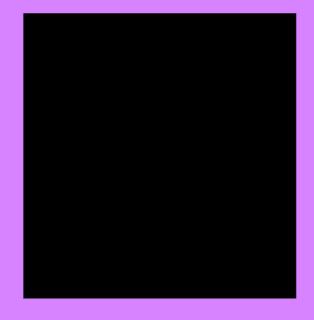
# Watchtis SPACE



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#### A B O U T W T S

Watch This Space is an Artist Run Initiative (ARI) operating since 1993 in Mparntwe/Alice Springs. It is the only contemporary art space in Central Australia within a 1,500 km radius. With a focus on experimental and multi-disciplinary art, WTS supports local, national and international artists, both emerging and established. We give artists an accessible platform to develop within a constructive critical environment.

WTS aims to create and support a dynamic, artistic and sustainable community in Mparntwe/Alice Springs, supporting contemporary art practices that challenge and inspire. Artists intersect and share direct experience of all aspects of presenting and exhibiting whilst maintaining control over the entire creative process.

Our Annual Creative Program consists of exhibitions and presentations through an onsite gallery space and studios, Travelling Artist Residencies, offsite projects, collaborations and special events.

#### HISTORY

The idea for WTS was seeded in 1991 as a response to the lack of contemporary arts activity in Alice Springs and was initiated by five artists; Pam Lofts, Anne Mosey, Jan Mackay, Angela Gee and Pip McManus. WTS became established as an ARI in 1993. The first charter of Watch This Space stated that it was essential that it be artist run so it could maintain its independence from commercial galleries.

The first charter included the following objectives:

- 1. To provide a forum for artists wanting critical dialogue on works in progress and resolved works
- 2. To be a venue for emerging and professional artists as it was a non- commercial Space with no pressure to sell.
- 3. To be an exchange between artists around Australia and internationally with 50% local and 50% visiting artists.
- 4. A strong emphasis on collaborations between artists and all media.



#### OUR MISSION

#### WE ARE AN ARTIST RUN INITIATIVE

The only contemporary experimental art space in Central Australia, Watch This Space (WTS) has played a critical role in the creative ecology of Mparntwe/Alice Springs over the past 25 years. It is a catalyst and conduit for conversations and experiments in the always-evolving languages of art. It supports contemporary art dialogue in the region both inside and outside a gallery space, encouraging, nurturing and promoting Central Australian and visiting artists. It is an ARI hub where studio artists and exhibiting artists intersect, housing a diversity of creative practices.

#### WE DO THIS BY

CREATING opportunities for local artists work to be discovered and made visible through hosting contemporary art exhibitions.

PROVIDING opportunities for local, interstate and international artists to enrich the artistic and cultural life of Alice Springs through the delivery of high quality contemporary art activities.

FOSTERING an inclusive creative community of artists who share skills and experiences with each other by accessing the onsite gallery and studio space.

OFFERING professional development opportunities for artists including artistic/cultural collaborations and skills development.

NURTURING the full breadth of contemporary art activities including multidisciplinary art forms, new media and installation works.

# OUR ANNUAL CREATIVE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF (BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO)

On- and off-site exhibitions for contemporary artists and curators; local, interstate and international.

Our Travelling Artist Residency for 'out-of-town' artists: a one-month residency in our on-site reserved studio space with the opportunity to exhibit work at the end of the month.

Consistent support to our 5-7 Studio Artists, as well as all other artists involved with the space.

The opportunity for artists to work alongside local community artists, both holding and participating in workshops, artist talks and special events.

Access to our outdoor venue, JBird's Place, for community events.

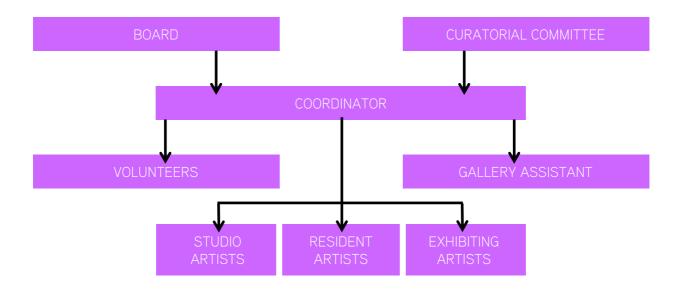
The Lofty Annual Art Awards: awarded to a local artist for high endeavour in the arts in Central Australia. Named in honour of Pam Lofts.

#### ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

WTS is a Not-For-Profit, DGR registered organisation with a Board membership base. We – along with the general public – elect our Board of Management and Curatorial Committee. We employ a part-time Coordinator and, on occasion, a casual Gallery Assistant.

#### **BOARD & CURATORIAL COMMITTEE**

WTS has always had a strong, skilled Board and Curatorial Committee. All members have strategic and creative input as well as holding a hands-on approach to programming, openings and events. The Board focuses on making operational decisions where, in 2018, they met on a six-week basis to assess the financial, operational and creative status of the space and make strategic decisions. In 2018, the Curatorial Committee expanded from three to five members to accommodate the increase in applications for the 2019 Creative Program. The Coordinator chaired meetings where they reviewed the exhibition and residency applications with great enthusiasm and professionalism, resulting in a strong and exciting Creative Program for 2019.



WTS would like to thank Hollie Lunan who was part of the Board from 2017 to mid-2018. Hollie contributed to the space with her professional and creative skills, support and passion and for that we are dearly grateful.

#### BOARD // EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**CHAIR** 

FRANKIE SNOWDON

Originally from Alice Springs, Frankie's practice as a dance artist spans performance, choreography, teaching, community based work and large scale dance projects. Frankie has a large involvement in teaching and dance development, most notably founding the Alice Can Dance performance education program in Alice Springs. Frankie is an alumnus of the 2017 Australia Council Future Leader's Program. returning to Central Australia, Frankie and long time artistic partner Madeleine Krenek have created and presented two works *The* full-length Perception Experiment (2017) and The Lost Dance Project(2018), alongside teams of national collaborators. The Perception Experiment will tour nationally and internationally in 2019 and 2020. In 2018. Madeleine and Frankie // launched GUTS Dance Central Australia: new Alice а Springs/Mparntwe-based contemporary organisation for dance investigation. creation. training and performance.

## SECRETARY LAUREN RAVI

Lauren Ravi is a multidisciplinary artist, curator and cultural materials conservator currently living in Alice Springs. Lauren's art practice and curatorial projects are very much informed by her conservation practice and theory. Since completing an undergraduate degree in Visual Arts at the University of Western Australia in 2011, and a Masters in Cultural Materials Conservation at The University of Melbourne in 2014, Lauren has participated in and curated solo and group exhibitions between Perth. Melbourne and Alice Springs.

**TREASURER** 

JANET WRIGHT

Janet Wright is the CEO for ASYASS who works with young people in crisis who are homeless or who are at risk of homelessness. She has lived in the NT for 23 years, living in Alice Springs, Adelaide, Ampilatwatja, and several other remote NT Communities and Darwin. Janet has qualifications in Business, Social Service, Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Governance. She currently sits on the Board of WTS, Disability Advocacy Service (DAS), NT Shelter and the Life Promotion Network. She volunteers for Red Cross, the Food Bank in Alice Springs and the Salvation Army.

