

28th Alice Springs
Beanie
Festival!



Listen to the land

PROGRAM

Friday 21 June - Monday 22 June 2024

Araluen Arts Centre

www.beaniefest.org

Alice Springs Beanie Festival

Wetree. The Alice Springs Beanie Festival pays its respects to the Arrernte people on whose land we come to celebrate the beanie (Muna/Mukati/Mukata). We acknowledge elders past present and emerging. We also acknowledge the Indigenous peoples from around Australia who have attended the Festival and bring with them their culture to share.

A message from the Minister for Major Events, The Hon Brent Potter -

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival showcases the weird and wonderful beanies created by Central Australians.

This much-loved festival has grown into more than just a beanie show, it's become a fun way for people of all different backgrounds to connect and share culture and skills.

Territorians from remote Aboriginal communities travel to Alice Springs to take part, and visitors from all over the country head to the Red Centre to be part of this truly unique opportunity.

Each year it grows with thousands of beanies for sale and on display. There are plenty of incredible works that are sure to draw a keen crowd and keep heads warm.

The Territory Labor Government is a proud supporter of this event, through Northern Territory Major Events Company. I welcome you all and hope you enjoy this unique festival. If you're a visitor to the Red Centre, make sure you take the time to experience a little more of this stunning region.

Free bus service to and from the Beanie Festival

Need a lift to the festival?

Call Kristian on **0410 806 825**

We can come and collect you then drop you home.

Thanks to the loan of their bus.

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And from our Chief Beaniologist, Jo Nixon....

Welcome Beanie Lovers to the Alice Springs Beanie Festival 2024! We invite you to come along and be a part of our 28th Anniversary celebrations. WOW! 28 years of beanies! How to imagine in 1997 100 beanies and a band of friends grew to 7000 beanies and thousands of beanie lovers form around the world! Enjoy the warmth, colour and joy that everyone brings to our unique Central Australian event. We have a bumper crop of beanies (over 7000- our biggest ever) from all over the world and they are looking for heads to keep warm. So splash out and get yourself, and your friends, some of the world's most creative head gear.

Alongside the beanies, there is plenty to keep you entertained. Sit down, have a read of this program and make sure you get involved. We will be holding a "Disability Hour" on Saturday 22 June from 9-10am – for anyone with a disability – wheelchairs, gofers, walking frames, Mental Health, Intellectual Disability – to come along and enjoy the Festival while it is quiet. Also we will be having extra Security Staff on the Friday night opening monitoring the carparks. Don't forget, on Monday we have the Big Beanie Sale with 10% off all stock, including beanies.

Our main aim is to provide opportunities for the Indigenous women of remote Central Australia to get involved. This year, we have run workshops in Santa Teresa, Titjikala, Ali Curung and Tennant Creek. Some of these women will be attending the festival, so take some time to join their workshops and hear some of their stories. With funding form the Alice Springs Town Council we have also run beanie making workshops in the schools of Yirara College, Braitling School and The Alice Springs Steiner School. Look out for all these creations in the Gallery.

Many thanks go to the many volunteers who have put this festival together: they are our backbone. Also, a big thank you to our sponsors. May you all walk proud with warm, creative heads and hearts.

Gala Opening Night – Free Event

Sponsored by the Alice Springs Town Council

Everyone is invited to the Gala Opening and of the 28th Alice Springs Beanie Festival.

This year's theme is Listen to the Land

5.30 pm

Opening address from, His Worship, Mayor Matt Paterson, Welcome to Country from Senior Arrernte Woman Kumalie Riley.

Your MC will be Deb White.

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival opens, with the announcement of competition winners.

Beanies will be on sale and there will be lots of entertainment including Paul Ah Chee, The Kisses and The Carp Factory. And of course, you can pick up many delicious treats from the community food stalls or a drink from the Araluen bar!

******Please note there will be extra security manning the carpark tonite, thanks to Outback Security******

7.00pm

The doors open to exhibition Listen to the Land in the Araluen Galleries

Date: Friday 21 June, 5.30 – 8.30pm

Venue: Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive Cost: Free!

Beanie Central

Beanie Central is the centrepiece of the festival long weekend.

This is where the thrill and mayhem of chasing the perfect beanie takes place, with thousands of beanies on display and for sale. There will be plenty of beanies, Indigenous beanie making, textile workshops and free crochet workshops. And don't forget our fabulous teashop or even something from the BBQ to keep your bellies warm.

