

Friday 12 August 2022

CHArts - Northwest Tasmania's arts hub for a month

Circular Head will once again become northwest Tasmania's arts hub for the whole month of September.

The Circular Head Arts (CHArts) Festival includes multiple arts events, exhibitions and classes around Circular Head and will run from Friday 2 September to Saturday 1 October 2021.

CHArts is a month long celebration of culture, heritage and arts presented by Circular Head Council. It provides a platform for local artists to showcase their many talents while giving residents and visitors the opportunity to attend, participate and learn new skills. Exhibitions are predominately housed in local cafes and businesses with a pop-up gallery for the main exhibition.

This year's main CHArts exhibition of open art, including photography, will be held in a popup gallery space in a former furniture shop at 27 King Street, Smithton. There are several other exhibitions spread over various venues around Smithton, showcasing many genres of art and includes the ever popular Naked Farmer Exhibition.

The CHArtchibald portrait prize is an exciting and popular element of CHArts and this year it has once again attracted more striking portraits of well-known locals from past and present. The CHArchibald exhibition is displayed in Time Out on Emmett Café at 61 Emmett St, Smithton.

Those with a hankering to hone their artistic talents or learn new skills with painting, clay sculpting, creating with pastels or basket making with kelp can participate in classes and workshops. Anyone who is musically minded can join in with a choir or attend one of several musical events.

If you're a movie buff there will be short films at Stanley Town Hall and a drive-in cinema at Smithton High School.

Readers and writers will enjoy The Art of Words - conversations with authors, poetry readings and short stories. Grazing table and bubbles on arrival and the winner of the writing competition announced.

If it's all too much for you then you can even join in a gong relaxation session.

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CHArts culminates this year with a Makers Market, the CHArts Flower Show and a minifestival in the evening called Light up the Lane. A laneway off the main Street in Smithton will be transformed with lighting, heating an outdoor art gallery, stilt walkers, live music, a bar and more to celebrate CHArts 2022.

See Council's website for full details.