#### BOARD // GENERAL MEMBERS

#### **BETH SOMETIMES**

Beth's work broadly concerns settler colonialism, language rights, and value economies. Her creative practice spans social practice, sculpture, drawing, photography, sound and performance. She has been involved in multiple exhibitions, performances, installations and recording projects in addition to publishing comics and writing. A formative experience was employment with social change company Big hART, where Beth was involved with Ngapartii Ngapartii (2005-2011) as workshop facilitator. interpreter. community producer, musician and choir co-ordinator. In 2016 Beth initiated and produced Apmere angkentye-kenhe with local Arrernte people and WTS, an artistled social project exploring language, power and place. In March 2018, Beth completed an MFA by research through Victorian College of the Arts. Beth works as an interpreter, translator and facilitator across a range of language and power-conscious projects including NPY Women's Councils Uti Kulintjaku, as well as co-teaching Pitjantjatjara. Beth was the gallery co-ordinator of WTS in 2011 and has been a part of the board 2016-18 and curatorial committee in 2018-19. Beth embraces artistic practices as vital methods by which to build and shape communities, construct and challenge identities and reconfigure social imaginaries.

#### BRENDAN PHELAN

Brendan Phelan is a doctor at Alice Springs Hospital. Before medicine he worked as an editor and reporter for newspapers, magazines and websites in Australia and the UK, and as an ABC radio presenter. He was a founding director of the artist-run space Lanfranchi's Memorial Discotheque in Sydney.

#### JOSHUA DAVIS

Joshua is an Alice Springs based creative that works predominantly in film. For the past eight years he has worked within the Indigenous media sector, the last five as a producer for Indigenous Community Television (ICTV). The most recent ICTV project, OUR BEDTIME STORIES, consists of 20 cultural stories for kids all told by traditional owners in Indigenous languages. The series was produced in remote Indigenous communities across Australia - with episodes filmed in Alice Springs, Ti Tree, Wingellina, Warburton, Halls Creek and Maningrida. OUR BEDTIME STORIES premiered at the WINDA Film Festival in Sydney 2018 and has been funded for a second season of production through the Australian Government IL&A program. Outside of his role producing content at ICTV, Joshua assists remote Indigenous media organisations secure funding for film projects and media training. Joshua has a passion for storytelling, soda climbing mountains water. and collaboration.

#### **EVA STRAULINO**

Eva studied Art Therapy/Art Education in Germany (Batchelor of Arts with Honours) and worked as freelance artist until she emigrated to Australia in 2000. Since living in Australua she has worked in the fields of education and training, the arts and community services. "I joined the WTS Board in 2018 and enjoy being involved in a hands on way with this innovative gallery and art space." Eva recently started to revive her own art practice in painting and drawing.

#### CURATORIAL COMMITTEE

JASMINE CREA

With a career of over 15 years spanning the arts, design and community development sectors, Jasmine is highly experienced in the coordination and delivery of successful projects and programs. She has initiated, designed and implemented many of these in the Northern Territory, in cross-cultural contexts, adopting a strengths-based approach with public and private clients, organisations and co-staff. Jasmine has collaborated with artists, community members and their children to produce multi-lingual. educational effective. and creative products resources including books, films, audio bites, animations, fibre art and textiles. She combines research and analytical skills with design and development methodology to achieve innovative. adaptive solutions that respond to complex needs. Jasmine has lived in Alice Springs for a decade and has been a member of the WTS curatorial committee since 2016.

PIP MCMANUS

Pip McManus is a founding member of Watch This Space, and participated in numerous solo and group exhibitions around Australia. Her work is represented in national collections. Her video work (Ichor) was awarded the 2008 Alice Prize and (Night Vessel) was selected in 2014 for the international Taiwan Ceramics Biennale. Pip McManus works in mixed media and undertakes regular public art commissions. She sits on a number of arts related reference groups and assessment panels.

BETH SOMETIMES (See bio in Board Members)

LAUREN RAVI
(See bio in Executive Committee)

#### HANNAH EKIN

Hannah is an artist and geographer who lives between Alice Springs, NT and Jakarta, Indonesia. Her work deals with the politics and poetics of land use. involving extended periods of research into specific social, environmental, and political contexts. She first came to Alice Springs as a Watch This Space artist in residence, and has continued her involvement with WTS more recently as a studio artist and as a curator of the Writing On The Wall noticeboard for ideas and works in progress, a permanent installation on the verge of the Watch This Space courtyard. Hannah is currently in Jakarta preparing for an upcoming group exhibition at the Jakarta History Museum of her ongoing project Ziarah Utara/Bring Memory for Future, a collaborative project led by 4 artists exploring the politics of the settlement and transformation of Jakarta bay.

#### STAFF

COORDINATOR

ZOYA GODOROJA-PRIECKAERTS

Zova is an artist and arts worker based in Mparntwe/Alice Springs. With a practice driven by drawing, Zoya primarily works in areas of painting, works on paper, printmaking, soft sculpture and installation. Underpinning her work is a concern with emotion and its capacity to facilitate introspection and change. Informed by personal and collective experiences, she confronts social issues surrounding women and mental health, hoping to create intimate anti-patriarchal acts that stimulate contemplation and reflection within both the viewer and herself. Before moving to Mparntwe/Alice Springs, Zoya lived between Berlin, Sydney and Alice, working in the art industry in various positions. As an arts worker, Zoya is dedicated to supporting artists and their practices, believing strongly in the importance of art for cultural and social development experimental and community art playing a major role in this process.

## GALLERY ASSISTANT MIMI CATTERNS

Mimi Catterns is a multi-disciplinary artist working across film, television, documentary and community arts. Mimi graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Production) from The Victorian College of the Arts (VCA) in 2013 and has engaged in diverse projects across Australia and Timor Leste since. Currently based in Mparntwe/Alice Springs, Mimi acts as the Gallery Assistant for Watch This Space ARI and has worked at Central Australian Aboriginal Media Organisation (CAAMA), Indigenous Community Television (ICTV), Raft Artspace and Chapman and Bailey Fine Art Framers. Mimi has recently completed a 6 part mini-series for SBS as Production Designer, the series is directed by Dylan River and produced by Since 1788 Productions and Ludo Studios (Brisbane).

#### CURRENT SITUATION

#### INTERNAL

In 2018, WTS turned 25 – a huge feat for an Australian ARI. As part of this, the organisation put on a special program, *Still Alive After 25*, to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday, working with a host of talented local artists. While it was important to celebrate this milestone, the addition of another program on top of its already extensive Annual Program was unfortunately not without its struggles. However, despite the extra work, WTS managed to maintain high quality projects, support its artists and community, and end the year excited for 2019.

#### COORDINATOR WORKLOAD

The Coordinator workload has been a constant issue for WTS, one not unique to 2018. Though the Coordinator made great strives to cut back overtime hours in 2018, the *Still Alive After 25* program added extra managerial, administrative and logistical tasks to the already extensive role which meant this was compromised. While the organisation struggled to manage the extra workload for the most part of the year, WTS has begun to address the issue by hiring a gallery assistant to aid the coordinator, and further strategies are being developed to ensure sustainability.

#### ON-SITE COFFEE CARAVAN

In 2018 WTS entered into a four-month trial period with local small business, the Silver Brumby. The business operated from Monday to Friday from the WTS backyard, bringing a new line of revenue for WTS through rent and brought people to its backyard. While we had hoped this would engage other community members with the space (namely hospital staff), we unfortunately did not see an increase in engagement. This was most likely due to traffic flow issues which will be resolved in 2019, i.e. the door between the backyard and gallery will be made accessible so coffee drinkers can easily access the space. Following assessment of the trial period, the Silver Brumby has been accepted to return to the space in 2019 to continue operating at an increased rental rate to assist WTS with operational expenses.