Disability access - On Saturday June 22 from 9am-10am we will open to allow those with a disability to access beanie central - wheelchairs, gofers, walkers, Autism, ADHD, mental illness – anyone who requires space and quiet times.

Make sure you head back on Monday: we take 10% off all the beanies and merchandise!

Beanie Central Dates:

Opens Friday 21 June 2024, 10am – 7pm

Saturday 22 June 2024, (9am-10amDisability access hour) 10am – 5pm

Sunday 23 June 2024, 10am – 5pm

Monday 24 June 2024, 10am – 5pm

Venue: Witchetty's, Araluen Arts Centre, Larapinta Drive Cost: Gold Coin Donation

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Special Events in the Araluen Foyer and Verandah

Free Workshops: Learn to crochet your own beanie (wool and hooks on sale for \$10 **123**) *Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 June, 2pm.*

Needle Felt a Beanie with the Indigenous Women of Central Australia Sit with the women as they show you how to needle felt a beautiful beanie: drop in anytime and get started. Share a story and meditate the day away in the winter sun.
Saturday 22, Sunday 23, Monday 24 June, 10am – 5pm Cost: \$40

Purple House

A special treat! Try some real bush medicines made by local Indigenous women using traditional methods and even purchase some to take home to use for your ailments.

Children's Activities

Free activities for children of all ages to learn to explore yarns through traditional techniques, including weaving and a giant French knitting circle.

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

A wild array of fantastic textiles by makers from across Australia and the world. The exhibition highlights works from Indigenous workshops held annually in communities across Central Australia. See the winners of the National Beanie Competition and cast your vote for the Bendigo Bank's People's Choice Award.

Special thanks to our judges: Brian Tucker, Rhonda Sharpe, Sophie Wallace and Gay Epstein.

Opening Friday 21 June, from 7.00pm runs til Sunday July 14.

Venue: Araluen Arts Centre Galleries. Open daily from 10am – 4pm (or until 5pm on the Festival weekend)

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Central Craft Workshops

An amazing and inspiring array of fabulous textile workshops will be held at the ***Central Craft***, found on the grounds of the Araluen Cultural Precinct. Treat yourself to some me time, learn a new skill or make new friends. So much to choose from. Check out the program calendar for details and then head online to book. See our calendar of events for more details.

Venue: Central Craft, Araluen Cultural Precinct, Larapinta Drive

Booking and workshop programs <https://centralcraft.org.au/collections/beanie-fest-workshops-2024>

Sustainable Couture 2024 Exhibition

Back To Our Roots

Opening 5.30pm Thursday June 20, Central Craft – runs til July 6.

An eclectic collection by 8 designers brings us back to the location of our first event held at Central Craft in 2009.

8CCC Community Radio will be playing tunes for you all day Saturday, along with crafty interviews and creative content. *Live broadcast from the Araluen Arts Centre Saturday 22 June 10am – 2pm*

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Calendar

Wednesday 19th June

10 am – 5 pm *Witchetty's*

Volunteer Registration: sign on as volunteer and help us set up the Festival.

Thursday 20th June

10am – 4.30pm *Witchetty's*

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4.30pm *Witchetty's*

Volunteers meeting and welcome drinks.

5.30pm *Central Craft*

Sustainable Couture – Exhibition Opening – Back To Our Roots

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Friday 21st June

9:00 am - 4 pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au
Indigo & Natural Dye Techniques- Julie Millerk and Kay Smith \$140

9:00 am - 1pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au
Pots with Pizazz – Pam Mills \$80

10am-1pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au
Creative Card Making – Jude Mapleson \$20

10am *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

Thank you morning tea and preview of the exhibition for all our fabulous sponsors.
Invitation only.

10am – 7pm *Witchetty's*

Beanie Central opens. More than 7000 beanies for sale, as well as our tea shop, fresh cakes, BBQ and textile demonstrations.

10am-2pm *Central Craft*

Sustainable Couture Exhibition – Back To Our Roots

5.30pm – 8.30pm *Araluen Arts Centre*

Gala Opening Night (Sponsored by the Alice Springs Town Council)

Opening of **Listen to the Land Exhibition** Announcement of the Competition winners, live entertainment, food, dancing and fun!

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Saturday 22nd June

9am-10am Beanie Central

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9am -12pm Central Craft book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Create a bird with cobbling and random weaving – Jodie Goldring \$80

9am -1pm Central Craft book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Felt a beanie – Margy Alexander \$80

Two Stranded Basket Weaving Kirrilly Jordan \$140

10am – 5pm Witchetty's

Beanie Central opens. More than 6800 beanies for sale, as well as our tea shop, fresh cakes, BBQ and textile demonstrations.

