



COOKTOWN & CAPE YORK
EXPO 2021
The Rising Tide

11-20 June 2021



Cape York and Torres Strait Islands

Regional Arts Showcase

ARTIST'S INFORMATION

You are invited

Cook Shire Council and Regional Arts Services Network Cape York and Torres Strait Islands Region would like to extend an invite to Cape York and Torres Strait Islands artists to apply for a place at the Cape York and Torres Strait Islands Arts Showcase at Cooktown and Cape York Expo 2021.

Vision

Forty Cape York and Torres Strait Islands' emerging artists have the confidence, skills and support to promote and develop their talents towards becoming professional artists.

The Cape York and Torres Strait Islands Arts Showcase 9 - 13 June 2021

The Cape York and Torres Strait Islands Arts Showcase is a major component of the Cooktown and Cape York Expo 2021 event and will be supported and delivered by the Cape York and Torres Straits Islands Regional Arts Services Network.

The showcase will:

- Facilitate mentorships, skills and career development workshops for Cape York and Torres Strait Islander new and emerging artists
- Invite key industry professionals across genres to meet and work with the artists
- Support 40 musicians, contemporary and traditional dancers, comedians and visual artists to showcase their unique talents and culture during the Reconciliation Rocks Festival

Cooktown and Cape York Expo 2021

Cooktown and Cape York Expo 2021 will be a celebration and a catalyst for regional economic renewal, highlighting Far North Queensland and Cape York's unique history, culture, visual art, performing arts, agriculture, tourism, indigenous and non-indigenous business. The 2021 event continues the 2020 theme, built around the first recorded act of reconciliation between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians, focusing on the historical heritage to inspire, challenge and educate.

Dates:

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| • 10-11 June | Arts Workshops |
| • 11-13 June | Reconciliation Rocks Music Festival |
| • 12 June | 'Nguumbar Nhaama' Gallery Opening |
| • 14-17 June | Cape York Business Expo |
| • 18-20 June | Cooktown Discovery Festival |



Further details

The Reconciliation Rocks Festival 11-13 June 2021

Throughout the first weekend of the Cooktown and Cape York Expo 2021, we will focus on the themes, songs, dances and painting which highlight Indigenous history, culture, talents, businesses and foods throughout Cape York.

Musicians, bands, contemporary and traditional dancers, comedians and visual creative artists will be showcasing their unique talents and culture during the Reconciliation Rocks Festival and 'Ngutha Ngutha, Back in Time Showcase Village' on this weekend.

Cape York and Torres Strait Islands Arts Showcase Program

This program will offer 40 artists' professional development opportunities through workshops, exhibitions and performance:

All successful artists will attend workshops on:

- Arts business
- Pitching
- Skills development

Artists can choose to attend workshops focused on the following industry streams:

- Music
- Dance
- Visual Art
- Performance

1. Performing artists will be programmed to perform at the Reconciliation Rocks Festival. They will use their newly developed pitch during their performance.
2. Visual artists' artworks will be part of a pop-up gallery exhibition open from 12 June. Artists will give their pitch at the opening event at 6.00pm on 12 June 2021.
3. This program will pay each artist;
 - an artist's fee (NAVA basic rates)
 - provide accommodation if needed 9 -12 June
 - pay per diems for travel and attendance days
4. Industry professionals have been invited to this event and will be in the audience. They have come to view new and emerging talent and may offer you further opportunities. e.g. mentoring, skill development, recording opportunities, other performances and media exposure, exhibitions, festivals, events and/or galleries etc.
5. Artists will have the opportunity to meet the industry professionals at a meet and greet on Sunday morning.



The Showcase will be presented at the following times:

Artists' Professional Development Workshops	Thursday 10 and Friday 11 June
'Nguumbar Nhaama' Gallery Opening	6.00pm Saturday 12 June
Gallery Opening hours	10.00m-5.00pm Saturday 12 June and Sunday 13 June
Performances	12.00pm -5.00pm Friday 11 June 2.00pm - 4.00pm Saturday 12 June 12.00pm - 4.00pm Sunday 13 June
Breakfast - Artists Meet and Greet	8:30am - 10:00am Sunday 13 June

Workshop content and timeframes:

Workshops will be presented at the following times; (content of workshop may change).

Thursday 10 June 2021	
Arts Business - Visual Artists	9.00am – 1.00pm
Pitching Workshop – Performing Artists	9.00am – 1.00pm
Pitching Workshop – Visual Artists	2.00pm – 6.00pm
Arts Business - Performing Artists	2.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday 11 June 2021	
Skills workshop – Curating an exhibition	9.00am – 1.00pm
Skills workshop – Stage production, lighting and sound	9.00am – 1.00pm
Skills workshop – Honing your Performance	9.00am – 1.00pm