#### **ENGAGEMENT**

While WTS had a full and strong Creative Program in 2018, it saw a decrease in attendance compared to 2017. Attendance was more consistent but with lower averages. This may have been due to a number of factors. Firstly, the move to our 8 Gap Rd location in 2017 was a large and rousing affair which put the organisation fiercely in the public's eye with our Call For Assistance and community fundraisers. The spike in community interest was evident, and perhaps in 2018 this spike leveled out to a more truthful annual attendance figure. Secondly, the *Still Alive After 25* program paired with our regular program most likely brought a level of audience burn out where members were being more strategic in their attendance rather than coming to every event. As a result, WTS has made a strategic decision to focus on the core Creative Program in 2019. This way staff can put more time, effort and support into each project to maximize artistic outcomes and audience attendance.

The age bracket for our audience also shifted in 2018. Older generations from the local community engaged more in the space than in previous years, consistently attending events. In the past few years WTS has had difficulties captivating this audience, working through strategies to regain this interest. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary proved to be the perfect opportunity as it gave people the ability to reconnect with past WTS projects, artists and stories they may have been involved in or experienced. Many of the events in our Still Alive After 25 program not only looked at WTS history, but created dialogues around community such as our ARTalks series, which saw a consistently older crowd attend. We intend to continue creating platforms for critical dialogue relating to our context (geographically and politically) in 2019

#### EXTERNAL

There were three clear external factors that impacted WTS and the wider arts sector in 2018, in difficult, important and positive ways, respectively.

#### FUNDING BODIES

In 2018, the NT Government's arts funding body froze all funding rounds for an unspecified period of time. This period, unfortunately, ended up spanning a number of months. The pressure this put on artists, projects and organisations was deeply felt across the Territory. During this time, projects with recently approved grants were forced to be push back their timelines as the release of funds was delayed, adding expenses and disrupting processes. Additionally, artists and arts workers missed out on time-sensitive professional development opportunities and creative projects, unable to access financial support. It was not only disheartening to see the difficulties this caused for individuals and groups across the state, but also for WTS and other small arts organisations on limited budgets. For them, the credibility of the funding body's capacity and transparency was questioned, a distressing reality for organisations relying on funding to operate.

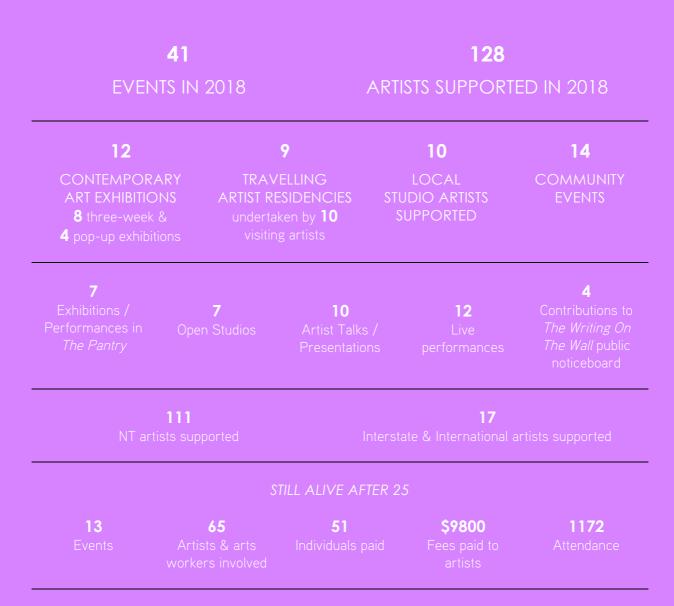
#### DISABILITY ACCESS

There is a growing awareness across Australia around the need for physically accessible space and the current injustices and obstacles our infrastructure, systems and processes can cause people with disability. Since moving to Gap Rd in 2017, WTS has been investigating ways in which it can make the space more accessible so in 2018 we held a community fundraiser (the Poo Party) to raise money for an accessible toilet. We raised almost \$6,000, however there is much more funding needed and the reality of leasing the building means putting more of our own cash contributions into the site could be a financial risk. We have since strategized about how we can go about implementing the toilet without putting the organisation at risk, working closely with a local architect to receive assistance and advice. The building of the toilet, though not finalised, is still a priority and work in progress for WTS, one that we hope will come to fruition in the near future.

#### MONEY FOR ARTISTS

NAVA and other arts orgainsations around the country have been advocating for Fair Wages for Artists for a number of years now. In 2018, a number of small-medium arts organisations received state or government funding to provide fees to artists and, inspiringly, WTS became one of these influential organisations. The Australia Council for the Arts approved our application, *Supporting Artists and National Conversations*, which will see the exhibiting gallery hire and Travelling Artist in Residence studio hire fees waived, as well as the ability to *pay* artists a \$1,000 exhibition fee for eight three-week exhibitions a year for 2019 and 2020.

#### CREATIVE PROGRAM



ARTS PRACTICES SUPPORTED: painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, installation, video, dance, performance, music, sound, podcast, new media, mixed media, collage, textiles, soft sculpture, printmaking, papermaking, bookmaking, zines, poetry, text, jewellery, ceramics, design, sign-painting, architecture, food, curating, storytelling, comedy, interview, social practice, public art, site-specific work, interactive and live art, socially and politically engaged art, First Nations and non-indigenous artists including local, NT-based, interstate and international artists.

More details on each project here: <a href="http://wts.org.au/archive-sum-2018-1">http://wts.org.au/archive-sum-2018-1</a>

## **2411**ATTENDEES IN 2018

82	630	1272	1427	35
Financial	E-newsletter	Instagram	Facebook	Philanthropic
Members	Subscribers	Followers	Page Likes	Donors

MARKETING for WTS activities relies heavily on digital audiences through our e-newsletter and social media. We have generated good audiences through photo and video content. Digital media remains vital to WTS networking and communications, as does the Alice Springs grapevine through word-of-mouth and personal connections. Print promotion through posters and invites via physical mail-out are still integral to maintaining our human touch and visibility on the ground.

\$10, 377 Cash Donations

Over \$18,000 in-kind contributions

360+ 50 300

Volunteer Hours by Community Volunteer Hours by Chair Volunteer Hours by Coordinator Members

VOLUNTEERING: WTS continues to find difficulty in establishing a reliable and consistent volunteer base. This is largely due to many demands being placed on those that are already actively engaged in the arts community and who do this while juggling full time work. However, WTS managed to successfully work with a number of volunteers for two major events – the Poo Party and Lofty Awards – limiting shifts to a manageable one and a half to two hours so as to lower pressure and maintain positive energy levels.

PARTNERSHIPS (FORMAL & INFORMAL): Arts NT, Australia Council for the Arts, Regional Arts Fund, Arts Trail, Creative Partnerships Australia, Red Hot Arts, Akeyulerre Healing Centre, Children's Ground, Apmere Angknetye-kenhe, Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC), Du Yu Coffee, The Goods Coffee Shop, The Black Wreath, The Bakery Alice Springs, Araluen Cultural Centre, FELTspace, National Association for Visual Arts (NAVA), All Conference, RAFT artspace, Elbow Workshop, Alice Springs Town Council, Wide Open Space, Central Craft, Chapman & Bailey Framing and Art Supplies, 8CCC Community Radio, ABC Radio, Alice News, The Centralian Advocate, Alice Springs Public Library, Central Australia Art Society, The Silver Brumby Coffee Caravan, The Lighting Dude, Charles Darwin University

#### S U C C E S S F U L G R A N T S

*Still Alive After 25* Arts NT: Project Round \$20.000

Supporting Artists & National Conversations
Australia Council for the Arts: Project Round
\$41,248

Presentation of Watch This Space
Arts Trail Regional Stimulus Program: Major
Grant
\$65,560

#### 25 MORE

Creative Partnerships Australia: Plus1 \$25,000 matched funding for \$25,000 raised (i.e. possibility of gaining \$50,000)

TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING FOR 2018

= \$176, 808<sup>\*</sup>

\*Dependent on 25 MORE campaign outcome. TBC in 2019

generous in-kind labour, time and skills (and unrelenting dedication!) he put into upgrading the space with various additions such as solving our bathroom sink saga and hunting for the perfect bike racks (installed early 209)

#### UPGRADES TO FACILITIES

2 x projectors

4 x split systems (2 x belonging to landlord)

20 x chairs for event seating

Media player

Security system

Shipping container

Gas cooker

Full kitchen renovation (electric stove top, cupboards and shelving, tiling, water filter, double sink, two lockable cabinets)

Bathroom sink (donated)

Fridge (donated)



#### ARTISTS SUPPORTED

#### STILL ALIVE AFTER 25 PROGRAM

Dave Crowe Steph Harrisc Sy Browne Xavia Nou Edward Gould Belle Moody Suzi Lyon Elliat Rich Alex Pye

Kieran Finnane Jennifer Taylor Madeleine Krenek

Jonny Rowden Zova Godoroja-Prieckae

Sandrine Frapier
Danny Lopez
Elyse Constable
Tessa Snowdon
Betty Sweetlove
Kelly Lee Hickey
Mogahid Ahmed

Michael Lindsey Hannah Ekin Jorgen Doyle Beth Sometime:

Al Bethune Cy Starkman Craig San Roque Fiona Walsh Sue Grant Josh Davis

Josh Davis Mimi Catterns Pip McManus J9 Stanton

Sue Dugdale
Brandy Alexander

#### TRAVELLING ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Anna Dakin (UK) Holly Macdonald (VIC) Frankie Snowdon & Madeleine Krenel (NT) Cecile Galliazzo (NSW)

Tom Fry (NT) Phoebe Beard (TAS) Lucinda Kennedy (VIC) Henry Copas (NSW) Paula Mahoney (VIC)

## OTHER PROGRAMS, PROJECTS & EVENTS

ANNUAL ZINE FAIR

PRACTICING THE SOCIAL: THE ART OF COMMUNITY PANEL

Beth Sometimes (NT), Danny Butt (VIC) & Kate Just (VIC)

ANNUAL LAWN SALE
Supported by 8CCC Community
Radio, The Goods Coffee Shop 8
Du Yu Coffee

POO PARTY

Community fundraiser for an accessible toilet

BETTER TOGETHER EXHIBITION FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY Partnership with Arid Lands Environment Centre

PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD
Beth Sometimes, Phoebe Beard,
Harry Copas

WTS supported the financial administration of the project in 2018, and provided in-kind support by offering space for meetings and working bees.

BUILDING WALLS / DESERT
VIDEO
Samaya Wives, GUTS, Zoya
Godoroja-Prieckaerts, No Mono

## EXHIBITIONS / PERFORMANCES

Lucy Parakhina (TAS)
Emma Collard (NT)
Cecile Galiazzo (NSW)
Priscilla Beck (TAS)
Zoya Godoroja-Prieckaerts (NT
Lydia Cohen (UK)
Kiki Albury (NT)
Lisa Kunoth (NT)
Sharona Kunoth (NT)
Christine Kunoth (NT)
Shabella Rambler (NT)
Caspar Connolly (VIC)
Grace Pickford (VIC)
Chips Mackinolty (NT)
Elliat Rich (NT)
Belle Moody (NT)
Billie Rankin (TAS)
Clare Powell (TAS)
Olivia Nigro (NSW)
Owen Kelly (NSW)
Bobbie Bayley (NSW)
Magic Steven (VIC)

## STUDIO ARTISTS (NT)

Dave Crowe
Beth Sometimes
Tammy Cornthwai
Hannah Muir
Caddie Brain
Kelly Lee Hickey
Jonny Rowden
Emma Collard
Hannah Ekin
Alex Kelly

#### MAJOR FUNDING

Proudly sponsored by



Operational funding through Arts NT

#### PROJECT FUNDING





Funding our *Supporting Artists & National Conversations* program to cut hire fees and pay artists in 2019 & 2020

### creative partnerships australia

Supporting our 25 MORE campaign through their Plus1 initiative, where every dollar up to \$25,000 will be matched by Creative Partnerships Australia

#### SUPPORTERS / FRIENDS



Partners with WTS to support artists and the local community through sharing and caring



Supporting special projects and donating funds to WTS since 2017



Providing delicious coffee to our onsite community of studio and exhibiting artists



Sponsoring the Annual Lofty Awards since 2012 and providing in-kind support for even longer



Providing 10% discounts on art supplies to WTS Members



Donating delicious treats for our exhibition openings & events

#### MORE DONORS

A huge thank you to our beloved donors. You are making a difference. You are amazing. Some donors have requested to remain anonymous to the public. We still thank them dearly for their contributions.

#### ABSOLUTE F\*\*\*ING LEGENDS \$2.500+

Pip McManus & Russell Goldflam Brian Tucker

#### **LEGENDS** \$1,000 - \$2,490

Chapman & Bailey Art Supplies

#### MFGA BABES \$500 - \$999

The Goods Coffee Shop Dallas Gold (RAFT artspace)

Elbow Workshop

All Buttons Great and Small

Kevin Banbury Michele Luey

#### **CELEBZ**

\$250 - \$499

Judith Torzillo Jennifer Taylor Jamie Toyne Anne Mosey Dan Murphy

Anne Davies Thea McDiarmid Craig San Roque

Bernadette Ryan & Chips Macinolty

Kieren Sand

#### HOTTIFS \$150 - \$249

**Beth Sometimes** Hannah Ekin Jorgen Doyle Al Bethune Cy Starkman Frankie Snowdon Jonny Rowden Madeleine Krenek

Zoya Godoroja-Prieckaerts

Shrike O'Malley Heather McIntyre Incite Arts Gary Powell Sabina Wakerman

Kira Godoroja-Prieckaerts

Coffey Fencing Nathalie Apouchtine Thomas O'Connell Shannon Anthoness

Josh Davis Tim Chatwin Mark Crees

Alice Debrenni Aphrodite Feros-Fooke

**BABES** \$50 - \$149 Judith Mapleson

Mary Jane Warfeild Bella Roxburgh Sue Feilding

Kristian Laemmle-Ruff Jennifer Carryer Holly Macdonald Harriet Gaffney Daniel Procházka Fiona Walsh Lilly Alexander

Dave Crowe Alina Iser Jennifer Hector Mimi Catterns Roni Judge

Robyn Grey-Gardner Elisabeth Marnie Georga Ryan Carmel Young Danny Butt Amber Gooley Wendy Taleo Helen Maxwell Sallie Fidock Alex Burgess Julie Taylor

Wah Cheung Aoife Milson Mark Smith Angela O'Donnell

Edward Gould

Leen Rieth Jennifer Heppell Sally Clifford Lena Obergfell Hayley Causer Camille Bernardino Steve Saines Ash Steel David Rossiter Kvran Smith

Robert Hope-Johnstone

Hannah Muir Andrea Martin Jessica Martin Jasper Coleman Amarie Bergman

Nicole Pietsch

David Garnham Tessa Snowdon Liz Moore Anabelle Lacroix Steph Boadle Danila Rainow Isobel Milnes Andre Sawenko Ci Fraser-Bell Sarah Marrocco Jason Quin Robyn Linsdell Laura Egan Zoe Goddard Katy Moir

Grace Dee Macauley

Kiri Tenana David Havercroft Deborah Clarke Colleen Warfield Rhett Hammerton Luke Everingham Alexandra Hullah Ruth McMillan

#### **CUTIES**

<\$50 Alex Kellv Caddie Brain Brendan Phelan Hollie Lunan Anna Madabushi Sunder Madabushi Bob Durnan

Henry Smith Karin Riederer Joetta Perrett Betty Sweetlove Belle Moody Kat Byron Dan March Joseph Gracia Conor Harrington Sara Daly Vivian Cooper Sally Krutsch Isabel Palvich Miles Harry Haves Brigid O'Loughlin Emily Ings

Genevieve Walshe

Connie Anthes

**Emily Webster** 

Liz Nowell

#### CHALLENGES & STRATEGIES

#### CHALLENGE

#### STRATEGY

#### Staffing / Work overload

- Coordinator needing to juggle too many various jobs requiring a range of different skills difficult for a single person to complete to the best of their abilities
- Work overload resulted in decrease in abilities and burn out
- Renewed Zoya's Coordinator contract for another year by being open to her taking time off in 2019 if necessary to avoid burnout. Also officially changed her role title from "Coordinator" to "Director" to reflect her capacity and contribution to the organisation.
- Funds secured for Gallery Assistant role to become a permanent part-time position in 2019.

