



**KATHERINE  
AUSTRALIA 2014**

**12 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**FULL PROGRAM**

**SOUTHBANK  
CENTRE**



**Godinymayin  
Yijard Rivers  
Arts & Culture Centre**

## INTRODUCTION TO WOW

The WOW – Women of the World – Festival is a global festival originating at London’s Southbank Centre, that celebrates the formidable strength and inventiveness of girls and women, where people of all ages and backgrounds can applaud their achievements but also examine the obstacles that prevent them from achieving their full potential. WOW is for everyone, not a women-only event.

In May 2013, the Southbank Centre launched WOW in Australia as part of the Sydney Writers’ Festival, celebrating the work, achievements and stories of Australian women. In September 2013, WOW came to the Northern Territory town of Katherine.

There are also WOW festivals happening in New York and Baltimore, India, Brisbane and across the UK.

Now by popular demand and after the success of WOW in 2013, WOW Katherine is being presented for the second time.

## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

As the Northern Territory’s Minister for Women’s Policy

I welcome you all to the second year of this important international festival held in Katherine. WOW Katherine is a fantastic opportunity for women from all corners of the Northern Territory, to join together and work with women from all corners of the world. The festival allows women to share their experiences, to heal and to learn from one another. WOW Katherine allows women to see themselves as part of a global network of strong women striving for change and equality. I congratulate the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Art and Culture Centre in their efforts in securing this fantastic and inspiring international festival for a second year. I wish each and every one of you success and warm regards for your current and future endeavours.



**Hon. Bess Nungarrayi Price, MLA**

*Member for Stuart and Minister for Women’s Policy*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WOW Katherine wishes to acknowledge that our event takes place on the land of the Jawoyn, Dagoman and Wardaman peoples. We wish to pay respect to the Traditional Owners of this country, past and present.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON

We welcome with enthusiasm the Women of the World Festival to the beautiful region of Katherine, home to Nitmiluk National Park and Katherine Gorge. I am delighted and very honoured to be Patron of a global festival that celebrates women's achievements and encourages women to form enduring and healthy friendships and networks.



We know life in our regions has many wonderful advantages; lifestyle and being part of a caring community are just two that come to mind. We also know there are challenges. This is why it is important women who live in regional and remote centres have the opportunity to come together and have meaningful conversations about their hopes and concerns. And there is so much value in sharing our experiences.

What a unique and precious opportunity for the community of Katherine. I attended this Festival in 2013. It was a pleasure to participate in such a well organised event, enjoyed by so many. I look forward to the privilege of meeting and listening to women of extraordinary diversity. On behalf of the Northern Territory, I express gratitude to the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre for hosting the festival.

**Sally Thomas AC**

*Administrator of the Northern Territory*



## MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTORS



### **Jude Kelly OBE**

*Artistic Director, Southbank Centre, and Founder of WOW – Women of the World*

I am thrilled that WOW is happening in Katherine for a second year, and so inspired and invigorated in the knowledge that women and girls from across Katherine will come together again to share stories and convictions. I am looking forward to being part of those conversations, and learning more about Katherine women past and present.



### **Cath Bowdler**

*Director, Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre*

The opportunity to host the WOW Katherine Festival in 2013 represented a significant milestone for Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre in only its first eighteen months of operation. The overwhelmingly positive nature of the event; the inspirational women on the program and in the audience; the cross-cultural harmony and the fun and energy generated resulted in a unique and extraordinary event, one that we are proud to host again in 2014.



### **Lisa Mumbin**

*Cultural advisor for WOW, Jawoyn leader and Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre Board Member*

In 2014 again women of Katherine and across the Territory will gather and unite together, to learn from each other, to feel and heal the strength of each others differences, knowledge and expertise.



## WOW BITS

### SPEAKERS PROGRAM

Join the WOW debate about issues that affect women in the Katherine region, the Northern Territory, Australia and the world, with wide ranging discussions about women and leadership, domestic violence, women working together across cultural boundaries, women in business, Indigenous fashion and remote living. Be inspired by extraordinary and ordinary women's stories.

### WOW BITES

Short punchy presentations by interesting people about things they are passionate about – quirky, entertaining and surprising!

### SPEED MENTORING

A WOW Southbank special program - live in Katherine! Join mentors from many fields – arts, politics, sport, health, journalism – as they are paired, one on one, with mentees, for short bursts of discussion and inspiration. Registration is required as places are limited.

