



Wednesday, 1 September 2021

A month of arts begins in Circular Head

Circular Head will become northwest Tasmania's arts hub for the next month with the opening of the Circular Head Arts Festival (CHArts) in Smithton this Friday.

CHArts includes multiple arts events, exhibitions and classes around Circular Head and will run from Friday 3 September to Saturday 2 October 2021.

This year's main CHArts exhibition has a record number of entries and will be held in a new pop up 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.

The **CHArtchibald** portrait prize is one element of the CHArts Festival and this year it has attracted some striking portraits of well-known locals from past and present, including recently deceased and much loved northwest Tasmanian identity Al Hansen and internationally renowned comedian Hannah Gadsby, who grew up in Smithton. The CHArchibald exhibition is displayed in Time Out on Emmett at 61 Emmett St, Smithton.

Those with a hankering to hone their artistic talents or learn new skills can participate in classes, workshops and an art retreat. If you'd like a great night of food, drinks and painting you could participate in Sip and Paint. Writing and orating is a popular theme with The Art of Words and a spoken word event, Sunday Slam, which takes place over brunch. There will also be an Open Studio event at Marrawah. Check Council's website for a full program of events.

Music is always present at CHArts and this year is no different. Join in a mystery walking concert tour, Sounds Around Town. If singing is an artform you enjoy, learn a song and sing it with the Café Choir – no singing experience required. The Stanley Town Hall will be hosting The Wynyard Concert Band for a program of music.

CHArts 2021 ends on Saturday 2 October with aboriginal basket making, classical storytelling from Hungary and other cultures from around the world, interactive performances for the family, a Makers Market and a brand new event, the CHArts Flower Show. CHArts culminates this year with a new mini festival 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 2021.



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- Tickets for all events are available via TryBooking.com - search by postcode.
- The full CHArts Festival guide is available at:
<https://www.circularhead.tas.gov.au/news/eventslist/event-calendar/events/charts-festival-2021>
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