10am – 5pm Araluen Arts Centre Galleries

Listen to the Land Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

10am – 5pm Araluen Arts Centre Verandah

Needle felt a beanie with Indigenous Women of Central Australia Drop-in anytime \$40

10am – 5pm Araluen Arts Centre Verandah

Free drop in children's workshops

10am-2pm Araluen Arts Centre Verandah

Live radio broadcast by 8CCC Community Radio

10am-2pm Central Craft

Sustainable Couture Exhibition – Back To Our Roots

2pm-5pm Central Craft book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Felted pots with pizzaz – Pam Mills \$80

Create Your Own Colourful Earrings – Martha Bevin \$50

2pm Araluen Arts Centre Verandah

Free Beanie Making Crochet workshops (\$10 if you need wool and a hook)

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Sunday 23rd June

9am-12pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Coiled Pots – Jodie Goldring \$80

Make Your On Bucket Hat – Jan Black \$80

9am-1pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

Indigo Splash – Marg Alexander \$90

10am – 5pm *Witchetty's*

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10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

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10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

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10am-2pm *Central Craft*

Sustainable Couture Exhibition – Back To Our Roots

1.00 pm - 4:00 pm *Central Craft* book online www.centralcraft.org.au

A Taste of Weaving – Ana Ordonez \$80

Copper Foil Stained Glass Butterfly – Lesley Urwin \$100

Felt a Fabulous Scarf – Pam Mills \$80

Cobbling Birds – Jodie Goldring \$80

2pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Free Beanie Making Crochet workshops (\$10 if you need wool and a hook)

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Monday 24th June

10am – 5pm *Witchetty's*

10% off all Beanies – TODAY ONLY!

Beanie Central opens. More than 6000 beanies for sale, as well as our tea shop, fresh cakes, BBQ and textile demonstrations.

10am – 5pm *Beanie Central*

Needle felt a beanie with Indigenous Women of Central Australia Drop-in anytime \$40

10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

Listen to the Land Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

10am – 5pm *Araluen Arts Centre Verandah*

Free drop in children's workshops

1pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

Announcement of the Bendigo Bank Peoples' Choice Award. Come along to find out who the people voted as their favourite beanie for 2024.

Tuesday 25th June

Beanie Central is now closed and with it, the main festival arena. Come and help us pack up and bump out!

10am – 4pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

Listen to the Land Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

10am-2pm *Central Craft*

Sustainable Couture Exhibition – Back To Our Roots

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Calling All Volunteers: The Beanie Festival needs you!

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival is a community event and runs on the support of volunteers. We love anyone who can come along and give a helping hand – it's a lot of fun! There are plenty of jobs and times available.

Put your name on the roster at the Volunteer Station in Witchetty's at the Araluen Arts Centre, anytime from Wednesday 19 June, 11 am.

Any inquiries? Call Deb on 0455 551 383

Listen to the Land Exhibition and National Beanie Competition

10am – 4pm *Araluen Arts Centre Galleries*

Open everyday til July 14

The Beanie Festival would not could not happen without support from many.

Poster and T-Shirt Design: Allison Hittman

Prizes: Designed and crafted by artists from Yarrenyty Arltere Artists, Larapinta Valley.

Volunteer coordinators: Deb White, Letty Lawrence, Carolyn

Exhibition Curator: Allison Hittman

Witchetty's Design: Adi Dunlop, Mez Hughes, Jo Nixon

Cataloguers: Kristian Malinski and Jo Nixon

Judges: Brian Tucker, Gay Epstein Rhonda Sharpe and Sophie Wallace.

Remote Beanie Workshop Teachers: Tanya Hattingh, Deb TT, Tanya Hattingh.

Scholarship winner: Ruby Farthing

Scholarship sponsors – Deb Taylor-Tompson and Ruth Spence

And the Beanie Festival Committee:

Chair: Libby Prell

Vice Chair: Deb White

Treasurer: Anita Suich

Secretary: Penny Johnson

Members: Kris Malenski, Deb Taylor Tompson, Tanya Hattingh, Pip Sarah, Jess O'Brien, Doug Brown.

Chief Beaniologist/Executive Officer: Jo Nixon

Special thanks to the staff of the Araluen Arts Centre for their generosity, assistance and being home to our wonderful festival.

Get social with us!

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