### WORKSHOPS PROGRAM

A reflection of culture and language from the Northern Territory, workshops in the gallery will be informal and interactive, offering the opportunity to share with women and learn about culture, language, art and craft.

### MARKETPLACE IN THE FOYER

Stallholders include Merrepen Arts, Injalak Arts, ANKAAA, the CWA, Viva La Body and other Katherine organisations and artists.

### KIDS ACTIVITIES

There will be activities for kids in the marquee including making bush toys and puppets.

### PRE WOW WORKSHOPS

**Aly de Groot** will run workshops at Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre where you can learn contemporary basketry processes and, with the artist, weave creatures from marine debris and recycled materials to contribute to a site-specific installation for WOW. From **10 – 12 September 10.00am – 5.00pm**. In conjunction with Katherine Regional Arts.

**Waltraud Reiner** will conduct a hat making workshop at Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre from **9 – 12 September 10.00am – 5.00pm**, where you can learn to make a mad hat or augment a hat you already own for the Mad Hatters Party on Friday 12 September, part of the WOW Katherine opening event. In conjunction with Territory Craft Katherine.

### FOOD

There will be food stalls onsite.

# ARTISTIC PROGRAM

## EXHIBITIONS

### COLOURS OF THE COUNTRY III –THE ALICE SPRINGS BEANIE FESTIVAL

The ever-popular Beanie Festival exhibition features almost one hundred wild and wacky artistically created beanies.

*The touring exhibition presented by Artback NT: Arts Development and Touring in conjunction with the Australia Council for the Arts and Northern Territory Department of Arts and Museums.*

### PORTRAITS OF SENIOR TERRITORIAN WOMEN

The seven portraits of senior Territorian Women form part of the Government House collection and honour the contribution of older women to the life of the NT.

### PAINTED LADIES

Artists **Victoria Pollifrone**, **Jo Dodd** and **Liza Tobin** create an interactive art piece featuring two identical dress mannequins – one black and one white – fitted with long canvas skirts that can be decorated by participants throughout the Festival weekend.

### JELLYFISH BOMBING

**Aly de Groot's** *Underwater Basket Weaving* installation involves an invasion of jellyfish and other strange and whimsical creatures, woven from marine debris amongst other recycled materials. Aly is known for her jellyfish sculptures, which she weaves from fishing line to convey the story of the worldwide ecological imbalance.

## PERFORMANCE

### FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

#### STEFFIE AND FOXXY EMPIRE

They're back again to rock the double pluggers off Katherine!

### SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

7.30 – 9.00PM

#### KAV & CO

**Kav & Co** will inspire you to dance the night away with their foot stomping gypsy rhythms.

Supported by **Miriam Lieberman** with **Lara Goodridge** and **Kate Adams**. Singer-songwriter Miriam blends African influences with blues and folk infused melodies.



**African Drumming** at lunchtimes with Lyndal and Duah on the verandah.

Join **Dani Mattiuzzo Ford** for morning **yoga** on the verandah, Sunday 8.00am. Bring your own yoga mats.

## WORKSHOP PROGRAM

See page 13 of this program for the Workshop Program held in the Gallery.

# WOW PROGRAM

**FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

**6.00 – 9.00PM – THE FORUM**

## **WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

**Lisa Mumbin**, Jawoyn Leader and Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre Board Member

## **WOW KATHERINE OFFICIAL OPENING**

**Hon. Bess Nungarrayi Price** MLA, Member for Stuart and Minister for Women's Policy

**Jude Kelly**, Founder of WOW and Artistic Director of Southbank Centre, London welcomes you to WOW Katherine

## **OPENING NIGHT FESTIVITIES**

Opening of **Colours of the Country III** - by **Jo Nixon**, co-founder of the Alice Springs Beanie Festival.

## **Funky Fashion Parade**

Featuring models and clothes from Merrepen Arts, Nauiyu, Daly River; the Katherine YMCA Young Women's



Group with fashions from Injalak Arts, Oenpelli and 50s inspired fashions by Babbarra Designs from Viva La Body Darwin.

## **Steffie and Foxy Empire**

Get ready for a night with Tiwi Island super force "Foxy Empire" and big-haired Darwin socialite "Steffie" as these riskee Territory ladies talk love, life and salty plums. Equipped with a can of hairspray in hand – they hold no prisoners. A night of song, style and side-splitting laughs!



## **Mad Hatters Party**

Wear your wackiest and wildest millinery creations throughout the evening – anything from your favourite beanie to your most magnificent Cup ensemble. Fossick in your wardrobe or create your own masterpiece with milliners Waltraud Reiner and Gaye Lawrence during workshops in the week before WOW Katherine.

# SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

## IN THE FORUM

Speakers program in the Forum

**9.30 – 9.45AM**

### WELCOME TO COUNTRY

**Denise Williams**, GYRACC Board Member

### WELCOME TO KATHERINE

**Fay Miller**, Mayor of Katherine

### WOW KATHERINE 2014

**Cath Bowdler**, Director Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre and co-artistic director of WOW Katherine introduces the program for 2014.

**9.45 – 10.45AM**

### TRAILBLAZERS: WOMEN AT THE FOREFRONT

What does it mean to be the first woman to achieve an important position or milestone? What does it take to break through the barriers that can hold women back from achieving their full potential? **Jude**



**Nova Peris**

**Kelly** introduces **Nova Peris** OAM, Senator for the Northern Territory – the first Aboriginal Australian to win an Olympic gold medal and the first female Aboriginal Parliamentarian; Her Honour the Honourable **Sally Thomas** AC, the

first female judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory and the first female Administrator of the Northern Territory; **Katrina Fong Lim**, the first Asian-Australian Lord Mayor in Australia and only the second female Lord Mayor of Darwin and **Lisa Mumbin**, first female Chair of the Jawoyn Association. They talk about what it means to be the first female in the job.

**10.45 – 11.00AM**

### MORNING TEA

**11.00AM – 12.00**

### WOW BITES 1

**Kavisha Mazzella**, ARIA Award winning singer-songwriter, on the stirring *Women's Anthem: Love and Justice* sung by 400 women of Victoria to mark the centenary of women's suffrage in Australia.

**Waltraud Reiner** – hat maker extraordinaire discusses her obsession with all things millinery.

**Margaret Duncan** – talks about raising her daughter Tasha, who has cerebral palsy, in a remote community.

**Jo Nixon** – one of the original founders of the Alice Springs Beanie Festival discusses beanieology!

**Aunty Bea Ballangarry** and **Pip Gordon**, co-founders of WOW Women of the World – Coffs Harbour, share their story of creating a different



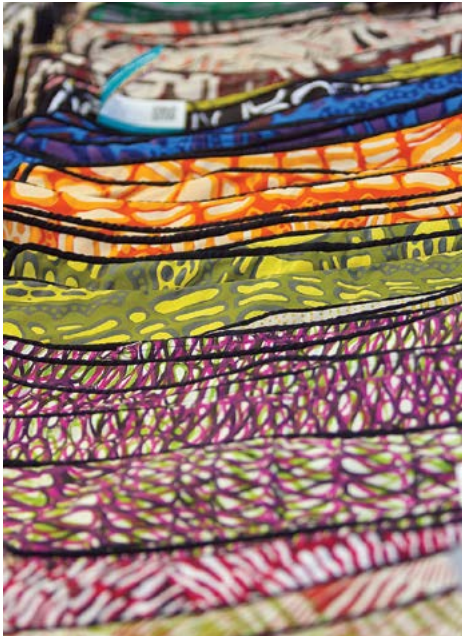
## SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

WOW Festival at which women come together to connect deeply and to be empowered.

**12.05 – 1.00PM**

### INDIGENOUS FASHION PHENOMENON

There is a growing, Australia-wide interest in Indigenous fashion and textiles. Ever since a Darwin model won 'Fashions on the Field' at the 2013 Melbourne Cup, dressed in vibrant fabric from Merrepen Arts, things have gone from hot to boiling. **Liz Bott** EO of Merrepen Arts, **Claire Nicholl** and textile workers from Babbarra Designs and **Grace Lillian Lee**, a young Indigenous fashion designer based in Cairns, tease out the phenomenon of Indigenous fashion in 2014.



**1.00 – 1.45PM**

### LUNCH

**1.45 – 2.45PM**

### ZERO TOLERANCE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The figures are startling: One study found that just under half a million Australian women reported that they had experienced physical or sexual violence in the past 12 months and that 33.3% of women had experienced physical or sexual violence since the age of 15\* and that, in 2014, one woman dies every week from family violence in Australia\*\*. Behind the veneer of social respectability and across all demographics, alarming numbers of women are still suffering from physical and psychological abuse.

**Leigh Tabrett**

introduces **Bess**

**Price**, MLA for

Stuart and Minister

for Women's Policy; **Jo Gamble**, long-standing EO of the Katherine Women's Crisis Centre and **Andy Blaney**, Male Family Violence Counselor, Katherine Women's Crisis Centre shed light on this difficult topic.