#### Unreliable funding bodies

- As explained in the External Situations, closed funding rounds and delays to funding releases created issues around accessing professional development opportunities.
- The lack of transparency caused unnecessary extra work as staff and board members spent time and energy trying to understand the situation and resolve the issues.
- Persistent correspondence and follow-up on issues with Arts NT, advocating for the need and urgency to release funds.
- Regularly updating NAVA on the situation who supported our case and urged Arts NT to grant professional development funding to important opportunities such as staff and board member attendance at the NAVA Future/Forward national conference in Canberra. After months of correspondence, the outcome was successful with expenses eventually covered by Arts NT.

#### Building efficiency & accessibility

- Issues around storage and accessibility
- Outside front area not having easy access to a toilet for various people
- Held a community fundraiser for an accessible toilet.
- Purchased a shipping container to house project materials, archives and other storage to make the inside of the building less chaotic and more efficient.

#### Liquor licensing time restrictions

- Affected fundraising outcomes
- Held different types of events that were daytime focused.
- In some cases, we relied on ticketing rather than bar income.





25 MORE WTS Fundraising Campaign

Fundraiser

## STILL ALIVE AFTER 25

STILL ALIVE AFTER 25

2018 Program celebrating our 25th Anniversary

STILL ALIVE AFTER 25



Alice Sings at Araluen

Alice Sings

STILL ALIVE AFTER 25, Event, Performance



From Straight To Curly

Belle Moody

Exhibition, Performance



The Loftys 2018

WTS's Annual Art Award & End of Year Celebration

Event, STILL ALIVE AFTER 25



ARTalks: Alex Kelly on 'Working Across Difference: power, priviledge & the unknown unknowns'

Curated by Kieran Finnane & Jenny Taylor

Presentation, STILL ALIVE AFTER 25



The Sentient Being

Magic Steven

Event



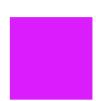
Artifact Elliat Rich

Exhibition



Open studio

Kelly Lee Hickey Open studio



The Attempts

Facilitated by Frankie Snowdon & Madeleine Krenek

Event, STILL ALIVE AFTER 25, Performance



Open studio Harry Copas

Open Studio



ARTalks: Craig San Roque & Fiona Walshe

Curated by Kieran Finnane & Jenny Taylor

Presentation, STILL ALIVE AFTER 25



The Silver Spoon

Aoife Milson, Frankie Snowdon, Jonny Rowden & Zoya Godoroja-Prieckaerts

Event, Offsite Project, STILL ALIVE AFTER 25



Dal Mar Mediterraneo al Centro Rosso / From the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Centre

Chips Mackinolty

Exhibition



The Museum Of Intimate Memories

Kelly Lee Hickey

Event, Presentation, Pop-up, STILL ALIVE AFTER 25



Open studio
Phoebe Beard

Open Studio



Oscillations

Dave Crowe, Steph Harrison, Xavia Nou & Sv Browne

Performance, Event, STILL ALIVE AFTER



Memory Puddle

Caspar Connolly & Grace Pickford

Exhibition



Because The World Needs Us

Group exhibition curated by Lydia Cohen

Exhibition



Fractal Spirals In A Domestic Universe

Franca Barraclough

Exhibition, Event, Offsite Project, STILL ALIVE AFTER



ARTalks: Jenny Taylor, Beth Sometimes & Suzi Lvon

Curated by Kieran Finnane & Jenny Taylor

Presentation, STILL ALIVE AFTER 25



Building Walls Zoya Godoroja-Prieckaerts

Exhibition



Open Studio Lucinda Eva-May

Open Studio



ARTalks: Sue Dugdale on Architecture

Curated by Jenny Taylor & Kieran Finnane

Presentation, STILL ALIVE AFTER 25



Girthy; with slim edges

Owen Kelly & Bobbie Bayley

Pop-up, Exhibition, Event, Presentation



To travel some distance with concrete: a short story

Priscilla Beck

Exhibition



Open Studio

Tom Fry

Open Studio



The Space Between Us

Cecile Galiazzo

Pop-up, Exhibition, Open Studio



Insoluable Courts

Clare Powell & Billie Rankin

Event, Exhibition, Performance



seen from here and just out there

Emma Collard

Exhibition



Poo Partycle Party

Fundraising for an accessible toilet

Event, STILL ALIVE AFTER 25



Better Together

WTS & ALEC Fundraiser Community Exhibition

Exhibition



Practicing the social: the art of community

Beth Sometimes, Danny Butt (VCA) & Kate Just (VCA)

Presentation



Open Studio Lauren Ravi

Open Studio



неге

Lucy Parakhina

Exhibition



Open Studio Holly Macdonald

Open Studio



2018 AGM

WTS

Event



Annual Zine Fair

WTS

Zine Fair, Event



Lyric Essay

Olivia Nigro Presented by NT Writers

Presentation



Outta The Blue

Al Bethune

Exhibition

### OUR ORGANISATIONAL GOALS

Still Alive After 25	To create	To provide	To foster an	To create	To nurture the
program events	opportunities for	opportunities for	inclusive creative	professional	full breadth of
program evento	local artists' work	local, interstate	community of	development	contemporary
	to be discovered	and international artists to enrich	artists who share	opportunities for	visual art
	and made visible through hosting	the artistic and	skills and experiences with	artists including artistic and	activities including multi-
	contemporary art	cultural life of	each other by	cultural	disciplinary art
	exhibitions.	Alice Springs	accessing the	collaborations,	forms, new
		through the	onsite gallery and	critical	media and
		delivery of high quality	studio space.	development and skills	installation works.
		contemporary art		development.	WOLKS.
		activities.			
Outta The Blue	~		~		<b>V</b>
Lyric Essay		~	~	~	<b>V</b>
Annual Zine Fair	~	~	~	~	V
Open Studio x 7		<b>V</b>			<b>V</b>
Here ———————————————————————————————————		<b>V</b>			<b>V</b>
Practicing the social		<b>V</b>	_	<b>V</b>	<i>V</i>
Better Together	<b>✓</b>	<b>∨</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>✓</b>
Poo Partycle Party					
Seen from here and just out there	V	V	<b>V</b>		~
Q&As with WTS Coordinators			~	~	
Insoluable Courts		V	V	~	<b>V</b>
The Space Between Us	~	~	~		<b>V</b>
To travel some distance with concrete		V	V		V
Girthy; with slim edges		<b>V</b>	V	V	V
ARTalks x 4		~	<b>✓</b>	~	<b>✓</b>
Building Walls	V	V	<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>
Fractal Spirals in a domestic Universe	~	~			~
Because The World Needs Us	V	~			~
Memory Puddle		V	V		V
Oscillations	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>
The Museum Of Intimate Memories	~	•	•	•	•
From the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Centre	V	V			V
The Silver Spoon	~	<b>✓</b>			<b>~</b>
The Attempts	<b>V</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Artifact	~	<b>V</b>		<i>V</i>	<i>V</i>
The Sentient Being Tour		<b>V</b>			<b>V</b>
The Loftys		· ·			· ·
From Straight To Curly	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			· · ·
Alice Sings at Araluen	<u> </u>	<b>✓</b>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<b>✓</b>

#### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

I would like to begin by acknowledging that we are on Aboriginal land in Alice Springs/Mparntwe and pay my respects to Arrernte elders past, present and emerging. I would like to thank them for their centuries of care for the country we, the diverse population of this place now live, work and create in. It is a huge privilege and honour to exist here, and I recognise we do so on land unceded by the Arrernte people.

