



STA undertook to inject stimulus funding from the NSW Government through Create NSW into our local creative economies. We delivered a range of positive high impact programs designed to create lasting legacy across our region (detailed on the other side of this print out & online).

Restart

In 2021 proved a popular and effective way for our members and communities to interact directly with STA through regular staffed offices in each of our six LGAs. The program also supports strengthened connection with six partner host organisations. STA Mobile Office locations are reviewed annually. If your venue would like to host a STA Mobile Office in the future, get in touch.



STA Mobile Office

Detailed 2021 financial report & information is available at the STA website.

over the year... (Read the full report at our website)

The 2021 year started with a rebound from COVID. We were all hopeful that the worst of it was over. Australia was relatively COVID free and there was hope that life could return to normal. Our optimism was short lived when we returned to lockdown conditions in June 2021. The arts sector was once again hit hard yet continued to show resilience and adaptability.

Rose Marin and her team worked incredibly hard to provide support to the creatives in our regions. New projects, new grants, smart ideas and tireless efforts, the Board are incredibly proud of what has been achieved over the year... (Read the full report at our website)

TREASURER'S REPORT Joanne McCauley



This printed component of the STA Annual Report 2021 works in conjunction with online content at the STA website.

STA works with our members, makers & creative communities, energising, connecting and supporting the living culture of the Southern Highlands & Tablelands of NSW through a program of activities and events. We support, create, educate and advocate for the arts in the region.

Our contributing councils are Goulburn Mulwaree, Hilltops, Upper Lachlan Shire, Wingecarribee Shire, Wollondilly Shire and Yass Valley. Queanbeyan Palerang Council is currently non-contributing. STA is part of the state wide network Regional Arts Development Organisations supported by Create NSW.

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the traditional custodians of the lands where we create, live & work.

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

- Maintaining a vigilant awareness of the global environmental emergency to bring into every day practice ways to build environmental sustainability into every executive decision, every interaction with stakeholders, communities and creatives.
- Building capacity among cultural sector practitioners and organisations for professional and volunteer-led arts organisations towards their own sustainability, the delivery of quality artistic programming, audience development and financial sustainability.
- Maintaining emphasis on supporting key projects and partnerships between community stakeholders in the delivery of strategic programs.
- Reviewing and implementing robust governance practices based on continuous improvement.
- Emphasis on activities that provide greater opportunities to generate revenue.



Cover image: Jodie Monday *One Nation, Many People* 2021 (detail)
This work was commissioned from the Artist for use as the First Nations Acknowledgment that welcomes all visitors to the STA website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Susan Brindle

.... (Read the full report at our website)

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2021 was a year of contrasts, a year where STA and our communities restarted many programs and events with optimism and a sense of hope only to have the pandemic continue throughout the year. A roller coaster of global proportions that no doubt we will look back on with a sense of confusing frustration. There were however still many positive outcomes, and the STA team achieved an amazing array of projects not least of which a suite of RESTART initiatives that injected nearly \$200k into the local creative economy.

STA administered over \$75k through the STA Micro Grants and Top Spots programs to support our creative sector get through a very tough year. STA continued our critical support to the creative communities providing advice, online engagement and connection.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Rose Marin



The year has seen STA responding to the worldwide challenge of the continuing pandemic, supporting the artistic efforts of individual members of the creative industries whose past livelihoods have not yet recovered, consolidating newer ways of working remotely and continuing to reach out to our geographic communities through the hugely successful Mobile Office initiative.

Some of our regions have been the recipients of generous NSW Government funding resulting in major cultural infrastructure projects now opening: Ngunnigula Southern Highlands Regional Gallery in Bowral, The Creative Precinct additions to Hume Conservatorium, GPAC Goulburn Performing Arts Centre and other smaller projects are already enriching communities through contemporary creative programs, entertainment, motivation and professional opportunities for creative practitioners in the STA region... (Read the full report at our website)



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STA kids

Our online portal for creative families now boasts more than 20 artist-led making activities and a growing list of creative opportunities for children and families. Including a partnership with Goulburn Regional Art Gallery's After School Art Class. STA also hosted workshops across the region in partnership with Library's and community groups such as the Hilltops Youth Action Group, Goulburn Youth Council, Retford Park and the Vocal Muster.



STA Creative Directory

A major feature of our website the STA Creative Directory in 2021 grew into a significant listing of creative practitioners across our six local government regions.



STA Papparazzi

Formed in 2021 the STA Papparazzi are a group of enthusiastic volunteers that were trained by Hamish Temè. The group cover arts and cultural events across the STA region. STA curated and displayed *The Captured Moment* exhibition of images by the group at MENTAL Gallery in Bowral. Community organisations can request an STA Papparazzi to capture and promote arts events and programs.

Streets R Shared

STA in partnership with Upper Lachlan Council delivered an ambitious and innovative program of public artworks in Taralga.

Waste to Art workshops in Wollondilly

100% Homegrown showcase at Bowral Bowling Club

Creative workshop participants at Goulburn Historic Waterworks Museum

100% Home Grown Artist of the Month
A partnership with Highland FM, MusicNSW and Southern Highland News features a local musical act every month with a live showcase gig every quarter at Bowral Bowling Club.



Selected Programs

Visit the website for more



Restart Funding

STA received \$188k Rescue and Restart stimulus funding from the NSW Government through Create NSW. Programs delivered provided financial benefit to creative practitioners and cultural organisations producing a lasting legacy of content, resources and projects.



STA Kids Activity created with Hilltops Youth Action Group



Heidi McGeoch Taralga 2021 Installed in Taralga



STA Artist in Residence Sally Kidall in Murrumbateman



Creative South

Creative South gives locals and visitors a dynamic and engaging tool to uncover the hidden cultural treasures of the South. The website brings to life the vast and vibrant creativity of South Eastern NSW. Creative South is a joint project between Southern Tableland Arts and South East Arts, funded through Create NSW's RESTART initiative with the aim of building cultural tourism.



The STA Artist in Residence Program

In 2021 STA commenced the STA AiR program with funding from Create NSW. The project offered five residencies in partnership with five venues. 129 Submissions were received from across Australia resulting in six Artists working across five partner venues in all of our LGAs. The first residency was delivered in Yass Valley in December 2021 with the first iteration of the project set to be completed by August 2022.



Waste to Art Exhibition & Competition

An exhibition of works created from materials that might otherwise go to landfill and part of Illuminate Wollondilly. The exhibition invites us to think differently about waste, litter and over consumption through creative thinking. Two workshops were also held prior to the exhibition.



STA Micro Grants

Just under \$49k in micro grants to creative practitioners and community organisations to undertake cultural projects in 2021. An efficient way to support practitioners and community groups funding a wide range of projects. See the full list of recipients at the STA website.



Top Spots

Funding for community led events featuring an electric range of performances, exhibitions, artisan markets, workshops, poetry readings and more. Designed to restart and activate community spaces, each Top Spots event features locally determined community arts and cultural programs that now form the ongoing Tops Spots Festival.



Champions of Change

Working with internationally acclaimed filmmaker Brian Rapsey STA delivered a series of filmmaking workshops to create a short environmental documentary about local citizen scientists working to improve our environment. Champions of Change Film Festival screenings will happen in mid 2022.