Bess Price

\* Australian Bureau of Statistics study conducted in 2005.

\*\* Sydney Morning Herald 8/3/14

**2.45 – 3.00PM**

### AFTERNOON TEA

## SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

3.00 – 4.10PM

### OUTBACK WOMEN – PASTORAL CARE

Women in far-flung and isolated communities all over the world experience unique challenges rarely discussed in the media today. Women on remote pastoral properties juggle complex lives as mothers, educators, pastoralists and managers. **Toni Tapp Coutts** introduces **Julia Cannon**, who lived at Rutland Plains Station, Cape York Peninsula and then ran the Burke & Wills Roadhouse south of Normanton Qld; **Catherine Marriott**, Managing Director of 'Influential Women', an organisation that encourages and supports rural and regional women to develop their knowledge and skills; **Georgia Underwood** from Riveren Station and **Nellie Camfoo**, an Indigenous elder born on Mainoru Station in Arnhem Land. These women talk about their varied experiences of living in the bush.

4.15 – 5.15PM

### YOU DO WHAT?

Some jobs are predominantly seen as more suitable for one gender or the other. These panellists discuss working in areas traditionally filled by the opposite gender and how they have overcome obstacles to work in the field of their choice.



Dani Mattiuzzo Ford

**Peter Gazey**, Katherine-based nurse at Binjari Health Service, **Dani Mattiuzzo Ford**, Katherine-based police officer, awarded the Australian Police Medal and the Australian Bravery Medal and **Taylor Fishlock**, apprentice electrician discuss their work choices.

7.30PM

### CONCERT

**Kav & Co** will inspire you to dance the night away with their foot stomping gypsy rhythms.

Storytelling and songs with Italian, gypsy and folk influences. The trio is made up of ARIA Award winning singer songwriter **Kavisha Mazzella** on guitar and voice with **Matthew Arnold** on fiddle and **Phil Carroll** on accordion. Both Phil and Matt are also acclaimed musicians, having played on the Melbourne world music scene since the 90s.



Supported by **Miriam Lieberman**, **Lara Goodridge** and **Kate Adams**, who will play songs from Miriam's brand new album *Birds of the Moon*.

# SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

## IN THE FORUM

Speakers program in the Forum

**9.30 – 9.45AM**

### INTRODUCTION AND RECAP

**9.45 – 10.45AM**

**Jude Kelly** interviews two inspirational women:

**Isisara Bey**, founder of Journey Agent Productions and coordinator of WOW Harlem, one of WOW Katherine's sister festivals and **Debbie**



Isisara Bey

**Kilroy**, founder of Sisters Inside, who spent 15 years in and out of jail before becoming a criminal defence lawyer. These women discuss their amazing experiences... finishing with "the future of WOW in Australia".

This session includes a powerful exercise led by Isisara Bey called *Stand If*. "It is the most revealing, moving and unifying process imaginable".

**10.45 – 11.00AM**

### MORNING TEA

**11.00AM – 12.00**

### THE BOTTOM LINE: WOMEN IN BUSINESS

**Cathy Hunt**, founder of arts and not for profit consultancy, Positive Solutions, leads a discussion with

businesswomen. From small business entrepreneurs through to those working for mining giants, these women excel in their chosen fields. **Helen**



Helen Summers

**Summers**, 2013 Telstra Business Woman of the Year, is a Darwin-based optometrist with a difference; **Michelle Iles**, Principal Advisor, Environmental Studies at mining giant Energy Resources Australia and 'Mining Woman of the Year', 2011 and **Rose Cameron**, co-director of Nomad Art in Darwin, discuss what drives them.

**12.05 – 1.00PM**

### YOUTH WITH A VISION

**Madeleine Egan** introduces this panel of young women who have been motivated to inspire other young women through work, volunteering, passing on culture or sport. **Jess Sullivan**, AFL Darwin Rural Development Co-ordinator, **Chantal Ober**, YMCA Katherine Youth Worker, **Mary Watare Weru**, Kenyan-born, Katherine-based Community Development worker and **Lorraine White**, Melbourne-based artist and granddaughter of Indigenous art legend Bardayal Nadjamerrek, are outstanding role models for young women.

**1.00 – 1.30PM**

### LUNCH

# SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

1.30 – 2.30PM

## ART AT THE INTERFACE 2

Art and culture in the Northern Territory is vibrant and engaging and often involves a 'two way' conversation between cultures.

