



## BRIGHTON YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHINE AT WINTERFEST

This Friday young people from Brighton local government area will showcase their creative skills at 24 Carrot Garden and kotalayna Collective's Winterfest, as part of a new project they've been participating in with Big hART.

Big hART embarked on a new project in 2022, working with the Brighton community for the first time, by invitation from the Brighton Council. The Brighton project offers creative industry pathways and experiences for young people, linking students to creative mentors, and developing confidence, pride and community connection.

Big hART's Brighton work engages students from the Jordan River Learning Federation Senior School in weekly workshops. These workshops focus on building on strength, providing new opportunities and opening new pathways which tailor to the individual assets and interests of each young person. The workshops have built a safe space for sharing lived experience, creating new connections with the community and developed young people's teambuilding, creative and interpersonal skills. Students have undertaken workshops in music, performance, photography, storytelling, movement, journalism and lighting, mentored by singer-songwriter Jay Jarome, movement artist Keia Mcgrady, and photographer and filmmaker Anna Cadden, as well as artists Maggie Abraham and Sabine Bester.

As part of the project young people have been developing a performative work that shares local stories of resilience. This important work showcasing young people's strengths will be on display at Winter Fest this Friday at the Botanical Institute from 1-7pm. There will also be a community feast, live music, entertainment, family fun activities and free food and refreshments. Winter Fest is proudly supported by kotalayna Collective, 24 Carrot Gardens Tasmania and the Tasmanian Aboriginal Corporation.

The Brighton project builds on the award-winning work of Big hART's acclaimed Project O initiative which began in North West Tasmania, and has now been rolled out in five states and territories, supporting hundreds of young women to be changemakers in their community and shift narratives. Big hART has been working on projects with young women, young men and gender diverse young people since it began in 1992 in Burnie. Big hART's award-winning non-welfare approach builds on what's strong, not what's wrong. In 2022 Big hART celebrates 30 years working in over 55 remote and disadvantaged communities across Australia, winning 45 awards including Human Rights awards, Institute of Criminology awards, a World Health Award and the Telstra Tasmanian Charity and Business of the Year in 2017.

The Brighton Project is proudly supported by Brighton Council.



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