Grove. Image: Lee Chittick

Cayce Hill leads young dancers as part of Project 8 workshops. Image: Scott Baker

Garda-based musician Anactora (Tamlyn Magee) creating one the Village Radio live music videos at Kamaruka Hall. Image: Andrew Gray

(l to r) Nicole Monks, April Phillips, Warren Foster Jnr and Travis De Vries explore virtual reality as part of the Aboriginal VR/AR Creative Lab workshop. Image: Michael Bjeld

South East Arts  
 (NSW) Inc  
 PO BOX 527  
 BEGA NSW 2550  
 PH 02 6452 0711  
 southarts.org.au  
 ABN 91 633 041 645



All donations of \$2 or more to the South East Arts Public Innovation Fund are tax deductible.

**Supported by:**



Indigenous Languages and Arts



Stronger together. Better together.