**Cath Bowdler**

introduces **Marie Munkara**, a successful author and winner of the



Marie Munkara

David Unaipon Award for Indigenous literature; **Nicky Fearn**, Darwin-based performer, writer and director; **Kim Mahood**, artist and award winning writer and **Aly de Groot**, an artist who works across a range of media.

These artists talk about their practice and the issues faced by artists working in the NT.

2.30 – 2.45PM

## AFTERNOON TEA

2.45 – 3.45PM

## WOW BITES 2

**Linda Joy**, Darwin-based teacher, artist and mother of three, takes on the creative process and motherhood.

**Clare Pearce** or 'Ranger Clare', as she is affectionately known in Katherine, is a Community Education Officer with Parks and Wildlife – a great ambassador for National Parks and the broader environment.

**Miriam Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann** AO, the Territory's first fully qualified Aboriginal teacher, talks about her life and work.

**Kirsten Engels** – Katherine Police officer and Natural Bodybuilder who took out the Ms Physique NT title at the INBA show in 2012.

**Giovanna Webb** – crocodile farmer and winner of Rural Woman of the Year Award in 2013, runs one of Darwin's most popular tourist attractions, *Crocodylus Park*.

3.45 – 4.30PM

## AT THE DANCE PIT – CLOSING CEREMONY

Festival wrap up with **Jude Kelly** and a healing, sacred smoking ceremony led by **Margaret Katherine** and **Mel Sandy** finishes WOW Katherine 2014 in the traditional Jawoyn way.



Clare Pearce

# WORKSHOP PROGRAM

## IN THE GALLERY

### SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

11.00AM – 1.00PM

#### JELLYFISH WEAVING WORKSHOP

with **Aly de Groot**

Join the artist and learn contemporary basketry processes and weaving techniques.



Aly de Groot

1.45 – 2.45PM

#### KRIOL IN ONE HOUR

Have a go at learning Kriol, the language developed in Ngukurr 300kms south east of Katherine, and commonly used throughout the Katherine region amongst Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. In one hour **Louise Huddleston** and **Cerise King** will teach you the basics.

3.00 – 4.00PM

#### BUSH MEDICINE

The **Banatjarl Strongbala Wumin Grup** share the secrets of bush tucker and medicine.

4.15 – 5.45PM

#### SPEED MENTORING

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## SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

11.00AM – 12.00

#### SEED PAINTING AND WORKING WITH WOOL

Paint your own bush seeds and make a necklace with **Margaret Duncan** from Urapunga and learn spinning, knitting and crochet. Knit yourself a beanie or crochet a square with the wizard of wool, **Carol Anderson**.

12.05 – 1.00PM

#### MUSIC WORKSHOP

with **Kavisha Mazzella**

1.30 – 2.30PM

#### THE WOMEN'S CIRCLE

**Pip Gordon**, co-founder of Women Of the World, Coffs Harbour and **Aunty Bea Ballangarry** conduct a Women's Circle. These Circles offer people a safe place to listen and share stories, to self-reflect, to connect and develop community.

2.45 – 3.45PM

#### IS BODY HAIR BACK?

Join **Jude Kelly**, **Jo Dodd** and **Cathy Hight** as they discuss this hair-raising and topical issue.

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The board and staff of Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre wish to sincerely thank the team from the Southbank Centre, London, all our sponsors, supporters, volunteers, and dedicated workers who helped to bring WOW Katherine to fruition.

## SHARING OUR CULTURES ... BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre (GYRACC) was officially opened on 14 July 2012, finally coming to fruition after 12 years of community action and consultation. The aim of the Centre is to develop and nurture all forms of local art and culture as well as to present touring exhibitions and performances of national significance in this regional community. GYRACC has developed into a cross-cultural arts enterprise that serves the whole Katherine Region. The Centre is underpinned by the 'two way' learning philosophy. It aspires to become a 'model for reconciliation' in the community through the presentation of exhibitions and performances of Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultural expression together.

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#### Opening hours

10.00 – 5.00 Tuesday – Friday

10.00 – 3.00 Saturday



Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture Centre  
(Photo Shane Eecan)



## PRICES

WOW 3 day pass Full \$80, Concession \$60  
(includes all events: speakers program, workshops and performances)

Friday Full \$25, Concession \$20

Saturday Full \$50, Concession \$40

Sunday Full \$30, Concession \$25

**Free for 15–18 years**



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