2018 saw Watch This Space move into a new and exciting chapter in the organisation's history, punctuated by some fantastic operational and artistic milestones. Zoya has already outlined the strength and diversity of our yearly exhibition and residency program, as well as the additional impact and investment by artists and the community in delivering and participating in the fantastic special program celebrating our quarter of a century anniversary. It is important to note, in keeping in line with a trajectory we are setting of trying, at every point possible to pay artists for their work, that this program was funded by Arts NT through their arts projects rounds, which meant that there was a financial contribution made by WTS to every artist who created work for this program.

As Zoya has also touched on, 2018 saw WTS secure over \$40,000 of funding from the Australia Council in order to better support our exhibiting and resident artists, as well as provide WTS with opportunities to continue to contribute to national conversations and be represented on a national level. Part of this funding will also go to ensuring that the Director here at WTS is not having to undertake the huge amount of work it is to keep the org not only ticking over, but evolving in output and impact, on her own. Historically WTS has been able to employ a gallery assistant/special projects coordinator very sporadically. Because of that funding and sound financial management in 2018, this year we are able to offer that position at 2 full time days a week and are very lucky to have Mimi Catterns join the family. Whilst we acknowledge that we still do not have adequate resources to pay both these staff members at the rate they are truly worth, we are striving to build our financial capacity to do so and also grow these positions into two 0.8FTE roles. We have very recently submitted an EOI to the Australia Council's four year funding for organisations round, which, if we are successful, will exponentially grow the capacity and resources of WTS to ensure we can continue to push what both the org and our artists are capable of.

In 2018 WTS was also accepted into Creative Partnership's Australia's Plus 1 campaign, which will match, dollar for dollar, the first \$25,000 of donations WTS receives until May 31st 2019. What is significant about these funds is that they can be used at our discretion and invested in elements of the operational management of WTS as the board and staff sees the needs arise, unlike specific grant funding which needs to be reported on against certain outcomes and expended within a specific period of time. We still have a little ways to go, but are confident we will get very close to our target (don't worry, we get what we raised regardless of if we reach the full \$25K!). As an organisation, we are looking at ways to upskill our staff and board in areas of philanthropic and private sector giving as we move into more uncertain times for public funding, both on a territory and national level. We are undertaking ongoing conversations and mentorship with Creative Partnerships and solidifying an approach to ongoing fundraising that works well for US is on the agenda moving through 2019 and beyond.

Infrastructure wise, our premises has seen its second evolution since we moved in in 2017 with significant upgrades to the gallery, kitchen and office spaces thanks to the NT government's Arts Trail funding. We're excited that we've managed to "grow up" a little more in this regard and feel very proud of the physical spaces that have been created throughout 2018.

Overall, WTS is in a strong position moving into 2019 and beyond, and I would like to thank the board for supporting each other and the staff and artists of the organisation as we strive to continue to carve out a loud and proud voice for the exceptional art, artists and supporters here in Central Australia. The huge amounts of attention placed on governance and upskilling in 2017 meant that we

were able to focus our attention differently in 2018 and spend more time thinking about where we could go next and how we might get there.

I would like to extend deep gratitude and publicly acknowledge the huge amount of work, dedication, passion and grace our Director Zoya has continued to pour into WTS. Some may have noted that we have shifted the title from coordinator to Director – we did this in order to give more weight to and adequately represent the role this person plays within Watch This Space. It is a big undertaking and we are very proud to have her, and excited that she will be continuing on into the forseeable future.

I would like to thank our funding partners Arts NT, The Australia Council for the Arts, Tourism NT, all the private donors who have contributed to the fundraising campaign so far, Creative Partnerships Australia, Brian Tucker who continues to sponsor the Loftys, and small local businesses and organisations: 8CCC Radio, The Goods, Du Yu Coffee, The Bakery and Chapman & Bailey.

Our aim as a board is to support the creation of healthy and supportive environments where our staff and artists feel valued, and have to capacity to take risks and move our organisation and their own artistic endeavours into new and exciting places. It is my commitment that over the next 12 months we will continue to build on the achievements of 2018 and seek ways to harness the forward momentum effectively and sustainably in order to solidify the health and future of Watch This Space.

#### FRANKIE SNOWDON WTS CHAIRPERSON 2018



#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**2018 was a year to celebrate.** After two and a half decades of presenting, supporting and nurturing contemporary experimental art in Central Australia, WTS celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We couldn't let this huge feat be unacknowledged, so we planned a public program to commemorate the passion and enduring work of the artists, arts workers and audiences who kept this space thriving.

Our *Still Alive After 25* program saw local artists take the forefront of experimental arts, showing the community the immense talent that lives amongst us. The program kicked off with a day and night event, the Poo Party, to raise funds for an accessible toilet. The daytime Lawn Sale was particularly successful with a great community vibe! A big thank you to The Goods Coffee Shop and Du Yu Coffee for donating their coffee, skills and profits. We supported some powerful and, at times, confronting talks, which are so important for reflection and growth [ARTalks]. We had wild experiments in music, dance, drawing, projections, sculpture and performance and learnt about each others' practices in challenging and beautifully vulnerable ways [Oscillations, The Attempts]. We saw the mundane turned into the beautiful in offsite locations [Fractal Spirals in a domestic Universe]. We put on a ridiculous dinner where the food was out of control and every detail was accounted for [The Silver Spoon]. We looked intimately at our history [Museum of Intimate Memories, Q&A with WTS Coordinators]. And we celebrated our beloved Pam Lofts, the wonderful Suzi Lyon and the end of a huge year with feet stomping, dancing and songs from the heart [The Lofty Awards, From Straight To Curly, Alice Sings at Araluen].

On top of the *Still Alive After 25* program, we continued our regular Annual Creative Program. As always, we exhibited local and interstate artists, learning from each of them along the way through conversations, collaborations and the works they created. The year started with Al Bethune's exhibition, *Outta The Blue*, bringing in a crowd of community members to see the local artist's recent experiments with metal. Our Annual Zine Fair was a hit as always, drawing a younger crowd and seeing new submissions from locals who would not normally consider themselves "artists", but enjoyed the challenge and creative outlet. We continued our Travelling Artist in Residence program where we held seven Open Studios. Artists included Holly Macdonald, Lauren Ravi, Cecile Galiazzo, Tom Fry, Lucinda Eva-May, Phoebe Beard and Harry Copas. WTS studio artist, Kelly Lee Hickey, also held an open studio. This enthusiasm resulted in a new edition to the annual program: the open studios were always insightful and intimate, proving to be of great use to the artists presenting and the audience members engaging.

