



WATERSHED MOMENT FOR WYNYARD

Big hART is delighted to announce the launch of the Watershed program with a weekend of sublime winter events at the new Wynyard Yacht Club on Fri 24- Sun 26 June. All the community are welcome to celebrate this vibrant new space for community, discovery and creativity, opening with a full weekend of feasting, performance, film and free workshops.

In partnership with the Wynyard Yacht Club and the Wynyard Waratah Council, the Watershed is based at the new Wynyard Yacht Club multi-use facility on the banks of the Inglis River in Wynyard, NW Tasmania. Watershed aims to be a thriving and innovative hub, reflective of the community and the landscape we live in, opening up new pathways to education, training and employment and presenting workshops and events which ignite the incredible assets of North West Tasmania.

The Opening Weekend program is driven by a connection to place and the seasons. On Friday 24th June warm the cockles and tuck into top produce grown in the North West at the Watershed's very first Seasonal Feast. For one night only on Saturday 25th June experience the acclaimed big soul sounds of the When Water Falls Ensemble with visuals to match, who recently sold out at Mona Foma, thanks to the support of Beaker Street Festival.

There's something for all the family at Watershed. Book into the free workshops on offer from seaweed foraging to printmaking, a STEM workshop for girls, and an earth pigments painting workshop. On Saturday morning pop on down for some coffee and a bite to eat whilst you're on the park run from 8am-9:30am, or wander down to the waterfront on Saturday afternoon for an afternoon of delicious food trucks and free entertainment on the grass from 12-3pm. Get out on the water on Sunday with free sailboat rides with the Wynyard Yacht Club from 12:30-2:30pm; and fuel the mind with a Sunday film sesh with two documentary shorts from Tasmania's RUMMIN Productions about cultural burning and namanu rruni (Albatross Island) from 5:30-7pm.

Watershed aims to strengthen resilience, improve community connection, wellbeing, mental health and build positive futures for young people and the community. The program supports a place-based community which combines creativity, physical programs, the environment, Bass Strait, learning and training, events, digital tech, sciences and ecology events, music, film, art, lifelong learning and local industries. The space is also available to rent out by community groups and organisations during the year.

Watershed's facilities include a commercial kitchen, event and function areas, workshop space for community groups and river frontage. Big hART will collaborate with the Wynyard Yacht Club to deliver an inclusive program in the new facility. Wynyard Yacht Club will take the lead with on-water activities, whilst Big hART will curate other programs and projects side by side with the community. Wynyard Yacht Club, Volunteer Marine Rescue and Paddle Tasmania will have venue priority during their normal programmed times or unplanned incidents.

Watershed Opening Weekend is supported by Wynyard Yacht Club, Waratah Wynyard Council, Australia Council, FRRR, North West Support Services, Tasmanian Government, Telstra, Tasmanian Community Fund and the Australian Government's Local Job's Program, Festivals Australia and the Regional Arts Fund.

Founded in 1992 in Burnie, Big hART is a not-for-profit organisation which has worked in over 55 communities in remote, rural, regional and urban Australia. In 2022 Big hART celebrates 30 years of work with communities making content, building community and driving positive change.

Don't miss the opening weekend of events at the Watershed celebrating our community, our environment and our landscape. We'd love to see you there on 24-26 June, bookings essential. <https://thewatershed.bighart.org/>



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