



MEDIA RELEASE - GUNNING ARTS FESTIVAL 2021

THE SHOW WILL GO ON!

Due to the risk posed by COVID-19 in our regional communities the Festival is going online again this year.

The Festival is scheduled to be held on October 30 and 31 this year, with events hosted on the website gunningartsfestival.com.

BJCE Australia, which owns Gullen Range Wind Farm, Gullen Solar Farm and Biala Wind Farm, are Gold Sponsors of the Gunning Arts Festival. Ian Lawrence from BJCE Australia said "We are proud to support local creatives and audiences through the Gunning Arts Festival as once again they demonstrate community spirit and resilience and transition to online."

Last year, the Festival produced a popular and varied online program of performances. GAF Patron Max Cullen said, 'The committee is building on the experience gained last year, and this year there will be a number of events that people can participate in. Don't miss it.'

The popular online Art Exhibition sponsored by Derivan is back and everyone can vote for their favourite artwork in the People's Choice Award.

You are invited to join Dr Elizabeth Cameron Dalman OAM, the mother of contemporary dance in Australia, for a virtual lunch, and to be uplifted by her presentation about her work creating dance in Nature.

There will be two interactive live Zoom art and craft workshops. Participants will be sent everything they need for the workshop beforehand and then can create their work of art in a Zoom group with live feedback from tutors.

Gunning Arts Festival has initiated a very successful SnapWrite Facebook group, where locals post picture stories that capture living in our beautiful region. A highlight sample of these will be selected and made available on the Gunning Arts Festival website.

Professional audio recordings of selected FlashWrite stories will be available.

Further information on the full schedule of events as the Festival weekend approaches on the festival website:

<https://www.gunningartsfestival.com/>

The Gunning Arts Festival project has received a grant from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal via its Tackling Tough Times Together program. The Festival is proudly sponsored by Bailey's Garage, BJCE Australia, Upper Lachlan Foundation, and the Upper Lachlan Shire Council.

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