Tassie artist, Lucy Parakhina, set herself the challenge of blacking out our light-filled gallery for her video projections in *Here*. The space was transformed with the help of a few local hands and Sadadeen Primary Sschol's stage curtains. In May we hosted a class of VCA students visiting the Centre with lecturer Danny Butt, who presented an incisive talk on social practice alongside VCA colleague, Kate Just, and WTS Board member and artist, Beth Sometimes. The next collaboration we saw was with the Arid Lands Environment Centre, where our two organisations called on the community to create work around climate change and how we can be *better together* for our second World Environment Day fundraiser exhibition.

Local artist and, at the time, WTS studio artist, Emma Collard, altered the structure of the gallery for her exhibition *Seen from here and just out there*, removing sections of the gallery ceiling and draping the space in blue. The Pantry held its first performance, *Insoluable Courts*, a series of three events by visiting artists Billie Rankin and Clare Powell, examining queerness through the boundaries of sporting arenas. Priscilla Beck slowed the pace back down in her unobtrusive exhibition *To travel some distance with concrete: a short story*, bringing snow from Hobart's mountains to quietly drip from the WTS ceiling into heavy cement bowls. (The bowls and cement plinths were left to the space and still

today live in our front garden entrance – objects of WTS history). More investigations into travel and distance came in the form of architects Owen Kelly and Bobbie Bayley's presentation and pop-up exhibition, *Girthy; with slim edges*.

A string of cancellations for our August slot resulted in my own exhibition filling the gap. It was a welcome challenge for me as both the Coordinator and an artist and I was grateful for the various compassionate engagements that *Building Walls* received from its audience (*thank you*). *Because The World Needs Us* saw five young female First Nations artists, Kiki Albury, Lisa, Sharona and Christine Kunoth and Shabella Rambler. The five created work about their experiences growing up in Mparntwe/Alice Springs and surrounding communities, experimenting with different media to voice their personal experiences. Alongside this show, Caspar Connelly and Grace Pickford exhibited their "memory puddles" – asphalt sculptures embedded with intimate found objects – in our front and back outdoor areas. The sculptures continue to live here, enduring the heat, dust and occasional spot of rain.

In October, renowned artist, Chips Mackinolty, exhibited new work created between Alice Springs and Palermo, Italy, where the politically engaged artist branched out to street art. The show was accompanied by an artist talk and, in The Pantry, a short video of Chips doing a paste-up demonstration with playful Italian school kids. Elliat Rich also engaged our playful side in *Artifact* as she created a long cardboard tunnel we had to crawl through to experience the exhibition. As the 2017 Lofty Winner, Elliat presented a "creation story" for WTS, offering new ways to think about beginnings, community and myths. This tied in beautifully with our 25<sup>th</sup> Year coming to an end, celebrating with our Annual Lofty Award where the 2018 winner saw Suzi Lyon humbly step into the limelight.

It was, obviously, a huge year and we are extremely grateful to all the artists and arts workers who contributed, and the audience members who came along for the ride.

Operationally we kicked some really big goals.

We represented Central Australia in Canberra at the National Gallery and Parliament House [NAVA Future/Forward]. In Adelaide we advocated for Artist Run Initiatives and their important place in breaking barriers and ability to be more than just a space to exhibit art, but a space to fight for political change [FELTforum]. Arts Trail funding made us excited for the year to come and how we'll be able to maximize use of the space.

What I think was our *biggest* achievement - and I am so proud to be part of this organisation for championing it – is that we managed to secure funding to not only cut exhibition and residency fees, but to pay artists exhibition fees for 8 shows a year over the next two years. This is a huge milestone for WTS and we thank the Australia Council for the Arts for granting us the funding to take this phenomenal step forward.

I'm really looking forward to 2019 with the super strong Creative Program, upgrades to the space and knowing that – after getting through two very heavy years for the organisation – I am confident in my personal role at Watch This Space, the Board members and artists who support it and the organisation at large.

Bring on 2019.

**ZOYA GODOROJA-PRIECKAERTS**WTS DIRECTOR 2018

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The consolidation financial report is attached for your consideration.

In summary, for 2018, Watch This Space (WTS) made a profit of \$3,213.90, compared to the loss from 2017 \$48,852.89. This is an amazing improvement considering the expenditures of moving and setting up the new space. The underlying performance over the year as the income and expenditure associated with WTS meant \$104,733.61 retained earnings, this is including the increase in wages for the Gallery Manager and Assistant. Artist fees have greatly increased to \$75,743.05 for 2018 as compared to \$24,520.00 in 2017. WTS's net assets at the 31st of December \$107,947.51. of which \$202,119.19 is current assets. The consistency of the Managers attention to the gallery and the increased diligence and monitoring of the Board should assist WTS to be more visible to the public, more visible to government and grant administrators and create an increasing dynamic and sustainable art space. The Treasurer is confident that WTS is on track to make meet their financial obligations as at the end of 2018 and into the future.

JANET WRIGHT WTS TREASURER 2018



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19 June 2019

Committee Members, Watch This Space Inc 8 Gap Road, ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

Dear Committee Members,

#### **DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

Please find enclosed the following documents for your attention:

- a) Signed financial statements; and
- b) Our management letter for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Our fee for the audit will be sent separately through email.

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any queries in regards to this matter.

Yours faithfully BRIAN TUCKER AUDIT

BILLY-JOE THOMAS

**Director** 

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

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#### **COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Watch This Space Inc for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

#### **Committee Members**

The name of each member of the committee during the year and if different, at the date of the report:

Frances Snowdon Janet Wright Lauren Ravi Thomas O'Connell Brendan Phelan Eva Straulino

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

create and support a dynamic, artistic and sustainable community in Alice Springs, promote contemporary arts practice and provide artists with an accessible platform for development within a constructive critical environment

#### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### **Operating Result**

The surplus of the association amounted to \$3,213.90 (2017: loss \$48,852.89).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Committee Member: Frances Snowdon

Committee Member:

Janeryvrigr

Dated this day of June 2019



#### **AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

To: the Directors - Watch This Space Inc

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 there have been:

- · No contraventions of the auditor independence in relation to the audit; and
- No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Dated this 19th day of June 2019

Brian Tucker Audit

BRIAN TUCKER AUDIT Chartered Accountants

**BILLY-JOE THOMAS** 

Director

## INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
INCOME	4 400 44	
Exhibition Fees & Commissions	4,489.11	4,731.20
Rental Receipts	16,327.67	13,225.90
Donations & Sponsorship	12,255.03	6,200.00
Earned Income	9,250.52	17,254.49
Projects & Fees	33,753.20	10,199.03
	76,075.53	51,610.62
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Received	701.86	12.47
Recoveries	724.55	497.55
Grants Expended		
Arts NT, Operational Funding	71,657.34	70,000.00
Arts NT, Gallery & Office Relocation	-	10,000.00
Arts NT, OzCo Apmere	27,235.00	5,454.55
Arts NT, Auspiced Grant Jenny Taylor	25,260.00	21,500.00
Arts NT, Auspiced Elbow Workshop	18,964.00	-
Arts NT, Apmere	41,500.00	
Arts NT, Arts Trail	5,100.43	4,899.55
Arts NT, 25 Years of Watch This Space	10,749.51	_
Arts NT, Hobiennale Assistance Grant	-	3,000.00
Arts NT, Alice Sings Pop Choir	15,955.55	-
Arts NT, Travel Support	_	1,300.00
Alice Springs Town Council	_	2,000.00
CBF Building Upgrades	10,00000	
Stronger Communities Fund	6,000.00	
Regional Arts Fund/Arts NT, Language Project	2,258.18	19,084.73
	236,106.42	137,238.83
Loss on Sale of Non-current Assets		(36,134.94)
	236,106.42	101,613.91
	312,181.95	153,224.53

## INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
EXPENDITURE		
Accounting & Bookkeeping Services	4,288.10	10.00
Advertising	1,477.27	922.93
Artists' Fees	75,743.05	24,520.00
Auditor's Remuneration	4,500.00	3,600.00
Bad Debts	2,243.75	-
Bank Charges	17.10	26.05
Catering & Refreshments	5,113.18	3,841.21
Cleaning	370.44	75.87
Consultancy Fees	-	5,454.55
Computer & IT Expenses	728.19	554.54
Depreciation - Office Furniture & Equipment	712.62	1,369.54
Electricity	852.91	1,589.80
Email, Internet & Website	378.63	815.23
Fees & Permits	3,480.91	1,083.63
Fundraising Expenses	6,116.49	4,389.26
Freight & Couriers	•	145.15
Hire of Equipment, Facilities & Services	1,942.72	272.41
Holiday Pay, Movement in Provision	· -	2,907.24
Insurance	3,819.27	4,975.91
Interest & Late Fees, ATO	· -	1,895.25
Materials	5,841.09	1,836.98
Postage	939.57	513.18
Prior Period/s Expenses	-	4,491.60
Printing, Invitations, Catalogues etc	3,122.50	3,596.45
Printing & Stationery	1,036.42	316.74
Prizes & Awards	3,000.00	-
Professional Development	500.00	1,235.20
Professional Services & Project Management	45,033.45	11,617.93
Purchase of Expensed Assets	_	1,045.41
Rent	29,718.63	16,418.55
Repairs & Maintenance	5,482.87	26,145.17

## INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Signago & Signariting	1,302.27	622.64
Signage & Signwriting	·	623.64
Studio & Gallery Expenses	233.65	1,052.07
Subscriptions	617.20	670.91
Sundry Expenses	2,839.86	100.00
Superannuation Contributions	5,826.35	5,495.28
Telephone	656.40	2,227.63
Travelling Expenses	4,377.11	3,637.11
Wages	68,575.76	62,605.00
Other expenses	18,080.31	-
	308,968.05	202,077.42
Surplus/(Loss) before income tax	3,213.90	(48,852.89)
Surplus/(Loss) for the year	3,213.90	(48,852.89)
Retained earnings at the beginning of the		
financial year	104,733.61	153,586.50
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	107,947.51	104,733.61

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	183,439.78	152,455.54
Trade and other receivables	4	14,929.13	23,614.18
Prepayments	•	3,750.28	2,607.28
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<del>-</del>	202,119.19	178,677.00
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	4,751.75	5,464.27
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	_	4,751.75	5,464.27
TOTAL ASSETS	_	206,870.94	184,141.27
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES	•		
Trade and Other Payables	6	39,590.59	40,318.49
Income in Advance		42,312.00	1,064.00
Unexpended Grants			
Arts NT, Governance Support		4,545.45	4,545.45
Arts NT, Auspiced Grant, Jenny Taylor		-	8,500.00
Arts NT, Arts Trail		•	5,100.45
Arts NT, Elbow Workshop Auspiced Grant			18,964.00
Arts NT, 25 Years of Watch This Space		9,250.49	-
Arts NT, Alice Sings Choir Auspice		567.81	-
Regional Arts Fund/Arts NT, Language Project	_	2,657.09	915.27
		17,020.84	38,025.17
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	_	98,923.43	79,407.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES		98,923.43	79,407.66
NET ASSETS	-	107,947.51	104,733.61
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained earnings	7	107,947.51	104,733.61
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	_	107,947.51	104,733.61

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The financial statements cover Watch This Space Inc as an individual entity. Watch This Space Inc is a not for profit Association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991 ('the Act').

The functional and presentation currency of Watch This Space Inc is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

#### 1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

#### 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment of losses. Plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period the association determines whether there is an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss except for goodwill.

#### **Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

Employee benefits are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least one year after the reporting date regardless of the classification of the liability for measurement purposes under AASB 119.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

#### Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

#### Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period. If the outcome cannot be reliably estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

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Revenue from training services is generally recognised once the training has been delivered.

#### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

		2018 \$	2017 \$
3	Cash and Cash Equivalents		
	Bar Float	300.00	300.00
	Cash on Hand, Artwork Sales Tin	100.00	1,086.00
	Petty Cash	1,009.55	888.65
	Cash at Bank, Cash Maximiser	-	66,460.70
	Cash at Bank	-	81,340.90
	Debit Card	-	2,379.29
	Cash at Bank, Bendigo Trading Acc	113,756.88	-
	Cash at Bank, Bendigo WTS Donations	1,003.08	-
	Cash at Bank, Bendigo WTS Savings	67,270.27	-
		183,439.78	152,455.54
4	Trade and Other Receivables		
	Current		
	Trade Debtors	8,847.13	21,561.18
	Input Tax Credits	6,082.00	2,053.00
		14,929.13	23,614.18
5	Property, Plant and Equipment		
	Gallery Fittings & Fitout	6,336.00	6,336.00
	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,684.90)	(1,051.00)
		4,651.10	5,285.00
	Office Furniture & Equipment	17,051.65	17,051.65
	Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(16,951.00)	(16,872.38)
	·	100.65	179.27
	Total Plant and Equipment	4,751.75	5,464.27
	Total Property, Plant and Equipment	4,751.75	5,464.27

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

\$ \$	
6 Accounts Payable and Other Payables	
Current	
Artists' Funds Held in Trust 1,117.50 1,530	00.0
Trade Creditors 262.50 4,314	.55
Other Accounts Payable 12,564.59 10,836	.06
GST Payable 11,307.00 1,803	3.00
ATO Integrated Client Account - 15,049	.64
Amounts Withheld 4,186.00 3,878	3.00
Provision for Holiday Pay - 2,907	.24
Provision for TOIL and Annual leave10,153.00	-
39,590.59 40,318	.49
7 Retained Earnings	
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year 104,733.61 153,586	.50
Net surplus/(loss) attributable to the association 3,213.90 (48,852.1)	
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year 107,947.51 104,733	.61

#### STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 11:

- 1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Watch This Space Inc as at 31 December 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Watch This Space Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President:

Frances Snowdor

Treasurer:

Jariet Wright

Dated this day of June 2019

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Independent Auditor's Report To the Watch This Space Inc

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Watch This Space Inc ("the Association") which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2018 and the income statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 of the financial statements.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association meet the requirements of Note 1. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Committee for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2 of the financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the special purpose financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to
  fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not
  detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from
  error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the
  override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the
  disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events
  in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### Brian Tucker Audit

**BRIAN TUCKER AUDIT** 

**Chartered Accountants** 

Address: Unit 8, 210 Joondalup, Western Australia

**BILLY-JOE THOMAS** 

**Director & Registered Company Auditor** 

Dated at Perth, Western Australia this 19th day of June 2019

#### CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- I, Frances Snowdon of Alice Springs, certify that:
  - (a) I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on June 2019.
  - (b) The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated this day of June 2019

**Committee Member:** 

Frances Snowdon

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19 June 2019

Committee Members, Watch This Space Inc 8 Gap Road, ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

Dear Committee Members,

#### **MANAGEMENT LETTER YEAR 2018**

We advise that we have recently completed the audit of Watch This Space Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. While our procedures are designed to identify any material weaknesses and detect misstatements from fraud and error, there is an unavoidable risk that even some material misstatements may remain undiscovered. This unavoidable risk is due to the test nature and other inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of any accounting and internal control system.

During the audit, we noted no matter which we believe need to be brought to your attention.

If you would like to discuss any matter in relation to the audit, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

**BRIAN TUCKER AUDIT** 

BILLY-JOE THOMAS

**Director**